

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL AND ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE VOTE REGARDING OR MANDATING A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN

WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution outlines a process for the residents of the City and County to vote on their governmental structure through the establishment of a Board of Freeholders by petition or appointment by the County Executive, Mayor of St. Louis and Governor of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, the officials of the member municipalities of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis believe that all discussions and votes on any plans to change their local government structure should be held only by residents of the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Council, which governs the largest County in the state of Missouri with nearly one million residents, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis should have a major voice in all discussions of regional governance; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of all municipalities in St. Louis County should also have significant involvement in any such discussions to advance the best interests of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is not to take a position on any specific merger or consolidation that may be proposed or considered, but rather to affirm the fundamental right for matters affecting local governance structure to be determined by the citizens impacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON, MISSOURI that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clayton believes that any vote on any change to the governmental structure of the City or County or any municipalities located therein, should be determined only by the residents affected by any such change and therefore opposes any statewide vote or legislative mandate on changes to the governmental structure of the City and/or County, including the municipalities located herein; and

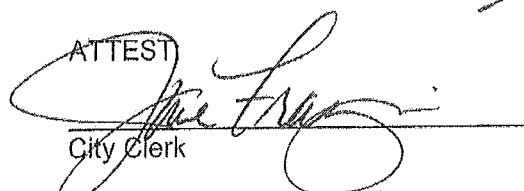
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clayton urges the St. Louis County Council, and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, on behalf of their respective residents, to pass a similar resolution opposing a statewide vote or legislative mandate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clayton recommends local discussions and local votes on any reorganization or consolidation plan that may be developed through such discussions.

PASSED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clayton, Missouri, this 14th day of November, 2017.


Mayor

ATTEST


City Clerk