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Along with most St Louisans I was surprised at Mayor Slays announcement this morning.

The Mayor has served this city with honor and dignity

As the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman, President of the Board of Alderman and as this City's first four term Mayor.

He has given this City much and will continue to do so until the end of his term.

The Mayor has always set his priorities, now he has chosen to change his path.

Prior to public service, the Mayor, an attorney was recognized as an outstanding litigator, respected by his peers. Therefore, he has a bright future ahead.

While we have had major differences it is only right at this time to recognize Mayor Slays service to St Louis and his many accomplishments.

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