



Senator Barbara Anne Washington's Legislative Column for Sept. 16, 2024

Hello Jackson County! I hope everyone has been enjoying the mild temperatures and picture perfect football weather. You know it is September in Missouri when the morning temperature is 48 degrees and the afternoon high hits 84! Some things are just consistently inconsistent in the Show-Me State!

2024 Veto Session Yields No Overrides

One thing that has remained consistent during my four years in the Missouri Senate is that the Legislature has taken no action to override the governor's vetoes during the constitutionally mandated annual veto session. This year was no exception, but I enjoyed the opportunity to bid farewell to the retiring and termed-out senators and honor Senate staffers for their years of service.

Since this year's veto session fell on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, senators paused for a moment of silence to pay homage to those who lost their lives 23 years ago and show appreciation to the brave emergency responders who selflessly put their lives on the line and rushed into the World Trade Centers to save others. I am always taken aback by this solemn day in our history, but more importantly, I remain impressed and inspired by the resolve of the American people.

Welcoming Visitors to the Capitol

While I was in Jefferson City for the annual veto session, I had the chance to meet with some outstanding students who were at the Capitol to visit legislators and advocate for education.



Senator Washington joins an early childhood education fellow from Kids Win Missouri.



Senator Washington meets with student advocates from Metropolitan Community College.

September is Suicide Prevention Month



Each September, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration observes [Suicide Prevention Month](#) to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. If you or someone you know needs help, please dial 988 to connect with a behavioral health expert and free counseling.

Missouri Chamber of Commerce Honors 2024 Business Champions

On Sept. 10, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce recognized several legislators for their pro-business legislation and advocacy. I was honored to be named a 2024 Business Champion for helping to grow the state's economy and make Missouri a competitive place to do business.

Important Election Information for Kansas City and Jackson County Voters

The final day to register to vote in the 2024 General Election is Oct. 9. Below is some helpful information about the upcoming election and voting for our community.

The [Jackson County Election Board](#) serves voters who are outside the corporate limits of Kansas City, Missouri, but within Jackson County. Kansas City voters should contact the [Kansas City Election Board](#). Both election boards are separate government entities.

Jackson County Election Board

215 N. Liberty St.

Independence, MO

816-325-4600

Kansas City Election Board

1828 Walnut, Ste. 300

Kansas City, MO

816-842-4820

Important Voting Dates

9/24 MONDAY	Absentee Voting Begins
10/9 WEDNESDAY	Last Day to Register for General Election
10/22 TUESDAY	In-person, No-excuse Absentee Voting Begins
10/23 WEDNESDAY	Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot
11/5 TUESDAY	General Election

Share these Flyers on Social Media!

Uzazi Village

10th Annual Black Infant Mortality Awareness Walk

September
8am-12pm
21, 2024

Register online @
www.UzaziVillage.com/Bimaw

PATTERSON

BLACK BABIES MATTER

YOUR **FREE** Doula AWAITS!

Uzazi Village, along with The Kansas City Health Department, has started a new initiative to provide **FREE** direct Doula services to both new and expecting residents of Kansas City, Missouri.

Must be due by November 30th

- ✓ Eligibility for Medicaid, SNAP/EBT, WIC ensures your qualification
- ✓ Fill Out The Doula Service Request Form (scan code on the back)
- ✓ Choose from a *network* of Doulas
- ✓ Receive direct Doula services

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
OCTOBER 23, 2024
WEDNESDAYS, 5 - 8 p.m.

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3700 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., KCMO 64130

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KANSAS CITY SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL PROGRAMS

LOAN READINESS PROGRAM



Loan packaging services for Kansas City, Missouri small businesses pursuing a bank loan over \$25,000 within 12 months.

BENEFITS

COLLECTION AND REVIEW OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

Three years of business and personal tax returns, as well as three years of P&L and Balance sheet documents are required

ACCOUNTING SUPPORT SERVICES

Assistance from a professional accountant who can analyze financial statements and what they could signify for a bank loan

COMPLETION OF BANK APPLICATION AND FOLLOW-UPS

Guidance exploring financial institutions and loan product options to determine the best option for your business

ELIGIBILITY

Must be a private, for-profit business operating within Kansas City, Missouri

Must have been in business for at least 3 years, i.e. before January 1, 2023

Must maintain an active 2024 KCMO business license

Must plan on applying for a bank loan over \$25,000 within the next 12 months

Must be able to provide 3 years of tax returns and financial statements

APPLICATION

Assess eligibility by completing the "KC SMB Capital Programs In-Take Form" at <https://app.bybeam.co/kansas-city-capital>

If eligible, complete the "Loan Readiness Program application"

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until slots are filled

Applications are reviewed to determine fit

If application is approved, business owner will begin working with our partners at Prospect Business Association (PBA)



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bizcare.kcmo.gov/capital
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Scan QR to get started:



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!