



Senator Barbara Anne Washington's Legislative Column for Aug. 2, 2024

Mid-Summer Recap

Hello there and thanks for reading my column. These past few weeks have been incredible! First, I had my senatorial battery charged greeting you at the annual Public Health and Safety Fair on July 13. I want to give a shout out to the sponsors, partners and vendors who made the fair possible and thank the families and volunteers who made the event spectacular.



Families were the focus at Sen. Washington's annual Public Health and Safety Fair.

Successful Brunch with Bebe's Sisters

On July 20, I hosted the "11th Annual Minority Mental Health Awareness Event, Brunch with Bebe's Sisters." The keynote speaker, Joe Palm, shared some startling statistics from our nation's health department about the untreated mental health rates in Black and other minority communities. Members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provided great insights on recognizing the signs and addressing inequities. I appreciate everyone's attendance and applaud your commitment to ending the stigma that keeps too many people from healing.



The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services' Regional Director, Joe Palm, NAMI-Greater Kansas City board member, Jason Lathan, NAMI volunteer, Lemuel E. Kimes, Dr. Lynette Sparkman-Barnes and Sen. Washington gather at the 11th Annual Minority Mental Health Awareness Event.

Legislative Review Town Halls

I ended the month of July with the final two stops on my districtwide legislative review town hall meetings. Please know your participation in these events is appreciated and your input and ideas are necessary as much of the legislation I sponsor springs from these face-to-face forums. Our community's success depends on all of us working together, and having important policy dialogues is a great way to resolve our issues. I plan to host several more legislative recaps this fall, so I hope to see you there!



Senator Washington provides a legislative recap during a town hall meeting on July 22.

Good Work, Prospect Business Association!

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I take great pride in securing funding for organizations who tirelessly serve Kansas City. The team at the Prospect Business Association was allocated \$250,000 in this year's operating budget to continue their efforts and deliver results in the heart of our community.



Don't Forget to Vote on Tuesday, Aug. 6

The 2024 Primary Election is this Tuesday, Aug. 6. Please educate yourself on the [candidates](#) before heading to the ballot box or casting your no-excuse absentee vote at one of the locations below. Visit [Kansas City Election Board](#) or call 816-842-4820 for more information.

**Primary Election
August 6, 2024
Early Voting Satellite Location and Times**

KCEB at the Shops on Blue Parkway	
4407 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Kansas City, MO 64130	Weekdays, July 23 - August 2: 8am - 6pm Saturday, August 3: 8am - 12pm Monday, August 5: 8am - 5pm
United Believers Community Church	
5600 E. 112 th Ter. Kansas City, MO 64134	Weekdays, July 23 - August 2: 10am - 6pm Saturday, August 3: 8am - 12pm
The Whole Person	
3710 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64111	Weekdays, July 23 - August 2: 10am - 6pm Saturday, August 3: 8am - 12pm
The Mount Christian Worship Center	
1800 E. 79 th St. (Corner of 79 th & Paseo) Kansas City, MO 64130	Weekdays, July 23 - August 2: 10am - 6pm Saturday, August 3: 8am - 12pm

Jackson County residents who live outside of Kansas City can cast their ballots weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jackson County Election Board’s Absentee Office at 110 N. Liberty, Independence, MO. For more info, call 816-325-4600 or email absentee@jcebmo.org.

Important Resources for Senior Citizens

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has 10 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to meet the needs of every senior in their planning and service areas. Click this link for more information on their local programs and services: health.mo.gov/seniors/aaa/. You may also call the Missouri Senior Resource Line toll-free at 1-800-235-5503 connect with local assistance.

Below is the contact information for residents of Jackson County and/or Kansas City:

Mid-America Regional Council AAA

600 Broadway, Ste. 200

Kansas City, MO 64105

1-816-421-4980 or toll-free 1-800-593-7948

marc.org/community/aging

I'd like to thank the attendees at my Blue Hills town hall for suggesting I share this helpful info!

Share these flyers on social media to spread the word.



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THAT DID NOT SAY NO
MONUMENT TO
FREEDOM, JUSTICE
& COURAGE
HONOREE
CELEBRATION**

*EVENT SPONSORED BY LEGISLATOR,
VENESSA HUSKEY (2ND DISTRICT)
AND THE FREEDOM WALL
COMMISSION*

Join us for a special event to honor those individuals (either living or deceased), who have demonstrated, either currently or in the past, exceptional leadership qualities in their ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of life in the urban community of Jackson County, Missouri.

08.24.2024

10:00 AM

**AT LEON JORDAN
MEMORIAL PARK**

31ST & BENTON BLVD., KCMO

RSVP TODAY TO DAWN HICKMAN AT
816.881.3806 OR EMAIL TO
DHICKMAN@JACKSONGOV.ORG



It is an honor representing the great people of Jackson County’s 9th Senatorial District. If you need assistance navigating state government or understanding the legislative process, please contact me by calling 573-751-3158 or emailing Barbara.Washington@senate.mo.gov. My team is here for you!

Senator Washington’s Sponsored Legislation for 2024

Bill Number	Description	Status
Senate Bill 793	Authorizes a sales tax exemption for feminine hygiene products.	Referred to Economic Development
Senate Bill 794	Authorizes a tax credit for providing services to homeless persons.	Hearing conducted 4/4
Senate Bill 795	Authorizes a tax credit for providing housing to victims of domestic violence.	Passed out of committee 2/28
Senate Bill 886	Permits restitution payments for the innocent who were wrongfully convicted.	Referred to Judiciary

<u>Senate Bill 887</u>	Raises the age from 12 to 14 to certify juveniles for trial as adults.	Signed into law July 9
<u>Senate Bill 888</u>	Modifies the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board	Combined with SB 1357 and passed out of committee
<u>Senate Bill 968</u>	Permits family court participants to possess and use legal marijuana.	Referred to Health and Welfare
<u>Senate Bill 969</u>	Missouri Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act to prohibit hair-based discrimination in state-funded educational institutions.	Placed on formal calendar for perfection.
<u>Senate Bill 970</u>	Authorizes a tax credit for first-time homebuyers' purchase of eligible, blighted property.	Referred to Economic Development
<u>Senate Bill 1042</u>	Creates a "Text-to-Donate" pilot program in St. Louis and Kansas City to help reduce homelessness.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
<u>Senate Bill 1043</u>	Creates a two-year pilot program for incarcerated women to have access to their children.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1044</u>	Creates the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm for minors to carry a handgun.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<u>Senate Bill 1099</u>	Establishes the "Cronkite New Voices Act" to protect freedom of press for student journalists.	Placed on informal calendar for perfection
<u>Senate Bill 1100</u>	Restricts the manufacturing and possession of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<u>Senate Bill 1101</u>	Prohibits carrying concealed firearms in public libraries.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<u>Senate Bill 1150</u>	Creates and modifies reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies.	Referred to Transportation,

		Infrastructure and Public Safety
<u>Senate Bill 1151</u>	Modifies provisions relating to use of force by law enforcement officers.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1152</u>	Modifies provisions relating to criminal records.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1194</u>	Creates provisions relating to expungement of criminal records.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1195</u>	Modifies provisions relating to earned discharge from probation.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1196</u>	Creates new provisions relating to state contracts for minority and women's business enterprises.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
<u>Senate Bill 1216</u>	Creates a DWI diversion program.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1217</u>	Modifies provisions relating to the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.	Referred to Empowering Missouri Parents and Students
<u>Senate Bill 1218</u>	Creates provisions relating to parole eligibility for senior citizens who have served 30 years.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1227</u>	Modifies provisions relating to terms of probation.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1228</u>	Authorizes a tax credit for the purchase of electric vehicles.	Referred to Economic Development
<u>Senate Bill 1229</u>	Raises the age for juveniles to be certified for trial as adults.	Referred to Judiciary
<u>Senate Bill 1235</u>	Modifies provisions relating to offenses against employees of election authorities.	Referred to Local Government and Elections
<u>Senate Bill 1236</u>	Modifies provisions relating to legal representation for certain court proceedings involving children.	Referred to Health and Welfare
<u>Senate Bill 1237</u>	Modifies provisions relating to the offense of filing false documents.	Referred to Judiciary

<u>Senate Bill 1238</u>	Enacts provisions relating to health insurance coverage of maternity services.	Referred to Insurance and Banking
<u>Senate Bill 1239</u>	Establishes standards for demographic collection by certain entities.	Referred to Health and Welfare
<u>Senate Bill 1240</u>	Creates a health advocate program in the Department of Health and Senior Services.	Referred to Health and Welfare
<u>Senate Bill 1241</u>	Enacts provisions relating to motor vehicle sales tax payment plans.	Referred to Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety
<u>Senate Bill 1242</u>	Modifies provisions relating to tax increment financing.	Hearing conducted 2/26
<u>Senate Bill 1243</u>	Modifies provisions relating to voter registration.	Referred to Local Government and Elections
<u>Senate Bill 1380</u>	Modifies provisions relating to tax credits for improving access to foods, including urban farms and grocery stores.	Referred to Economic Development
<u>Senate Bill 1381</u>	Designates “Fallen Firefighters Memorial Bridge” in Kansas City.	Passed out of committee on 4/25
<u>Senate Bill 1382</u>	Modifies provisions relating to community paramedics	Passed out of committee on 4/11
<u>Senate Bill 1417</u>	Designates every Feb. 20 as John Donaldson Day in Missouri	Added to SB 964 and passed Senate on 4/11
<u>Senate Bill 1425</u>	Includes Class EA-esthetics and manicuring as a new classification of licensure for cosmetologists.	Referred to Governmental Accountability
<u>Senate Bill 1490</u>	Establishes May 8 as “Amyloidosis Awareness Day”	Added to SB 964 and passed by Senate on 4/11
<u>Senate Bill 1507</u>	Creates new provisions relating to digital assets.	Referred to Banking and Insurance
<u>Senate Bill 1511</u>	Modifies provisions relating to the collection of delinquent property taxes.	Referred to Emerging Issues

<u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 33</u>	Designates Feb. 20 as John Donaldson Day	Referred to Rules, Joint Rules and Resolutions, added to SB 964
<u>Senate Joint Resolution 65</u>	Places limits on increases of the assessment of certain properties.	Referred to General Laws
<u>Senate Joint Resolution 66</u>	Authorizes a tax exemption for certain senior citizens.	Referred to General Laws
<u>Senate Joint Resolution 88</u>	Modifies the statutes of limitations for civil actions based on certain sexual offenses.	Hearing conducted 4/15