

RESOLUTION NO. 456

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLICLY VET THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SLATE OF NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS/ELECTORS.

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 30 of the Missouri Constitution provides for the formation of a Board of Freeholders/Electors; and

WHEREAS, On September 18, 2017 the City Council unanimously approved Resolution #440, which opposed 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; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2019 the City unanimously approved Resolution #452 opposing initiative petition 2020-042 regarding a proposed amendment to Article VI of the Missouri Constitution and expressing support for a petition providing for the Board of Freeholders/Electors; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County Executive Sam Page has made nominations to the Board of Freeholders/Electors as provided in Article VI, section 30(a)(5) of the Missouri Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, section 30(a)(5) of the Missouri Constitution also provides that St. Louis County Executive's nominees be approved by a majority of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chesterfield are concerned that some of the County Executive's nominees may have prior ties to or may have supported initiative petition 2020-42; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chesterfield believe that it is in the best interest of all the citizens of St. Louis County, regardless of municipal boundary, to have a transparent and public process to approve the County Executive's nominations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council hereby call upon the County Council to have public hearings and conduct a public vetting process of the County Executive's nominations to the Board of Freeholders/Electors; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Chesterfield strongly supports its citizens and are determined to preserve and protect the freedom, independence, integrity and self-determination provided by the municipal government that the citizens voted overwhelmingly to adopt 31 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Chesterfield respectfully requests that the St. Louis County Council hold public hearings and conduct a public vetting process of the County Executive's nominations to assure the citizens of Chesterfield and all the citizens of St. Louis County that the nominees can lawfully and fully fulfill their duties, that they can conduct themselves in a transparent and ethical way, that they are free from any connection or relationship to initiative petition 2020-42 and that they represent the best interests of all citizens of St. Louis County.

PASSED THIS DAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2019, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD




Presiding Officer



Bob Nation, Mayor

Attest:



Vickie McGownd, City Clerk

