



Dear Constituent,

It's an honor to work for you.

I was elected to the Missouri State Senate in a special election in November of 2009 and have been busy visiting schools and nursing homes, attending neighborhood meetings, and touring facilities in our district. My legislative agenda includes local control of the police department, financial responsibility for payday loan operators, expanding early childhood education and alternative schools, and increasing seatbelt fines and Metro Link funding. I am a strong supporter of the Historic Tax Credit program, which has revitalized much of our city but is still necessary to continue improvements.

Please contact my office to schedule a visit, or if you need help with government services.



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2010 Legislative Priority: Local Control of the St. Louis Police Department

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) does an outstanding job protecting our citizens given their challenging issues and the lack of resources. Currently the governor appoints members to the Police Board of Commissioners, which establishes the policies and oversees activities of the SLMPD. The person who appoints the board should be within our city so that person can be held accountable to the citizens and vacancies can be filled in a timely manner.

- SLMPD has a \$140 million budget, which is one-third of the City of St. Louis' budget.
- Instead of the city paying for two human resources departments, two purchasing departments, two IT departments, etc., combine administrative duties of SLMPD — saving more than \$4 million.

What will local control look like?

- The St. Louis City Chief of Police currently manages the daily operations of the SLMPD, which would remain the same under local control.
- The city charter, which is already in place, directs the St. Louis City's Director of Public Safety to appoint the Police Commissioner.
- Citizens can change the charter to have a different appointment process.

Police benefits stay the same

- The ordinance from the Board of Aldermen will ensure a smooth transition of current benefits.
- Under the Missouri Supreme Court decision, the St. Louis City Police pension must be fully funded.
- Police pensions will stay with the state. Local control does not affect St. Louis Police pensions.
- Residency requirements would stay the same.
- The police officers would be included in Civil Service with the other city workers and have the same protections, promotions and disciplinary procedures.

The case for local control is clear: local control gives the citizens of St. Louis governmental accountability. It's fiscally responsible and it's time.



Senator Keaveny's sponsored legislation, Senate Bill 643, would bring local control of the police to the City of St. Louis.



Senator Joe Keaveny held a public forum on local control of the police department with state representatives and the President of the Board of Aldermen.

Get to Know Joe:

- Served the past decade as ward committeeman for the 28th Ward and served on local housing board.
- Received Bachelor of Science in accounting from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.
- Earned Master's and Juris Doctorate degrees from St. Louis University.
- Worked 20 years in the banking industry managing portfolios for high-worth individuals. Later managed U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) compliance issues.
- Resides in house where he was born — Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.
- Married to wife Karen and has four grown children: Shannon, Lauren, Joseph and Ellen.

Free Health Fair!!

July 10, 2010 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Forest Park Community College
5600 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110
(573) 751-3599 or (866) 783-1534
Sign up your health organization or plan to attend.



2010 Legislative Action

Education

- SB 956: Allows foreign language immersion charter schools to enroll four-year-old children
- SB 969: Modifies school attendance requirements from age seven to age five
- SB 835: Dropout recovery for charter schools
- SB 625: Increases subsidies on child care



Sen. Keaveny reading with a student from Hedgen School Elementary's "College Bound Acceleration" program.



Sen. Keaveny hands legislation to a young visitor to the Capitol.

Finance

- SB 811: Amends laws relating to payday loans
- SB 658: Creates a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of farm products made at farmers' markets
- SB 697: Allows St. Louis City to increase its fee for vacant property to \$600

Family

- SB 865: Provides for parent coordination in high conflict cases involving marriage, legal separation, paternity or modification
- SB 982 Enacts the Prevention First Act
- SB 877: Modifies provisions relating to child support



Sen. Keaveny with the members of the Father's Support Center.

Transportation

- SB 822: Increases the fine for seat belt violations from \$10 to \$50
- SB 701: Prohibits all drivers, regardless of age, from text messaging
- SB 758: Requires notes and bonds issued by the Bi-State Development Agency to mature not more than 40 years from the date of issuance, rather than 30 years



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2010 Survey
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- Currently the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is controlled by a board appointed by the governor. Do you support the City of St. Louis controlling its own police department? Yes No No opinion
- Do you think charter schools are an option for public education in the City of St. Louis? Yes No No opinion
- Should the State of Missouri increase funding for Metro? Yes No No opinion
- Do you support raising the seatbelt fine from \$10 to \$50? Yes No No opinion
- Should payday loans be more regulated? Yes No No opinion
- Should the amount of Historic Tax Credits and other tax credits, which are used by developers and individual citizens to finance large projects and save historic buildings, be restricted by the state? Yes No No opinion

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