

## **City of St. Louis Volunteer Ward Reduction Advisory Committee**

### **Member Description:**

The role of the Ward Reduction Advisory Committee is to draft recommendations regarding the implementation of ward reduction. The essential question to be answered by this group is “What needs to change in order for a board of 14 aldermen to best serve their constituents and the city of St. Louis?” Please see Resolution 12AA (2017) for the full text of the resolution authorizing this committee.

Specifically, the committee is tasked with drafting a report that describes the anticipated effects of ward reduction, including, but not limited to, the effects on:

- 1) The delivery of constituent services;
- 2) The capacity of the Board of Aldermen to fulfill its various roles and functions;
- 3) Impacted ordinances that refer to specific wards by number; and
- 4) Ward capital budgets and making recommendations regarding the equitable delivery of city

The report will also identify any other areas to be addressed by the Board of Aldermen in anticipation of ward reduction.

### **Member Responsibilities:**

1. Develop and review survey responses from city department representatives, city residents, and neighborhood groups on the role of aldermen, effectiveness of citizens’ service bureau, neighborhood stabilization officers and related constituent services.
2. Review resources and capacity available to the Board of Aldermen, including budget and staffing.
3. Survey the governance and functioning of other city councils to better understand the challenges and successes of other cities that have reduced their boards/councils and other governance models, including support staff and capacity for addressing constituent services.
4. Work with committee co-chairs to draft and present report for the legislation committee of the Board of Aldermen.

### **Time Commitment:**

- Meet bi-weekly to review information and develop recommendations starting in April.
- Attend public meetings and interviews at various locations across the city to hear and collect public input, including evening and weekend meetings.

**Applications accepted until April 12, 2019**

*For questions contact Alderwoman Boyd, [boydp@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:boydp@stlouis-mo.gov) or  
Alderwoman Navarro, [navarroh@st.louis-mo.gov](mailto:navarroh@st.louis-mo.gov)*

March 11, 2019

## Advisory Committee Member Application

This advisory committee is being formed to explore and make recommendations regarding the implementation of ward reduction from 28 to 14 wards. This committee will look at how we govern with 14 wards, including responding to constituent services and legislating as a body of 14 instead of 28. This committee will not be drawing lines or otherwise engaged in the process of redistricting. To be considered applications must be received by April 12, 2019.

Application available online at: [www.stlaldermen.com](http://www.stlaldermen.com)

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you are employed:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Our goal is to have the advisory committee reflect the diversity of the region, we would appreciate the following information. This is voluntary information. *If you opt not to respond to the demographic questions below, we will still consider your application:*

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Qualifications for Membership:** Please briefly explain why you want to serve on the committee and what experience and skill-set you possess that qualify you to make recommendations regarding the board of aldermen. Feel free to attach a copy of your resume.

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List and briefly describe any community organization, such as a neighborhood group, block unit group, congregation (religious or otherwise), or other nonprofit working in the St. Louis area, you actively belong to and/or actively participate.

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The committee will be made up of 11 people, including the co-chairs, a representative from the Mayor's office, and a member from the City Counselor's Offices. In addition, we are looking for people who fall into the categories below as well as two at-large positions. Please select the position(s) for which you are seeking a seat.#

- 1. City-wide non-profit representing neighborhood groups \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. North city neighborhood resident \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. South city neighborhood resident \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Central city neighborhood resident \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Academic advisory\* \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Member At-Large \_\_\_\_\_

\* If applying for the academic advisory position, please provide the institution with which you are affiliated and attach a copy of your CV with this application.

**References**

Please provide with your application a letter of recommendation from any community organization, such as a neighborhood group, block unit group, congregation (religious or otherwise), or other nonprofit working in the St. Louis area, you actively belong to and/or actively participate.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

I have read the committee description and agree that I will attend the meetings, currently planned for two per month between March and May, and if unable to attend will follow up with one of the co-chairs in order to fulfill my service to the best of my ability.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application by April 12, 2019 to:**

Ward Reduction Advisory Committee  
c/o Alderwoman Pam Boyd  
1200 Market Street, Rm. 230  
St. Louis, MO 63103