



City of Leawood

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Senator Dennis Pyle
Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee
Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Chairman Pyle:

I would like to voice my strong opposition to SB 211 and the proposed changes in City Elections. Our current election period in the spring has been a long-standing tradition and served our citizens very well since the City of Leawood's incorporation in 1948.

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