A RESOLUTION introduced by Deputy Mayor Deborah Swank relating to the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2011 legislative session and rescinding Resolution No. 8233.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the following is hereby adopted as the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2011 legislative session:

- To the extent consistent with the goals of the City of Topeka, support the 2011 Legislative Priorities of the League of Kansas Municipalities.
- Support the continued operation of the Kansas Neurological Institute.
- Continue to resist efforts to exempt the statehouse remodeling initiative from state and local sales tax.
- Support amendment to K.S.A. 22-3609 that would grant Municipal Court Clerks with the discretion to refer people to District Court when they desire to appeal their Municipal Court convictions; versus the current law which grants defendants the right to file their appeal in either court, but places the obligation on the Municipal Court Clerk to act on the District Court Clerk’s behalf for the purposes of properly gathering all required documents, bonds, etc., and forwarding such in a timely manner to the District Court to process the appeal.
- Support enhanced passenger rail service in Kansas.
- Support continued development of the Capitol Complex and State operations in Downtown Topeka.
- Support Property Assessed Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PARE) Program financing that allows homeowners to pay for energy saving improvements.
via low-interest loans from municipal bond sales. The bonds are repaid through special assessments with the savings generated from the home improvement.

- Support stricter regulation of the sale and purchase of salvage and scrap materials.
- Oppose any change which limits the authority of cities to grow through annexation.
- Support legislation to increase the interest rate charged on delinquent property taxes from the formula in current law to 10 percent.
- Seek legislative support for maintaining the current motor vehicle fuel tax revenues distribution formula by adding another prohibition to the list of verboten actions in the county home rule statute K.S.A. 19-101a(a) as follows:

  K.S.A. 19-101a(a)(39) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the apportionment and/or distribution of motor vehicle fuels tax revenues provision of K.S.A. 79-3425c.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council November 23, 2010.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk