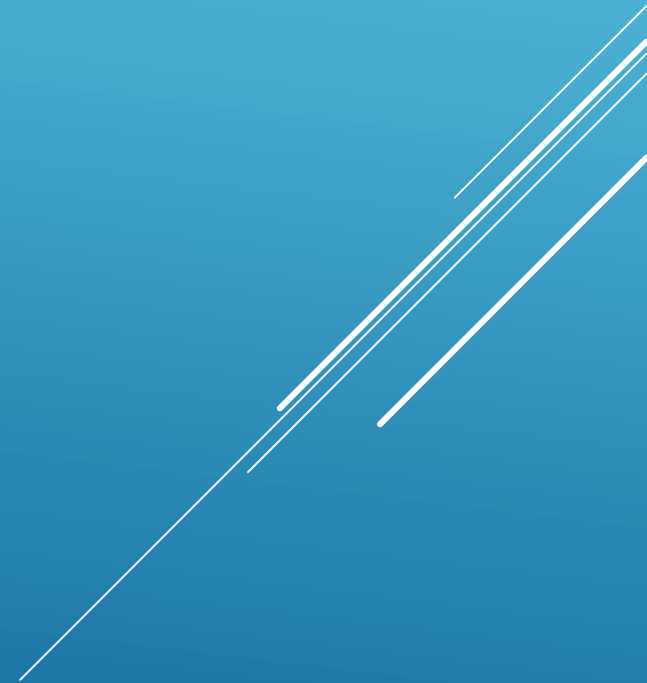
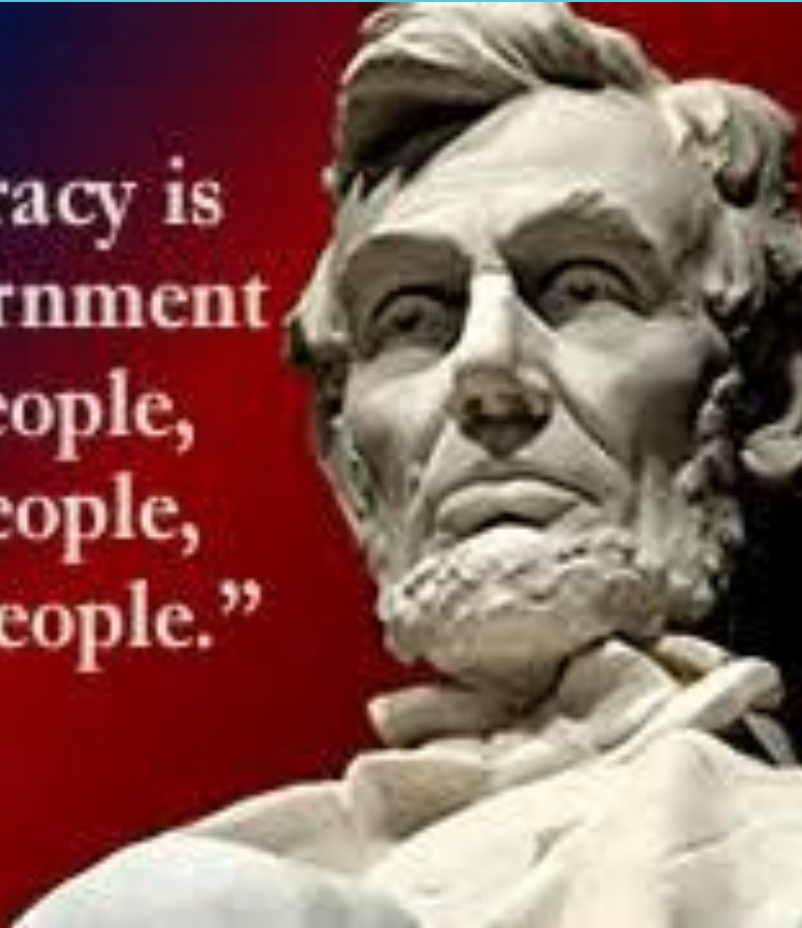


“Democracy is  
the government  
of the people,  
by the people,  
for the people.”



# The Better Together Process

- Members of the Board
  - Were appointed
  - Met outside of the public view
  - Took no public input
  - Are not accountable to you. Who are they accountable to?
- Task Force Members
  - Were appointed
  - Met outside of the public view
  - Without public process
  - Are not accountable to you
- The Constitutional Amendment was unveiled and immediately filed with the Secretary of State's office.
  - Not for public comment but to begin the process for a STATEWIDE vote.

## The Better Together Task Force

Have **NEVER** served in government, **NEVER** served in law enforcement, **NEVER** held elected office

Yet, they developed a plan for a **NEW GOVERNMENT and NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY!**



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“Discourse and critical thinking are essential tools when it comes to securing progress in a democratic society. But in the end, unity and engaged participation are what make it happen.”

— Aberjhani, Splendid Literarium: A Treasury of Stories, Aphorisms, Poems, and Essays

# IS THERE A PROCESS THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALLOWS THE RESIDENTS OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND COUNTY TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN GOVERNANCE?

Article VI, Sections 30(a) and 30(b) of The Missouri Constitution provides for a process by which St. Louis City and St. Louis County can make changes to their governance structure. It is called the Board of Freeholders/Electors

## Olivette City Council Resolution #2019-167

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Board of Freeholders are chosen and ratified by duly elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, as a public body the Board of Freeholders' meetings must be open, and its documents are subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law; and

**WHEREAS**, a fundamental democratic principle is that constitutions and charters are citizen-driven, and citizen approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of St. Louis City and St. Louis County are directly impacted by any change in St. Louis region's government structure and should be the only persons to vote on change in their government structure; and

**WHEREAS**, replacement of the Board of Freeholders process with a constitutional amendment would deprive future voters of using the Board of Freeholders process and could restrict future changes to statewide constitutional amendments;

# The Board of Freeholders/Electors

A TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE PROCESS


# What is the Board of Freeholders/Electors?

19 member board- authority comes from the MO Constitution Article VI Sections 30(a) and 30(b)

- 9 members appointed by the Mayor of St. Louis City
- 9 members appointed by the County Executive.
- 1 member is appointed by the governor.
- Appointments ratified by the Board of Aldermen & County Council.



# HOW IS THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS ESTABLISHED?

- The Mayor of St. Louis and the County Executive could have established the Board of Freeholders at any time to discuss issues in the region.
  - By Petition
    - 15K in County
    - 5K in City
    - Submitted for Certification
    - Presented to County Executive and Mayor
- 

# THE FREEHOLDER PROCESS

## ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC

### ➤ Timeline Starts:

- ▶ 10 days- Board of Electors must be seated
- ▶ 30 days- Board of Electors must hold first meeting
- ▶ 12 months- Board of Electors must complete work

### ▶ A Plan:

- ▶ 90 Days- Public comment on any Plan issued by Board of Electors

### ▶ Election:

- ▶ Special Election
- ▶ 30 Days after Review Period
- ▶ Not within 70 Days of any General Election

# HOW DOES THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS/ELECTORS WORK? WHY IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- **All Board of Freeholder/Elector meetings and discussions are held in public.**
- Public input is an important part of the process.
- The board is subject to Sunshine Laws.
- This will be a fair, transparent and public process to discuss the issues and the future of the region.

Who Votes on Any Plan that the Board of Freeholders Proposes?

**ONLY registered voters in St. Louis County and St. Louis City can vote on any plan proposed by the Board of Freeholders/Electors**

**We the People will have the right to determine our own governance through a fair, transparent, public and democratic process.**

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**Who is Leading the Effort to**

Establish the Board of Freeholders/Electors

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# The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis



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- ▶ **Represents 88 Municipalities. St. Louis City and County are members.**
- ▶ **Celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.**
- ▶ **The League worked with St. Louis Police Chiefs Association to set policing standards for municipal police departments. Adopted by cities.**
- ▶ **League Park Commission- provides millions in park grants.**
- ▶ **Provides workshops for elected officials**
- ▶ **Creates an environment for Elected Officials to collaborate and cooperate.**
- ▶ **The Municipal League established the City County Committee in early 2016**

How Can You Help?

A Grass Roots Effort





# Sign a Petition!

Petitions are available for signature today.

## Help Collect Signatures

Blank Petition Forms are also available

See a council member for special instructions

Email or Call:

State Senators

State Representative

Governor Mike Parsons

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