

# CITY OF SHAWNEE

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Date: February 1, 2022  
To: Chairwoman Carolyn McGinn and Senate Committee on Local Government Members  
From: Caitlin Gard, Assistant City Manager  
Re: Written Testimony in Support of SB 316

Chairwoman McGinn and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 316 on behalf of the City of Shawnee.

In 2021, the City of Shawnee Governing Body unanimously adopted a complete re-write to the City's comprehensive plan, which included the largest amount of public input ever collected within our community. As a part of this vision, a guiding principle for strong neighborhoods was established. Shawnee's neighborhoods are a key component of the community's hometown feel and the protection of the character of our existing neighborhoods is a goal as a result of this effort.

We believe that SB 316 will help the City of Shawnee implement this goal and uphold the community vision. The City of Shawnee's home-rule authority allows the level of government closest to the people have the ability to exercise zoning discretion and regulation. SB 316 would allow municipalities to adopt local zoning regulations that establishes a minimum distance between group homes in single family residential zones.

Based on this testimony, the City of Shawnee requests you pass out SB 316.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gard  
Assistant City Manager

