

# **ACTION BASED INITIATIVE** **CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**

**DUNCAN**  
— YOUR PRIORITIES FIRST —  
**MAYOR '25**

**A representative government brings the community to the table. As Mayor, I pledge Topekan will be heard and have a voice in City Hall. I will create permanent advisory groups that communicate directly with the Mayor and citizen-led task forces.**

## **ADVISORY GROUPS**

**Economic Advisory Group:** provide guidance on policies & initiatives to strengthen the local economy. Composed of business leaders, workforce experts, educators, and community stakeholders, advises on issues such as job creation, small business support, and investment opportunities. Identifies trends, challenges, and emerging sectors, offering recommendations for growth. May review policies, suggest regulatory improvements, and foster partnerships between the public and private sectors.

**Government Innovation Committee:** tasked with identifying ways to improve city government - making it more efficient, responsive, and transparent. Brings together public professionals, private industry experts, and residents to review processes, evaluate service delivery, and recommend data-driven innovations. Work may include improving permitting and licensing, creating digital access, reducing redundancy, and finding cost-saving opportunities.

**Community Engagement Team:** fosters connections between government and residents. Designs strategies to encourage public participation in decision-making, ensuring all voices are heard. Organize town halls, surveys, workshops, and outreach to gather input on policies and community priorities. By building strong relationships with neighborhood groups, nonprofits, businesses, and underrepresented populations, the team helps create a more transparent government.

**Youth Council:** empowers young people to participate in government by providing a platform to share ideas, concerns, & solutions on issues that affect them. A bridge between youth and city leadership.

## **TASK FORCES**

**Civic Redesign:** improving how city government functions to better meet residents' needs. Conducts a review of existing structures, policies, and processes to identify barriers to efficiency, transparency, and citizen participation. Explores innovative approaches to governance, including streamlining service delivery and enhancing engagement methods.

**Transportation & Mobility:** focuses on improving how people move safely and efficiently through the city. Brings together transportation experts, community members, business leaders, and public officials to assess current infrastructure, identify gaps, and recommend solutions that enhance accessibility. Work includes evaluating public transit options, pedestrian and bike initiatives, traffic flow, & transportation alternatives.

**Community Health:** works to improve the overall health and well-being of residents by addressing challenges. Brings together healthcare professionals, community organizations, policymakers, and residents to identify pressing issues such as mental health support, substance abuse, and health disparities. Collaborate to develop strategies that increase access and promote healthy lifestyles.

**Workforce Development:** focus on strengthening the labor market by aligning education, training, and employment opportunities with needs of employers. Brings together educators, businesses, workforce agencies, and organizations to identify skill gaps, job trends, and employment barriers. Develop strategies to expand training, apprenticeship programs, and career pathways.



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