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Kansas City, Missouri's proposed budget totals \$943,483,906, which is an increase of 6.8% over the 2000-01 adopted budget and Councilman Troy Nash said the Council's priorities such as neighborhood reinvestment, infrastructure and deferred maintenance and a safer city are emphasized in the budget.

"Neighborhood reinvestment is an important budget item to many residents in our community." He will continue to fight for programs such as the Weed Control Program to rid the city of blight. He will also fight for allocations that will continue to improve our quality of life — such as the money being allocated for Dangerous Building Demolition.

During this budget season,

Nash said he is taking a grassroots approach by reaching out to the community for input. The councilman sent budget packets to area business, labor, philanthropic, academic and community leaders. The effort is designed to solicit recommendations and input from various stakeholders.

Nash also held a neighborhood and community budget roundtable at the Gregg Community Center with neighborhood residents to discuss their budget priorities. The meeting included neighborhood and community residents from all six councilmanic districts.

Nash encourages input from all the citizens of Kansas City. "The budget for our city determines the services that will be

provided to the citizens of Kansas City. I want to bring the budget to the community and fight for those issues that they feel are important. I want citizens to realize that this is their money and they should have a voice in how it is spent," said Councilman Nash.

The 2001-02 Budget is to be adopted by the City Council during their Legislative Session on Thursday, March 22, 2001.

Persons who would like to learn more about the budgeting process, discuss your concerns, about the city budget, or have Nash make a presentation at your community meeting, should contact Kim Carlos, Councilman Nash's senior policy advisor, at (816) 513-1605.