

Amended Resolution No. 1423

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CREVE COEUR CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SO-CALLED "BETTER TOGETHER" CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION.

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Creve Coeur have consistently demonstrated that they value and support the professionally-managed services they receive from their city and its employees, including by their responses to citizen surveys, by their individual letters and comments, and by their votes at the ballot box - most recently voting in favor of their new police station bond issue, and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Creve Coeur have chosen to govern themselves as a home rule city by constitutional charter since 1976, and

WHEREAS, a self-appointed small group of non-residents have taken it upon themselves to submit an initiative petition to gather signatures for a ballot measure to amend the Missouri Constitution by vote of all Missourians that among other things proposes to eliminate the City of Creve Coeur, its charter, its ordinances, and its professional municipal management, and

WHEREAS, the proposal also seeks to consolidate the services and employees of the city into a new regional entity, reduce the level of services, reduce local accountability, and dilute the elected representation of the people of Creve Coeur from a mayor and eight council members who are residents down to one person who would not have to be a city resident whose attention would be diverted to a larger geographic area that encompasses the entire city and more, and

WHEREAS, the proposed statewide ballot measure was developed without any meaningful input from the people of Creve Coeur or their elected representatives, and could be approved even if all the voters of Creve Coeur voted against it, and

WHEREAS, the proposed elimination of local services and local representation without meaningful local input and the opportunity for local vote is contrary to core democratic principles and values, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment is incomprehensible without extended study, does not appear to be financially sustainable, and would result in an inflexible form of regional government that could only be altered by further statewide vote,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREVE COEUR, MISSOURI THAT:

SECTION 1 - As the duly elected representatives of the people of Creve Coeur, the Mayor and City Council call upon the person or persons responsible for the so-called "Better Together" initiative petition to:

1. Permanently withdraw that petition and abandon any and all efforts to obtain signatures on

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it; and

2. join with the people of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, including the people of Creve Coeur, in a truly democratic effort to develop a proposal that addresses regional issues by orderly and sustainable methods to be approved by the directly affected voters.

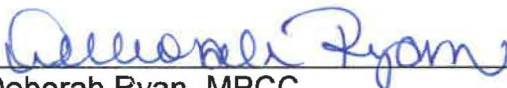
SECTION 2 - THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE.

ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF March, 2019.



Barry Glantz, Mayor

Attest:



Deborah Ryan, MPCC
City Clerk