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Representative Scott Schwab
Chair, House Elections Committee
Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Chairman Schwab:

I would like to voice my strong opposition to HB 2271 and the proposed changes in City Elections. As we discussed at the Conveners Reception in Overland Park in January, our current election period in the spring has been a long-standing tradition and served our citizens very well.

The idea of having municipal candidates run on a partisan basis is also contrary to our belief of what is best practice for local government. Our issues are very different than those at the state/federal level. There is no "Republican" or "Democratic" way to pave a street. Our City Council works in cooperation and collaboration with each other at a high level, and the idea of bringing partisan politics into our discussions would very likely disrupt the cooperative atmosphere that we currently experience.

Finally, I am unaware of any compelling reason or citizen desire for these changes to be considered.

Thank you for hearing my views on this very important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy J. Dunn".

Peggy J. Dunn
Mayor
City of Leawood