1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	RESOLUTION NO. 9579		
	A RESOLUTION	introduced by Councilmember Spencer Duncan on behalf of the citizens of Topeka urging all taxing entities, including the State of Kansas and City of Topeka, to keep mill levies at the lowest possible rates.	
	WHEREAS, the citizens of Topeka are facing rising costs including property taxe		
9	and inflation; and		
10	WHEREAS,	fair appraisal processes are essential to alleviate the burden on	
11	property owners within the city; and		
12	WHEREAS, it is imperative for the State of Kansas to take immediate action to		
13	address this pressing issue; and		
14	WHEREAS, the City of Topeka urges the State of Kansas to update the appraisa		
15	process to ease the uncertainty of valuations; and		
16	WHEREAS, property taxes are assessed by multiple government entities in		
17	Shawnee County including the County, School Districts, the State of Kansas, a public		
18	library, Washburn University, the Airport Authority, the Transit Authority, and the City; and		
19	WHEREAS, it is crucial for all taxing entities to recognize the enormous impact		
20	property taxes have on homeowners and take steps to mitigate this impact.		
21	NOW, THER	EFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE	
22	CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that:		
23	1. The Ci	ty of Topeka asks the State of Kansas to undertake a comprehensive	
24	examination of and update the appraisal process to be fair and equitable.		
25	2. The Ci	ty of Topeka asks all taxing entities to acknowledge the strain placed	
26	on homeowners by property tax rates, and work during their budget processes to keep mil		
27	levies at the lowest possible rates. This includes the City of Topeka.		

28	3. The City of Topeka urges the State of Kansas to apply the same rules to itself		
29	which it demands of local governments, including holding Revenue Neutral Hearings, work		
30	to lower its mill levy and keep its budget from outpacing inflation.		
31	4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor		
32	of Kansas, members of the Kansas State Legislature representing Topeka, and other		
33	relevant authorities.		
34	ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on August 20, 2024.		
35 36 37 38 39	CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS		
40	Michael A. Padilla, Mayor		
41 42 43 44 45 46	ATTEST:		
47	Brenda Younger, City Clerk		