

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 8335**

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Deputy Mayor John Alcala regarding the City Council's  
4 2012 budget priorities.

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6 WHEREAS, TMC 3.05.050 requires the city council to set priorities for the budget  
7 preparation on or before the third Tuesday of May of each year; and

8 WHEREAS, the City Council met on May 9, 2011 and May 16, 2011 in open  
9 Budget Committee meetings to discuss and address certain areas of community  
10 concern, the continuation and/or initiation of programs to address those concerns; and

11 WHEREAS, the programs and initiatives proposed by the Governing Body to  
12 address those concerns are:

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- 15 1) Expand Street Maintenance and Improve Infrastructure
    - 16 o Infill sidewalks
    - 17 o Continue support of Complete Streets
    - 18 o Curb and guttering replacement throughout the City
    - 19 o Support pothole repair
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  - 21 2) Safety
    - 22 o Continue vigorous anti-crime efforts
    - 23 o Continued cooperation between all area law enforcement agencies
    - 24 o Construction of fire station in District 9
    - 25 o Replacement of police vehicles
    - 26 o Replacement of radio system
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  - 28 3) Business Development
    - 29 o Revitalization of neighborhood business areas in all areas of the City
    - 30 o Prioritize downtown redevelopment
    - 31 o Continue to do business with local firms whenever possible
    - 32 o Continue support of Riverfront Development
    - 33 o Reduce general obligation bond debt
    - 34 o Long-range planning updated
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- 36 4) Transparency
- 37     o Encourage user friendly customer service
- 38     o Cross training
- 39     o Create plan to reduce operating costs for every department head
- 40     o Improve technology
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- 42 5) City Cleanliness
- 43     o Continue Project Takeover/Makeover neighborhood cleanup program
- 44     o Continue and consider expanding inmate work program
- 45     o Continue removal of unnecessary public signage
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- 47 Parks and Recreation
- 48     o Continue High-Level Parks and Maintenance improvements
- 49     o Study of the pros and cons of privately maintaining smaller parks
- 50     o Ensure high standards of care for all parks
- 51     o Master planning on all pools and water features
- 52     o Create and support youth summer jobs
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- 54 7) Consolidation/Partnerships/Economies
- 55     o Consider merger of City and County Planning Commissions
- 56     o Develop public and private partnerships
- 57     o Support community mental health programs
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59 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA that it  
60 hereby submits the aforementioned 2012 budget priorities.

61 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council May 17, 2011.

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63 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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67 William W. Bunten, Mayor

68 ATTEST:  
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Brenda Younger, City Clerk