



STATE SENATOR BARBARA ANNE WASHINGTON

2022 END OF SESSION REPORT

Dear neighbor,

The Second Regular Session of the 101st General Assembly concluded on May 13, and while debates in the Senate chamber were contentious at times, we were still able to pass some key policies to improve literacy, assist teachers and invest in infrastructure. The extra legislative session, which was called by the governor, ended on Oct. 4.

Thanks to our community's advocacy efforts, four of my proposals successfully crossed the legislative finish line. As a proud member of the first sorority founded by Black women, it was rewarding to pass Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Day, observed annually on Jan. 15, as well as Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Day on Feb. 10, to honor the birthday of the sorority's trailblazing founder.

In addition to passing a historic budget totaling more than \$44 billion, this session the Legislature was responsible for redrawing our state's congressional districts to reflect the population shifts from the 2020 Census.

Representing our community in the Missouri Senate is an honor and a privilege. Thank you for entrusting me to be your voice in Jefferson City, and please reach out if you need assistance.



Women Senators Tackle Literacy

The 101st General Assembly consists of a record-breaking number of women senators. At 11 strong, we wanted to use our platform to improve our state's literacy rate and inspire young girls. On the opening day of session, we invited past women senators to attend the debut of "You Can, Too!" a children's book describing the journey each of our state's 36 women senators have taken to the Capitol. To give

that number some historical context, 1,118 men have served in the Senate, 10 of whom were African American, and 12 of the 36 women who have served in the Missouri Senate have been African American. I enjoyed distributing the books to each of the school districts in our community this summer and hosting literacy forums throughout the state with my fellow female senators.



Building on this momentum, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 681, a bipartisan, women-led measure to address our state's below-grade-level reading rates, and allocated \$25 million in the budget to fund literacy efforts.

Seven of Missouri's African American women senators attended the debut of "You Can, Too!" at the State Capitol on Jan. 6.

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Bennie Gilliam-Williams and Dr. Alandrea Stewart of Harris-Stowe State University and Dr. John Moseley and Falon Ensley of Lincoln University attended the bill signing ceremony for Senate Bill 718.

Senate Bill 718 designates the third week in September as HBCU Week, a priority of mine since I served in the House. Historically Black Colleges and Universities are an important part of the fabric of our culture and offer a unique college experience for Black students while welcoming students of all ethnicities. Celebrating the rich history of these educational bedrocks demonstrates our state's dedication to diversity and inclusion; as does **fully funding the state match for Lincoln University's Land Grant status in the 2023 state budget for the first time in Missouri's history!**

My SB 718 also establishes the Workforce Diploma Program, increases access to dual enrollment scholarships and embeds computer science content within other school subjects.

Thanks to the adoption of my **Senate Concurrent Resolution 35**, the third week of September will now be observed as Sickle Cell Awareness Week. African Americans are extremely prone to sickle cell anemia, so I hope this observance will help more people understand the severity of this painful blood disorder.

KC Police Department

Senate Bill 678 mandates Kansas City allocate 25% of its municipal budget to the police department, and **Senate Joint Resolution 38** will let voters decide in November whether or not to alter the Missouri constitution and allow this change in funding. **I opposed both of these proposals because we cannot arrest or fund our way out of the violent crime crisis without first addressing the underlying causes.**

Sexual Assault Survivors Rights

Senate Bill 775 increases protections for sexual assault survivors and victims of child sex trafficking.

Charter Schools

House Bill 1552 adjusts the formula for state funding to local schools so charter schools can receive funds directly from the state, instead of detracting money from public school districts. **While this is an improvement, I still believe public schools are where we need to focus our attention.**

Urban Farm Tax Credits

House Bill 3 was passed during the extra legislative session by the General Assembly with my language to establish tax credits for urban farming operations, including community-run gardens.

Elections and Voting

House Bill 1878 requires voters to show a photo ID to vote, prevents voting tabulating equipment from being connected to the internet and grants the secretary of state the authority to audit voter rolls. **I voted against this unneeded policy because it has the potential to disenfranchise voters.** This law is being challenged in the courts.

Welcoming Guests to the Capitol



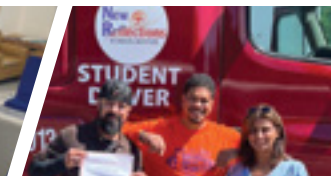
Sponsored by Sen. Washington, the Rev. Antoine Lee was confirmed by the Missouri Senate and appointed to the Missouri Charter School Commission.



A proud alumna of Mizzou's School of Journalism, Sen. Washington welcomed MU's new head basketball coach, Dennis Gates, and Athletic Director Desiree Reed-Francois to the chamber.

Investing in Our Community

This year's budget totals \$44.34 billion, the largest in our state's history, thanks to additional funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. I was proud to advocate and secure billions of dollars for our community. The Kansas City Region, which includes the 9th Senatorial District, received \$1,833,654,182 in funding and an additional \$145,643,525 for capital improvements, maintenance and repairs.



Promoting Wellness

\$7.85 Million - Samuel Rodgers Health Center and an Additional **\$275,000** for Mental Health Services

\$7.5 Million - Swope Health

\$5 Million - University Health for Mental Health Services and an Additional \$2.79 Million for Operations

\$4.78 Million - Transition Center of KC

\$4.24 Million - KC Care

\$2.2 Million - Amethyst Place

\$1.14 Million - ReDiscover

\$555,000 - Federally Qualified Health Centers: Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services

Empowering Children

\$8.89 Million - Family Resource Center

\$6.01 Million - Division of Youth Services Facilities

\$1 Million - Emmanuel Youth Center

\$650,000 - Child Protection Centers

\$500,000 - Mattie Rhodes Youth Center

\$350,000 - Violence Prevention Initiative

\$200,000 - Urban Youth Academy

\$100,000 - Youth Build Works Program

\$100,000 - Higher Aspirations

\$100,000 - Homeless Student Assistance



Arts and Entertainment

\$3 Million

Jackson County Sports Authority: Arrowhead and Kauffman Stadiums

\$2 Million

Bartle Hall

\$2 Million

Starlight Theater

\$2 Million

Parade Park

\$650,000

KC Ballet

\$400,000

Folly Theater

\$311,171

Bruce Watkins Cultural Center

\$150,000

American Jazz Museum

Uplifting our Community

\$1.1 Million

Buck O'Neil Center

\$600,000

Negro League Baseball Museum

\$500,000

Juneteenth Regional Celebrations

\$500,000

Urban Agricultural Grant Program

\$250,000

Apiary Program to Create Sustainable Bee Farms

\$175,000

Black Archives of Mid-Missouri

\$100,000

Morningstar Life Center

Advancing Education

\$1.25 Billion

Public Schools

\$459.95 Million

University of Missouri System

\$46.5 Million

Metropolitan Community College

\$10 Million

Blue River Career Technical Education and Public Safety Programs

\$500,000

Teacher Training and Enrichment Programs

\$38,000

Raised Teachers' Base Salary to Recruit and Retain Educators and Reduce Shortages

Helping Workers

\$3.9 Million

MO Excels Workforce Initiative

\$1.1 Million

Workforce Development

\$600,000

Pre-Apprenticeship for Technical Career Readiness

\$200,000

LaunchKC

\$200,000

Total Man Community Development Corporation

\$100,000

Urban League of Greater Kansas City

\$50,000

New Reflections Technical Institute

Senator Barbara Anne Washington

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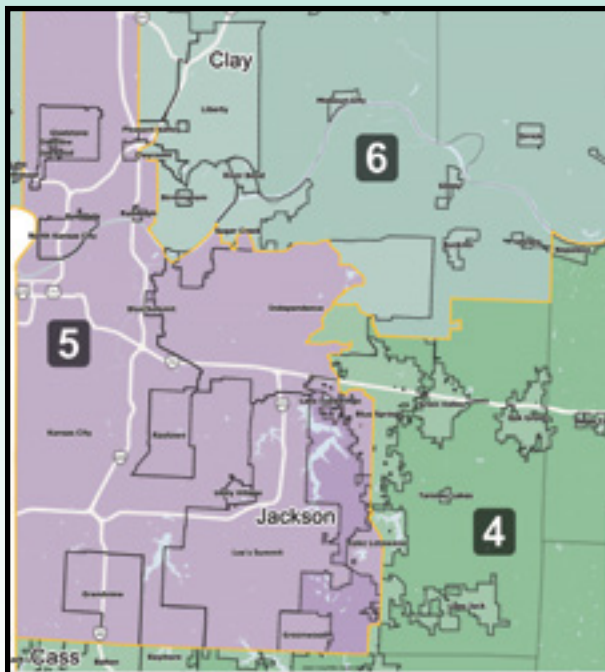
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Newly Drawn District Maps

The 5th Congressional District includes parts of Jackson and Clay counties. The 9th Senatorial District, one of four state Senate districts where African Americans make up the majority of the population, now encompasses all of Raytown and aligns south of Interstate 70, west of Lee's Summit Road and east of Forest and Holmes.

5th Congressional District



9th Senatorial District

