



Dear Neighbor,

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is back under state control after Missouri Gov. Mike Kehoe signed legislation into law on March 26, ending a brief period of local oversight. Because the bill included an emergency clause, it took effect immediately rather than the usual August 28 effective date for new laws.

Kehoe, a Republican, prioritized the state takeover in his first year in office. The state originally seized control of the St. Louis police in 1861 during the Civil War to limit the power of pro-Union city officials and suppress the city's Black population. Local control was restored in 2012 through a statewide ballot measure.

House Bill 495 establishes a five-member voting board to run the department. The

governor will appoint four city residents, while the St. Louis mayor will hold the fifth spot. Additionally, the governor will select a sixth, non-voting member who can reside in St. Louis County if they own city property. **Kehoe has 90 days to appoint the new Board of Police Commissioners.**

Despite state oversight, local taxpayers will continue funding the department without direct input on its operations, similar to the Kansas City Police Department's governance structure.

Supporters of HB 495 cite the city's crime rate and population decline as reasons for restoring state control. **Opponents argue that crime was worse under previous state control and that the city's population decline began long before local authorities took charge in 2012.**

The bill also includes various public safety provisions, such as prohibiting stunt driving, cracking down on organized retail theft, de-escalation and racial profiling training for law enforcement, requiring law enforcement to report the immigration status of criminal offenders, banning restraints on pregnant prisoners in their third trimester, and creating the Missing and Murdered African-American Women and Girls Task Force.

Here is my current list of committee assignments for the 103rd General Assembly:

Special Committee on Urban Issues, Chairman
Crime and Public Safety, Ranking Minority Member
Joint Committee on Capitol Security
Joint Committee on Legislative Research
Revision Subcommittee - Joint Committee on Legislative Research
Consent and House Procedure
Local Government

If you would like to be added to this email or have any questions regarding state legislation or state issues please feel free to reach out to my legislative assistant Mariah Gilmore.

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I spoke at the Democratic press conference about Governor Mike Kehoe’s recent signing of House Bill 495, which transfers oversight of the St. Louis City Police Department from Black local leaders back to the state. For much of its history, St. Louis was under state control — a system that failed then and continues to fail in my hometown of Kansas City. With this law taking effect immediately, the transition will be challenging. This marks the second time the Republican-controlled Missouri General Assembly has passed legislation that overturns the will of the people this session. This may help morale within the Police Department, however that is no guarantee at all that violent crime will be reduced.



Earlier this week, I had the privilege of hosting a fundraiser for the Hickman Mills Educational Foundation in support of the John Sharp Scholarship. It was inspiring to hear from former recipients and learn about the significant impact these scholarships have on our graduates. A special thank you to Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II for serving as our featured speaker, and my deepest appreciation to Bob Kendrick and everyone at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum for their support. In the photo, from left to right, are Representative Mike Johnson, myself, Congressman Cleaver and my father Pastor Ron Lindsay, and Representative Anthony T. Ealy Jr.



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South KC Food Pantries

South Kansas City is fortunate to have several food pantries to help less-fortunate residents have enough healthy food to eat. These include:

Community Assistance Council, 10901 Blue Ridge Blvd. on the north end of the Ruskin High School campus. Persons should call 816-763-3277, ext. 100, or email info@cackc.org for appointments or questions.

Serve and Lift Center – South KC, 8001 Longview Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Walk-in, call for an appointment or order online at <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/pantry/>

Red Bridge Area Food Pantry, 100 W. Red Bridge Rd. in the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday each month. Persons must call 816-908-7800 for appointments by the prior Wednesday.

Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to seven sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Center School District, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as long as food is left on the first Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

Center District Warehouse, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center

Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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