



Office of the President of the Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed

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STATEMENT FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN PRESIDENT LEWIS REED

For nearly 20 years, I have dedicated my time and efforts to the betterment of the City of St. Louis. And I am proud to say that throughout the years, we've accomplished a lot.

Throughout my time in public service, I have had the great honor of playing a role in many accomplishments for the City such as: the accreditation of our public school system; creating alternative means of transportation, including Bike St. Louis; the creation of a historic \$37M small business development program for North St. Louis; establishing the first program at SLPS to help transient students; leading St. Louis to become the first city in the Midwest to commit to 100% clean energy; securing funding for body cameras for our police; bringing the Sprint 1M program to SLPS to help with the homework gap; supporting our hard working city employees through legislation, events and more; leading the creation of the SLDC Equitable Economic Development Framework; bringing Cure Violence to St. Louis, and along with it a significant drop in homicides; sponsoring legislation to establish the new MLS stadium; sponsoring legislation to make Juneteenth a paid city holiday; setting up free covid-19 testing sites in North St. Louis; creating a free gun lock giveaway program at city fire houses to promote children's safety in gun-owning households; increasing funding for programs for our seniors and youth and much, much more.

Throughout the years, the Board of Aldermen has never worked more collaboratively and cohesively. For the second time, we were able to pass a redistricting map with unanimous support. We have been able to come together, share our differences and move forward many pieces of legislation that have transformed our City.

Whether it was help with trash service requests, crime victim support, or any other citizen need, my team and I have worked tirelessly for the future of the City of St. Louis and we were always honored to help.

When you choose a career in public service, your family ultimately sacrifices the most and many hours spent together. But for me and my family, we wouldn't have done it any other way. This has been the honor of a lifetime.

That is why I am heartbroken and saddened to have to make the difficult decision to step down and end my time as President of the Board of Aldermen.

The President of the Board of Aldermen is a unique position with both legislative and executive duties. With this being such a pivotal time for our City, I wanted to ensure to have the necessary discussions over the past few days to add whatever insight and experience I could to make the transition of my office as smooth as possible. It is essential to assure the citizens have access and the best service available in such a pivotal role. I cannot fulfill these duties as I take the time to focus on my family and my current legal challenges.



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This was a very difficult decision, but this is what I need to do for my family and to ensure a fully functional city government that our citizens deserve.

Thank you, St. Louis, for the greatest challenge and honor of my life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lewis E. Reed".

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