

Kansans for Government Reform

Budget Transparency Pledge

For City, County, and School Officials and Candidates

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to local taxpayers that I will:

**ONE:** Within the next 12 months, vote for and, if necessary, propose legislation that will lead to the production of an itemized, searchable, and online database listing the expenditures of this local government body. This project will be completed at a reasonable cost. Reasonable efforts will be made to report all government expenditures, use clear detail, and provide the service to taxpayers at no cost; and

**TWO:** Oppose any and all efforts to have detailed discussions about taxation or the budget, when the discussions are both closed to the public and involve a majority of the elected officials of this local government. I will oppose the use of “personnel exemptions” within the Kansas Open Meetings Act to attempt to allow these detailed, budget-related discussions to occur during closed meetings. I will also oppose the intentional use of closed “serial meetings” (ex: person 1 talks to person 2, person 2 talks to person 3...) to relay detailed, budget-related information to a majority of elected officials.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of office and local government

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*The Budget Transparency Pledge is a project of Kansans for Reform of State and Local Government (“Kansans for Government Reform”) Political Action Committee. The list of signers will be recorded at [www.JohnsonCountyReform.com](http://www.JohnsonCountyReform.com).*

**Optional: Comments from the official or candidate**