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CITY OF PADUCAH, KY



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### **Government Channel 11: *City Profile*, Commissioner Richard Abraham**

**PADUCAH, KY**— “2011 is starting off having some challenges, but I always look at those as opportunities to do great things in the City,” says City Commissioner Richard Abraham. In the latest episode of *City Profile*, Tom Butler, West Kentucky Community & Technical College Television Production Coordinator, interviews Commissioner Abraham about the latest challenges for the City of Paducah and for the nation. *City Profile* can be seen on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah, and online at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov).

This episode of *City Profile* starts with discussions about the recent decision by the McCracken County Fiscal Court to file a lawsuit against the City of Paducah regarding the annexation of the Paducah Power System peaking plant, the ongoing study of merging the City and County governments, and the tragedy in Tuscon, Arizona that led to the shooting of Representative Gabrielle Giffords. Commissioner Abraham expresses concern over the tone of political discourse across the nation. “We should be able to debate an issue without hating each other. We want to encourage people to debate and ask questions. This country was built on that,” says Commissioner Abraham.

Regarding the topic of the financial health of the City of Paducah, Commissioner Abraham says, “I do believe that if you are financially responsible in your community, in your individual municipalities, that you can weather some storms. You can position yourself to do some things, not extravagant, but you can position yourself so that you may not be hit as hard.”

Abraham and Butler continue the discussions by focusing on economic development projects including the demolition of the Executive Inn, development of the downtown area, and the future of the gaseous diffusion plant. Commissioner Abraham says one of the most important policy issues for the State of Kentucky is to lift the moratorium on nuclear projects.

Commissioner Abraham ends the episode by announcing his involvement as second vice president for the Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. Abraham says,



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“The whole purpose is to gather with other African-American elected officials across the State, brainstorm, get information, bring it back, and share it on the local level.”

*City Profile, Commissioner Richard Abraham* can be viewed on Government 11 starting Monday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m. It also airs Thursday, February 3 at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Government 11 program information, videos, news releases, and schedules are available at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov). For more information about *City Profile* and other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler, WKCTC Television Production Coordinator, at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer, City of Paducah Public Information Officer, at 444-8669.

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