



## Local 1596 International Association of Firefighters

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Mayor Amyx, City Commissioners,

The Lawrence Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1596 would like to formally express our appreciation and support for City Resolution 7109. This resolution publically and powerfully makes the case for non-interference in local affairs, beginning with a reference to our historic role in the fight for human freedom and equality.

We are proud of is the respectful and productive process that we have built together over the decades. Through this process, many issues have been addressed to our mutual benefit. In the end, this give-and-take has resulted in a highly-engaged workforce who are free to pursue our true calling – a tradition of excellence in providing emergency services to our citizens.

At a time when politicians in Topeka are attacking our very right to have a relationship with the City and distracting us from our mission, we are grateful to serve a community that values our service. This resolution sends a strong signal that the City Commission values public safety, and I thank you for your vocal support on an issue that is vitally important to our membership.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

John Darling, President  
Lawrence Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 1596