

St. Louis County Council



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Mr. Steven V. Stenger
County Executive
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Dear Mr. Stenger,

The County Charter creates the St. Louis County Council as a fully independent legislative body consisting of seven elected members. Each member of the Council has been elected by the voters of St. Louis County with a mandate to ensure that taxpayer money is spent transparently and to hold the administration accountable to the people.

As the Chairman of the County Council, it is my duty to protect the integrity of the Council and ensure that the Council is achieving its objectives for the taxpayers. Sadly, you and your administration have been targeting members of the County Council with petty and baseless threats. These threats include threatening the seat of one Council member, threatening projects and district priorities of several others, and trying to gut the body of the Council as a whole through budgetary tricks. Individual Council members have shared with me stories of threats that you and your administration directed at them.

As Council Chairman, I am compelled to demand that you stop making such threats to members of the County Council. It is my duty as Chair to protect the County Council's independence and to support the members of this body, regardless of their political affiliation. I will not stand for continued intimidation or threats.

This year, we will be seeking far-reaching systemic reforms to improve accountability and transparency in county government. We want to correct the system so that it is fully accountable to the taxpayers and residents of St. Louis County --- and not a playground for your petty politics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Page".

Sam Page
Council Chair