

# 2011 112<sup>th</sup> Congress Unified Government Federal Legislative Agenda

## 2011 Federal Priority Issues

**On behalf of its citizens, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City has adopted the following priorities for action by the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States.**

- Funding for critical infrastructure needs which will improve the quality of life for thousands of citizens in neighborhoods across Wyandotte County. Including:
  - Combined sewer overflows
  - Roads, curbs and sidewalks
  - Utility infrastructure including public safety radio systems
  - Public transit
- Reauthorization of the Federal Surface Transportation Program.
- Funding for the Community Development Block Grant program of at least \$4.2-billion.
- Funding for the HOME program of at least \$2-billion.
- Support continued investment in the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program to provide grants to cities, counties and states to help update building codes and old buildings, adopt renewable energy solutions, create incentives for citizens to use transportation alternatives and implement energy saving campaigns.
- Repeal of section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 which requires that governments spending more than \$100-million per year on purchases of goods and services withhold three percent from all payments to contractors and vendors and remit those funds to the Internal Revenue Service.