

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 58
CLEAN MISSOURI COALITION**

WHEREAS, the concepts of one person, one vote, as well as fair and nonpartisan redistricting that counts and protects all Missouri residents, especially those who have been historically underrepresented and impacted by systemic and structural oppression, such as children and immigrants are important and integral pieces of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, since at least 1875, Missouri General Assembly maps are drawn using the total population of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the will of Missouri voters should be honored and voter-approved redistricting reforms should be upheld and implemented in Missouri, and

WHEREAS, historically underrepresented communities should be protected by maintaining and defending the strong protections for the voting power of communities of color that were overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Missouri voters voted overwhelmingly for nonpartisan redistricting reforms in 2018 and these voter-approved reforms should be honored and upheld; and

WHEREAS, about one in four Missourians is not eligible to vote, either because they are one of Missouri's 1.4 million children (22.3% of the total population) or because they are one of the state's 126,200 non-citizens (2% of the total population); and

WHEREAS, if the total population of Missouri is not taken into account, families, neighborhoods and communities that are currently counted would not be fully represented in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, fair redistricting processes protect against the creation of maps that would disproportionately affect communities of color and representation for St. Louis City residents and the St. Louis City region; and

WHEREAS, a loss of representation in the legislature leads to a decline in state funding for affected counties and municipalities, ensuring that individual, local governmental entities such as St. Louis City would experience a significantly decreased amount of revenues of a total unknown amount; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Louis Board of Aldermen hereby affirm the importance of fair redistricting for all Missourians, including children and non-citizens, and for all other Missourians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread across the Minutes of these proceedings in testimony thereof and that a copy be presented to the CLEAN MISSOURI COALITION as a representation of the Board of Aldermen's respect and high regard for the organization's contribution to the continued representation of all Missourians.

Introduced this 23rd day of October, 2020 by:

The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward
The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward
The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

Adopted this 23rd day of October, 2020 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen