

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, URGING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL AND ST. LOUIS CITY 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, certain legislators and other individuals seek to impose significant and potentially damaging changes to the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including the municipalities in the County; and

WHEREAS, such persons may seek a statewide vote on a constitutional amendment, or some form of legislative mandate, to accomplish their mandate and dilute the votes of or totally bypass the voters of the City and County; and

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Missouri hereby opposes any statewide vote or legislative mandate on governmental reorganization regarding the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County and the municipalities therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Missouri 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

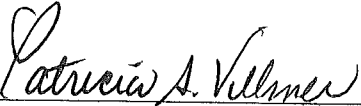
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, Missouri recommends local discussions and local votes on any reorganization or consolidation plan that may be developed through such discussions.

SECTION 1. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after the date of its adoption and approval and shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by the City Council of Richmond Heights, Missouri.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2017.


JIM THOMSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:


PATRICIA S. VILLMER
DEPUTY CITY CLERK