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**WASINGER ANNOUNCES BID FOR ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL;  
CITES “RETENTION OF GOP BALANCE” AND “NEW ERA OF  
MANAGEMENT” ON CRITICAL COUNTY ISSUES**

*Retiring Councilman Mange Quickly Endorses Wasinger as Successor*

Town & Country Alderman Colleen Wasinger filed Tuesday to fill the seat of retiring St. Louis County Councilman Skip Mange, calling for “retaining the Republican balance in County government” and targeting “a new era of management for critical issues facing St. Louis County and the region.”

Mange quickly endorsed Wasinger as “a highly qualified and competent leader who has tremendous expertise and a common sense approach to government.”

Wasinger, 40, is both an M.B.A. and an attorney. Her election would be a first for those qualifications on the County Council.

“St. Louis County faces many complex challenges that involve difficult financial and legal choices for residents and businesses,” Wasinger said. “I will bring my background to the table, along with one of my proudest qualifications—a mother of a young family in our community. The concerns of families building and protecting their future are very important to me.”

Among the key issues Wasinger outlined for her candidacy for the Republican nomination for Third District-County Council are:

- Maintaining a balance in County government by keeping a Republican majority that can work as a team.
- A strong, fiscally conservative approach to County finances and taxes.
- A fair real estate assessment process for homeowners and businesses.
- Committing to safeguard the tax increment financing (TIF) process in the

County to ensure that only measurable community gains are considered in the review process of any proposal.

- Stringent restrictions on the use of eminent domain to protect residential properties and existing businesses, including opposing the taking of private property for private economic gain.
- Collaborating with and protecting municipalities within the district and unincorporated areas in the design and implementation of the Highway 64/40 reconstruction plan.
- Supporting economic development that helps revitalize aging inner suburbs and keeps the region competitive and sustains County services.
- Promoting regional cooperation to advance the long-term prospects of the St. Louis area for services, economic development, educational opportunities, job retention and recreation.

Prior to leaving professional practice to spend time raising her family, Wasinger was an attorney for The DESCO Group. She has also been a paralegal for the law firm of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale and The May Department Stores Co. She received her J.D., magna cum laude, from St. Louis University Law School in 2000 and her M.B.A. from St. Louis University School of Business in 1992.

A life-long resident of West St. Louis County and graduate of the Parkway School District, Wasinger is married to David Wasinger, an attorney and member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators. They have two sons, Alexander, 4, and Andrew, 2. She is a trustee of Huntington Farms subdivision and is a member of St. Clement Parish.

The Third County Council District includes part or all of Creve Coeur, Westwood, Frontenac, Ladue, Huntleigh, Chesterfield, Kirkwood, Des Peres, Town & Country, Manchester, Twin Oaks, Valley Park, Fenton, Sunset Hills and portions of unincorporated St. Louis County.