



TIF-for-Tat in Kansas City

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Economic development subsidies do not generate a return on public investment worthy of the cost to taxpayers. This fact has been confirmed by [study](#) after [study](#) after [study](#), despite an [unconvincing effort in Kansas City](#) to suggest otherwise.

We wondered why—in the face of widespread evidence that it doesn't work—the practice of handing out economic development subsidies remains so common, and in fact is becoming more common. In particular, we wondered if the subsidies could be explained by political campaign contributions.

In researching this essay we observed that in general, political giving increases in the election cycle leading up to a TIF application and then decreases in the cycle after the TIF is approved. To learn more, click below to read the entire essay, or watch a short video [here](#).

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