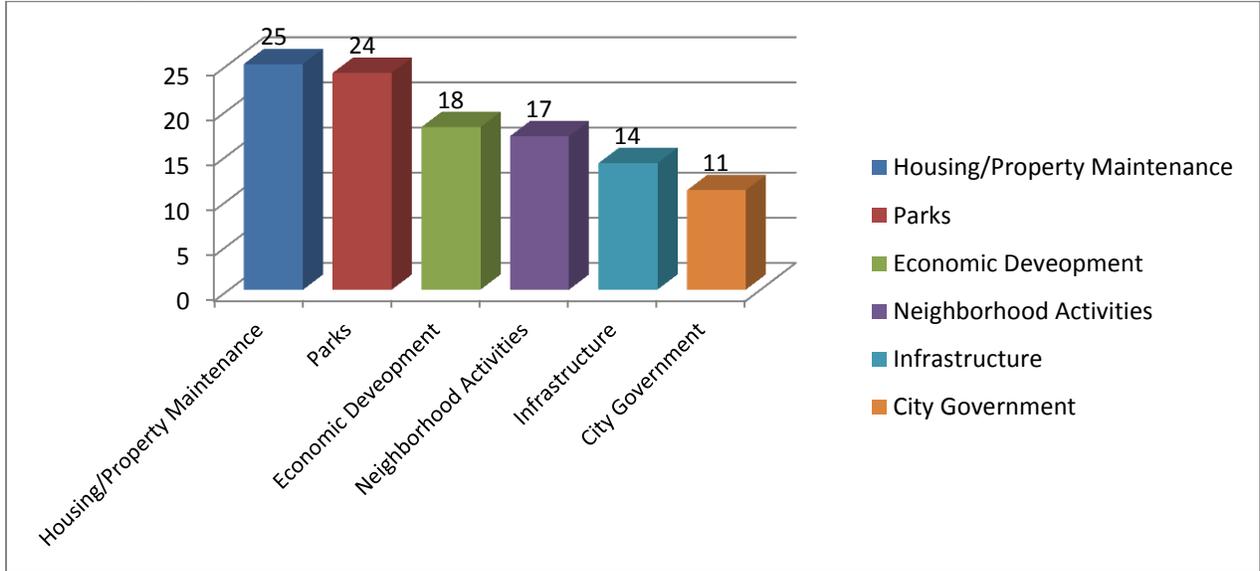




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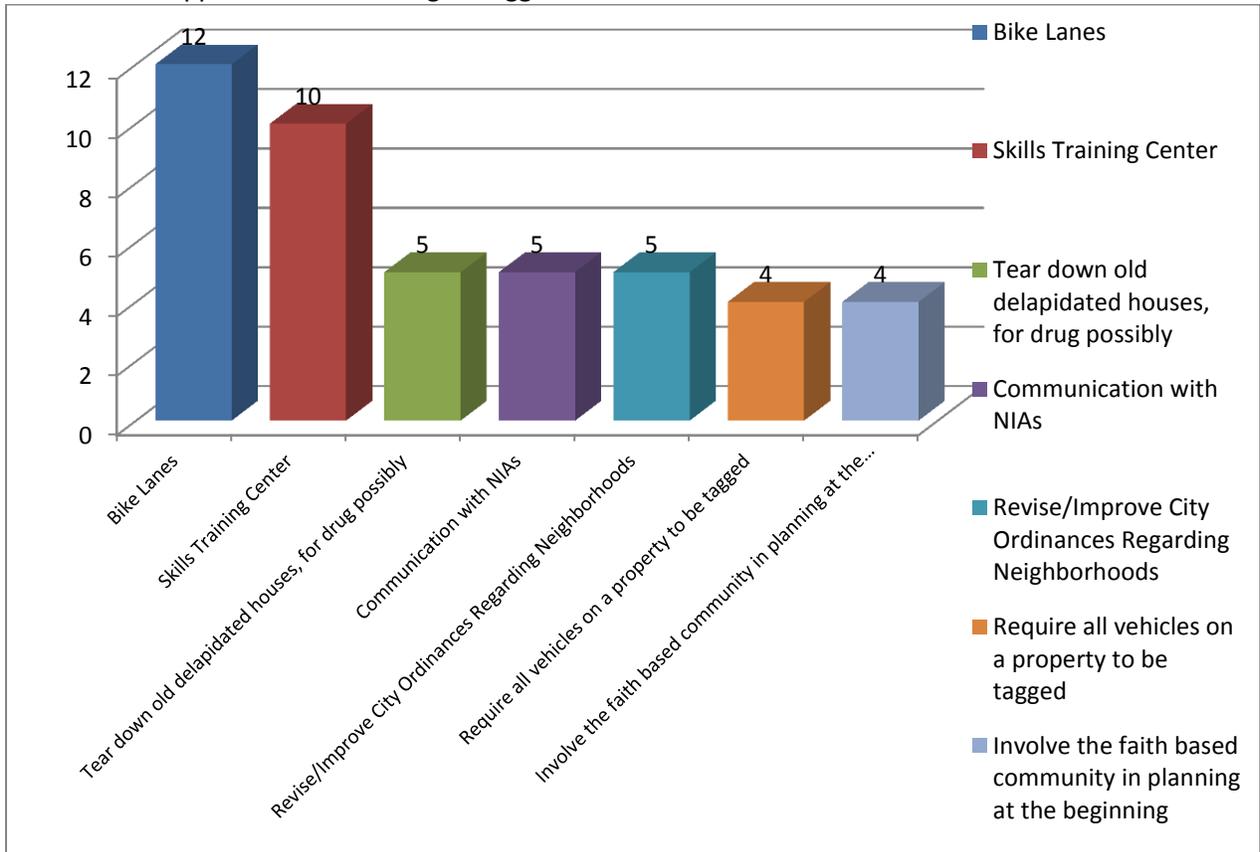
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Top 6 Categories



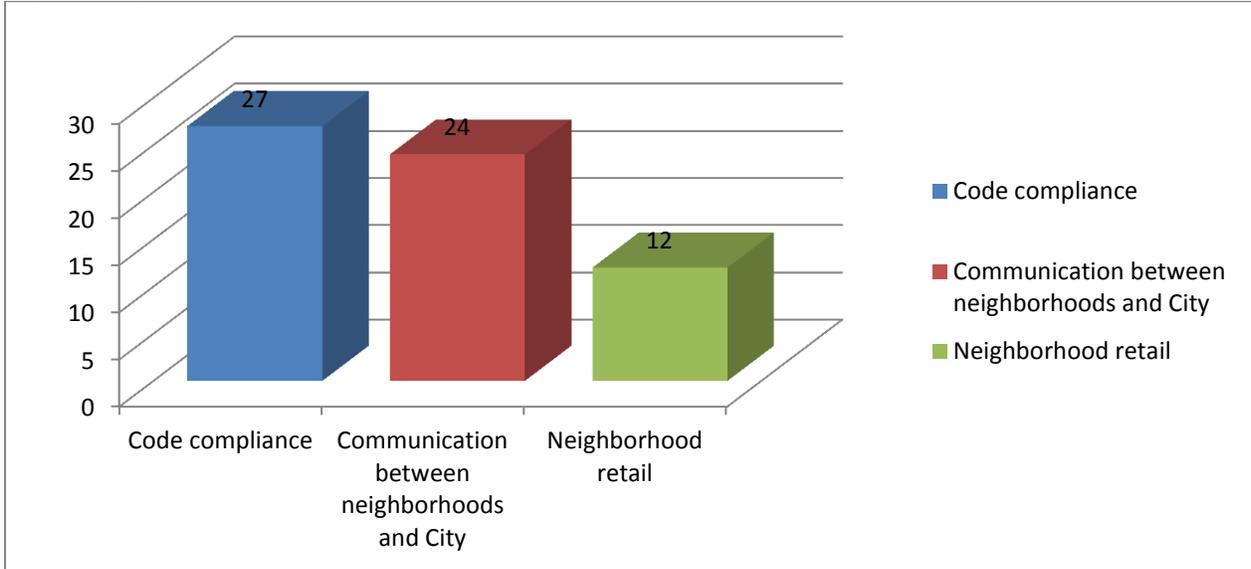
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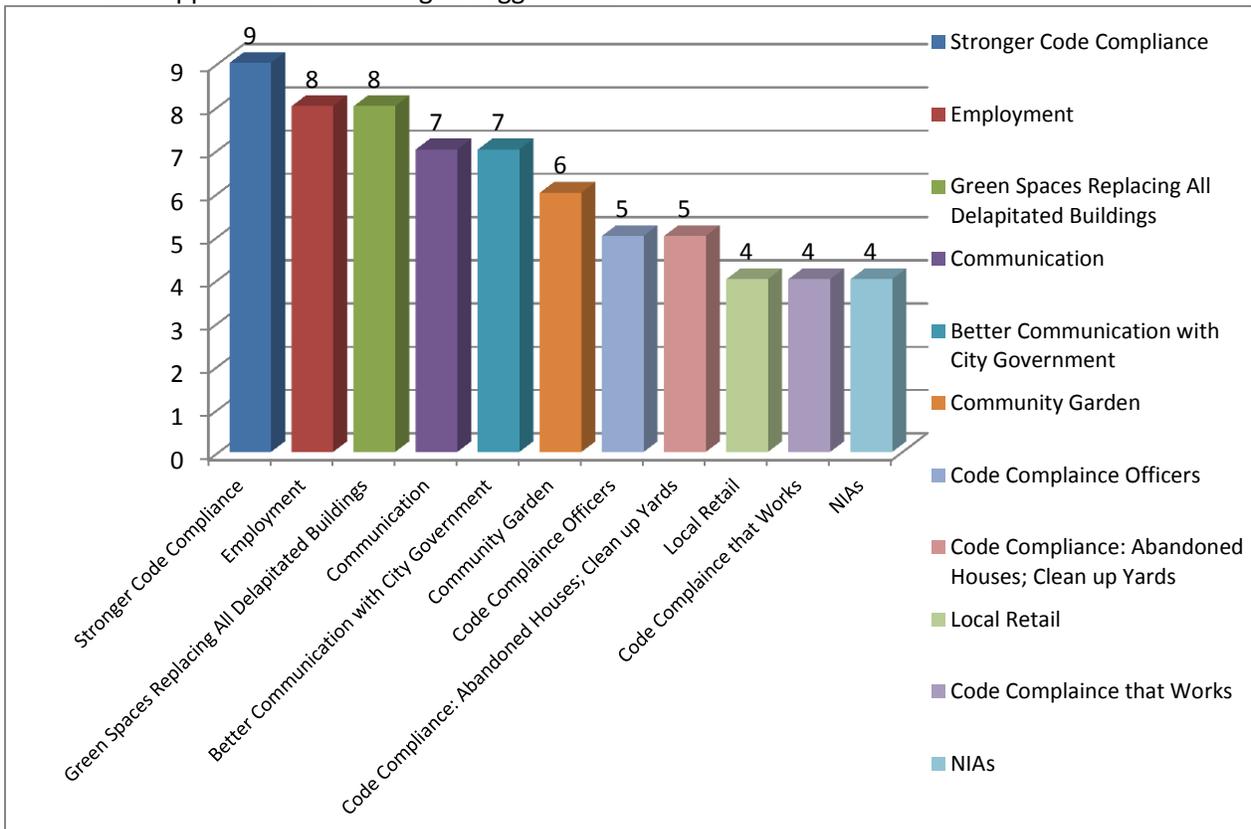
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Top 3 Categories



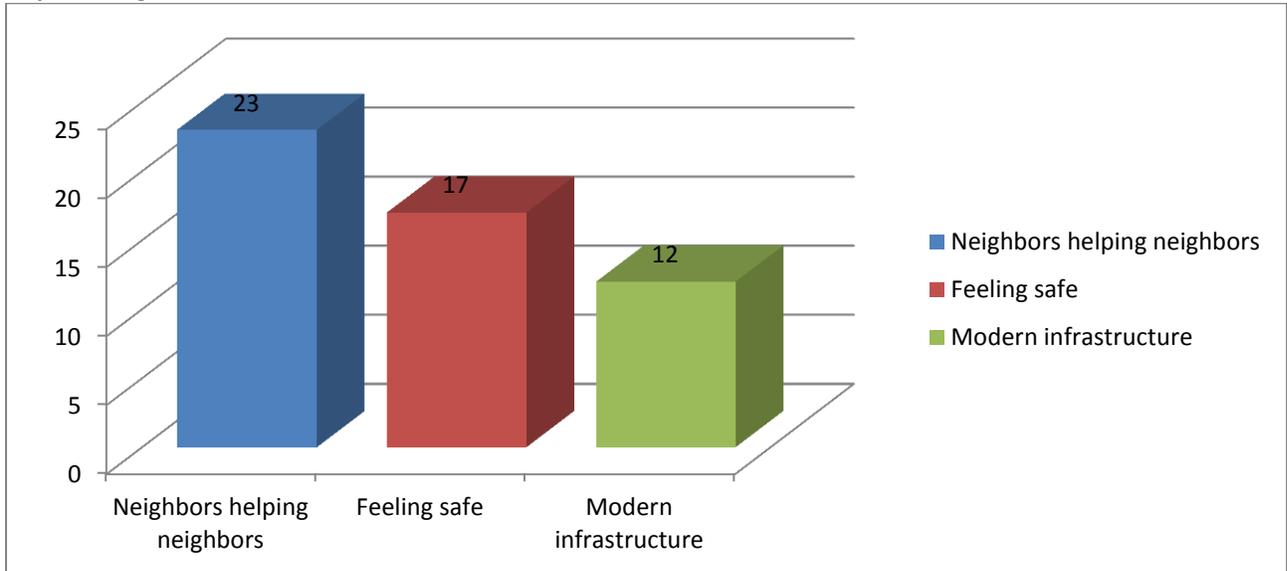
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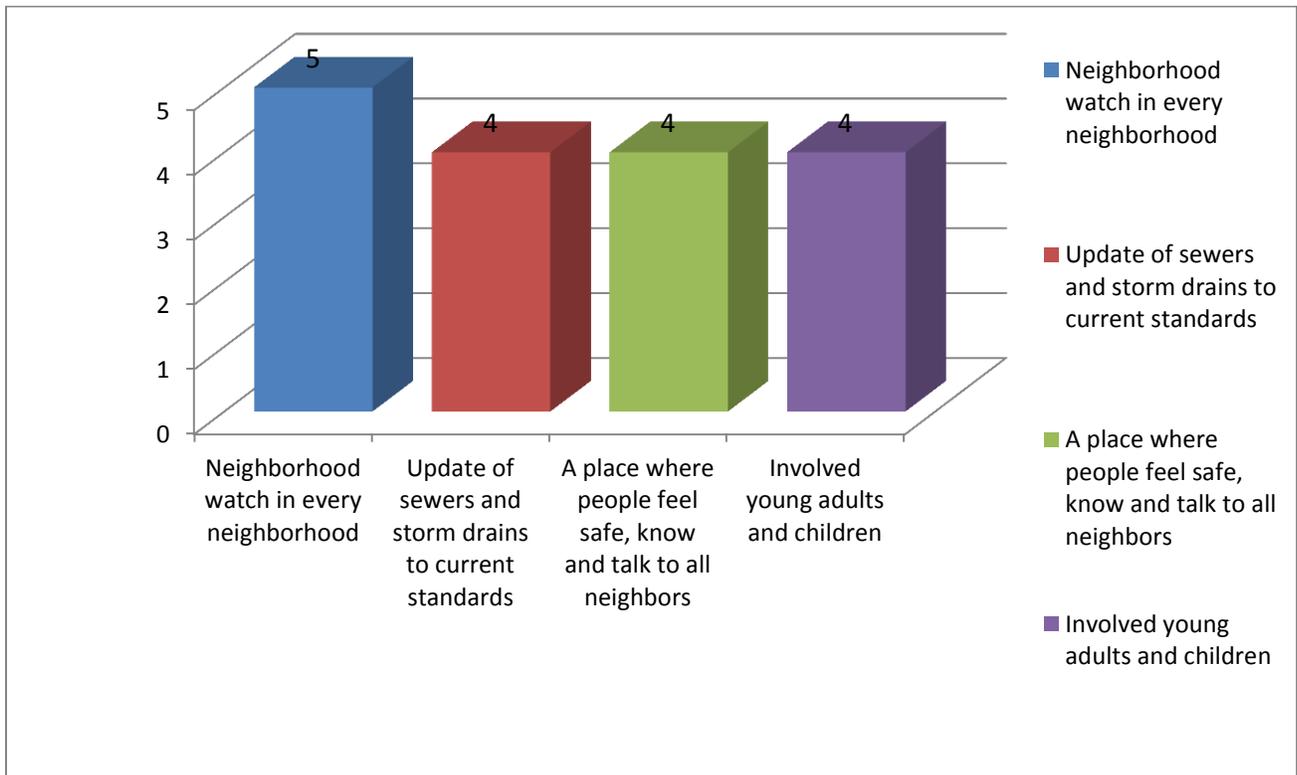
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Top 3 Categories



Top 4 Written Suggestions with Highest Number of Votes

-The next 11 highest suggestions all received 3 votes each. See Appendix for full listing of suggestions.



Appendix

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD **FIX TO MAKE TOPEKA
NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT?
The Votes**

Bike lanes	12
Skills training center	10
Infrastructure General Category	9
Economic Development General Category	8
Property Maintenance General Category	8
Neighborhood Activities General Category	7
Public Safety General Category	7
Parks General Category	7
Tear down old dilapidated houses, for drug possibly	5
Communication with NIAs	5
Revise/Improve City Ordinances Regarding Neighborhoods	5
Require all vehicles on a property to be tagged	4
Involve the faith based community in planning at the beginning	4
Fix old houses, like broken bricks	3
Streets	3
Get the youth involved in planning for each neighborhood	3
Lack of enforcement of code compliance violations	2
Landlord ordinance to make sure codes are enforced. (Lien on title if not done)	2
Park beautification	2
Repair existing sidewalks	2
Encourage neighborhood interaction with mailings for block parties and appreciation of positive growth	2
Improve neighbor connections	2
Code Compliance General Category	2
Work WITH property owners to help the find support for renovations and energy efficiency	1
Absentee landlords--inability to contact	1
More partnerships with Habitat for Humanity to assist with neighborhood repairs to homes	1
Work for felons	1
Resources (Money/Food) are easily accessible	1
Have activities/places for young people to get together and do activities	1
Make green space more attractive and safe	1
Update park equipment for the kids	1
Increased communication at all levels	1
Neighborhood group walks to show trust and safety	1
Excessive speed on neighborhood streets	1
Improve safety for youth and families	1
Offer more free activities for families; i.e., free admission to zoo, concerts	1
Promote Topeka history to encourage Topeka pride	1
Develop a sense of community with social events to bring people together	1
Property code enforcement	
Parks: It is not what you have, it is what you take care of	

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD **FIX** TO MAKE TOPEKA
NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT?
The Votes

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- More neighborhood cleanups
 - Neighborhood funding--housing repairs
 - Vacant boarded up homes
 - Vacant lots next to boarded up homes
 - Demolition of abandoned houses (longstanding)
 - Help or require property owners to take care of their homes before they need demolition
 - Building new houses
 - Renovate old houses before they need to be torn down
 - More recreational opportunities for children
 - Fix broken sidewalks
 - Stop being strangers. Meet your neighbors and neighborhood
 - Fix the streets
 - Widen and resurface the old roads in North Topeka
 - Neighborhood needs to be recognized for their accomplishments. Use Channel 4
Phone number to call to address neighborhood issues and give feedback
 - Full-time person that works with the neighborhoods
 - Communication
 - Report any drug problems even if it is family
 - Connect community police areas directly to NIA areas
 - City leadership that takes code compliance seriously
 - Prostitution
 - Neighborhood cookouts and potlucks
 - Form a neighborhood committee of 6-8 with adults and kids, get those involved that want to help
 - Public transportation
 - Lack of neighborliness
 - Help small businesses succeed
 - Expose info to community NIAs
 - Supermarket in East Topeka
 - Gangs
 - Recognize that the kids hanging out are bored. Seek how they can take pride in community and be appreciated
 - Activities for children/youth
 - City infrastructure needs to lead the repair process
 - Talk to your neighbors. Find out their needs
 - More law enforcement in neighborhoods to help prevent as much crime as possible
 - Alcohol
 - Drugs
 - Blight
 - Community pride
 - Lack of sense of community--only individuals living next to each other
 - Report anything suspicious
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WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD **KEEP** THAT MAKES OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT?

The Votes

Stronger Code Compliance	9
Employment	8
Green Spaces Replacing All Dilapidated Buildings	8
Communication	7
Better Communication with City Government	7
Communication 8.5x11	6
Community Garden	6
Code Compliance Officers	5
Code Compliance: Rid of Abandoned Houses; Clean up Yards with Much Debris	5
Local Retail	4
Code Compliance that Works	4
NIAs	4
Community Policing	3
Strong NIA	3
Taking Care of Yards and Homes	3
Parks (Spray Parks, Beauty, Parks)	3
Spray Park	3
City Staff Interacting and Known by Neighborhood Residents	3
Keeping up house and yard	2
Neighborhood Libraries	2
History	2
Not Waiting on the City for Everything	2
Community Police Officers	2
Being Able to Walk the Streets Safely Day or Night	2
Rec Center	2
Schools	2
Neighborhood Cookouts	1
Community Garden	1
City and NIA Communication and Working Together	1
Fix Up Homes	1
Sidewalk	1
Identity as a Neighborhood	1
People Keep their Porch lights on at Night--Feels Safer	1
Bike Lanes	1
Public Safety 8.5x11	1
Code Compliance 8.5x11	1
Active Neighbor Association	1
Zoo	1
Historic Churches and Schools	1
Amenities	

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD **KEEP** THAT MAKES OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT?

The Votes

Family Activities

Collaboration

Clean Streets of Trash

Keep good Police Coverage

Trash Bins

Good Code Enforcement

Interaction and Volunteer to Schools in Neighborhood

Low Property Taxes

Neighborhood Organizations

Law Enforcement in Neighborhood. Report Anything Suspicious

McKinley School

The Resources Already Available

Caring Communities

Large Trash Receptor at 19th and Western

Working With Others/Organizations

Selfless Acts of Kindness

Character--Historically Consistent Housing, spacing, style, pride

People Doing Things in Their Neighborhood Together

Walkers

People Know Each Other and Look Out For Each Other

Friendly People

Communication/Knowledge of Activities

Rec Centers

National Night Out Against Crime

Night out Against Crime

Stores

Community Swimming Pools

Person Pick Up Litter, Drains as Well

Community Garden

Chesney Park

Mural at 20th and Fillmore

Keep them Clean

CERT Teams

Cruise Night on Kansas Ave

Community Centers/Places to Meet

Beautiful Historic Homes

Great Brick Streets

Keep Parks, Zoo, etc. More of a Fun Night for Families

Youth Activity Centers

Parks

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD **KEEP** THAT MAKES OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT?

The Votes

Trees

Bus Route

Community Theater

Community Art, murals etc.

Good Landscaping

Parks

Bike Trails

Safe

Forestry

Sidewalks

Parks

Positive Family Activities

Green Space

Lighting

More Art Murals

Schools

Law Enforcement

People Maintain their Properties

First Friday Art Walk

NOTO Art District

**DESCRIBE ONE THING YOU'D SEE IN A GREAT TOPEKA NEIGHBORHOOD
10 YEARS FROM NOW
The Votes**

Neighborhood watch in every neighborhood	5
Update of sewers and storm drains to current standards	4
A place where people feel safe and where you know and talk to all your neighbors	4
Involved young adults and children	4
All dilapidating houses identified and solutions to turn them around	3
Negligent landlords dealt with	3
More employment for felons	3
Park department clears brush from park	3
Improve streets, potholes	3
Affordable wellness centers	3
Bike lanes on all roads	3
Looking out for each other, elderly, younger kids	3
People helping others	3
Improved retail in downtown	3
Better lighting	3
Parents being more involved with children	3
Every one resident on the neighborhood email list, communication at its best	2
People helping to keep neighborhoods together	2
Neighbors enjoying block activities together	2
Getting together on Earth Day and clean the whole city	2
Keep parks maintained	2
Infill housing	2
Better neighborhoods	2
Walking trails	2
Youth involvement and communication in Topeka's services. Hopefully easier to get people together	2
Entertainment, recreation	2
Vacant buildings or areas put in use	1
Abandoned buildings and houses rehabbed or demo'd	1
Effective property code enforcement	1
People get to know each other, communication and plan to know each one	1
Several neighborhood sponsored community events	1
Active neighborhood association	1
Beauty, clean	1
Children able to play outdoors safely from dawn to dusk as we did 50-60 yrs. ago	1
Great parks	1
Playground	1
Children playing outdoors, riding their bicycles, playing in the park	1
Better streets, no potholes	1
Fix storm drainage	1
Balanced mixture of residential/commercial space	1

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10 YEARS FROM NOW
The Votes**

Supermarket located within central East Topeka	1
Fully staffed police department	1
Safety	1
More police patrol	1
Garage sales	1
Clearly lit streets	1
A City department that works closely with neighborhoods	1
No cost recycling	1
Better partnerships, gov-citizens	1
Things for kids to do	1
Bus stop	1
Blight free homes and neighborhoods	
A neighborhood where housing and nuisance violations are resolved in a reasonable amount of time	
No boarded up homes or businesses	
Residential occupation	
Code compliance with empty houses, yards mowed	
No boarded up homes or homes with structural code violations	
Safe streets, homes will be kept up, no empty houses	
Community activities/meetings	
Relationships	
Neighborhood block parties, get togethers, sitting on porch in evening	
Active website on City site for neighborhood info	
Trees, both shade and flowering	
Clean streets clear of litter	
Park	
Crestview money for pool stay in Crestview	
Community swimming pools	
Better streets, more and better parks, less closed stores, more police presence	
Residents live within walking distance to a park	
More community buildings	
Community gardens	
Parks and playgrounds	
Sturdy infrastructure and modernize utilities	
Improved infrastructure	
Increased walkability	
Bike lanes	
Bike trails	
Equally maintained sidewalks and streets	
Sidewalks	
Clean out our creek gov...	

DESCRIBE ONE THING YOU'D SEE IN A GREAT TOPEKA NEIGHBORHOOD
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The Votes

Sidewalk

More sidewalks for walking

Sidewalk

No red water

Larger street signs

Yard-curb improvement

Community pride and investment of citizens

Department stores

Less boarded up store fronts

More neighborhood businesses

More businesses local to neighborhood

Stores close by

All homes owned not rented

Community transit transfer centers

Improve the legal accountability

Children playing in a safe area

Police sub-offices

Lots of public safety

Stop C/J Wed Advertisement

Better lights for the streets

More cohesion in various initiatives

Balance of funds for improvement

City Government does something, quit going back to committee

Clean, safe small town feeling

Neighbors feel this is our community, attitude

Set up website for volunteer projects and involvement

More volunteer involvement

Strong NIA's in all parts of the city

Leadership development

Engagement

More CERT teams across Topeka

Art

Festivals and fun events throughout the City, besides those in Oakland (Fiesta and Octoberfest)

More activities in the historical part of Topeka, downtown

Children/teen activities

NIA no \$ to have a place to meet at closed schools

Cleaning trash up in parks

Bus shelters

Neighborhood block parties, get togethers
