

RESOLUTION # 3429

Introduced by: Council Members Present
of the City of Berkeley, MO

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, 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 believe that their scheme would not be favorably received by the voters of the City or the County; and

WHEREAS, such persons may seek a statewide vote on a constitutional amendment, or some form of legislative mandate, to accomplish their scheme 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 by the Council of the City of Berkeley, Missouri as Follows:

SECTION 1 The Council for the City of Berkeley 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.

SECTION 2 The Council for the City of Berkeley 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.

SECTION 3 The Council for the City of Berkeley recommends local discussions and local votes on any reorganization or consolidation plan that may be developed through such discussions.

SECTION 4 This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED this _____ **day of** _____ **2017**

ATTEST:

Theodore Hoskins, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:
Donnell Smith, City Attorney

Final Roll Call:

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| Mayor Hoskins | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |
| Councilwoman Hoskins | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |
| Councilwoman Kirkland | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |
| Councilwoman Mathison | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |
| Councilman-at-Large McDaniel | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |
| Councilwoman Mitchell | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |
| Councilwoman Williams | Aye | ___ | Nay | ___ | Absent | ___ | Abstain | ___ |