



**2023**

# **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**VOTER GUIDE**

**WARD 10**

**MARCH 7TH, APRIL 4TH ELECTION DAY**



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## **Important Dates**



**Register to vote by 02/08**



**Request a mail in absentee ballot by 2/22**



**Vote absentee in person by 03/06**



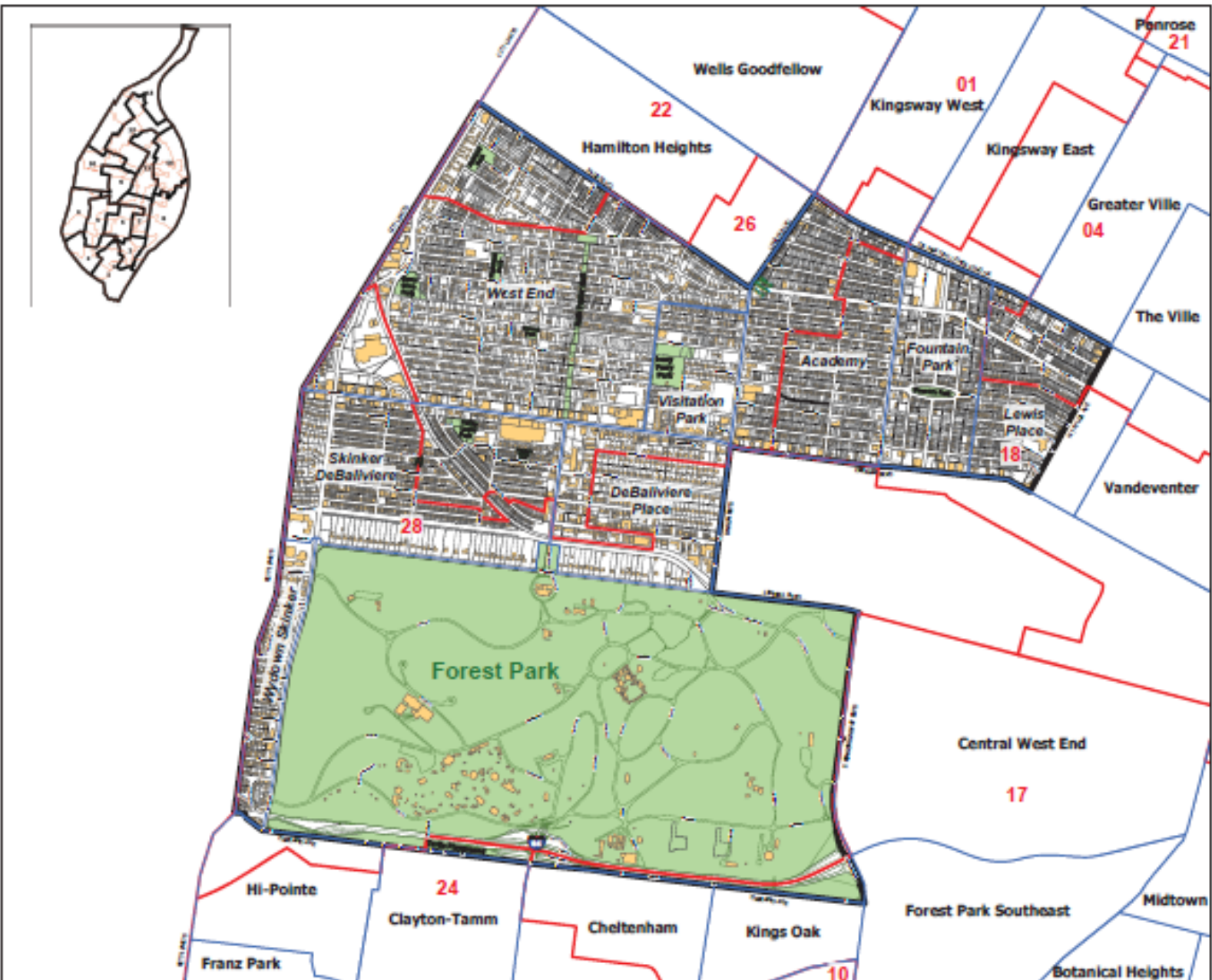
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## **Role of the BOA**

**The Board of Aldermen is the legislative body of the City of St. Louis and creates, passes, and amends local laws, as well as approves the City's budget every year. There are now fourteen aldermen, after ward reduction, one from each ward in the City and a Board of Aldermen President.**

**All candidates running for the Board of Alderman were sent these questions.  
Answers are copied verbatim without any editing.**



**Legend**

- WARD 10 2021
- WARD 2011
- NEIGHBORHOODS
- BLOCKS
- PARCELS
- BUILDING FOOTPRINTS
- PARKS

# WARD 10

Adopted on 12/27/2021

City of St. Louis - Planning & Urban Design Agency

**PLANNING & URBAN DESIGN**

City of St. Louis

# Voting Locations

Polls open from 6am-7pm

**YOU CAN VOTE AT ANY LOCATION.**

**Buder Library**

4401 Hampton Ave

**Central Library**

1303 Olive St

**Friendly Temple Missionary Church**

5544 Dr. MLK Dr

**Hamilton Elementary School**

5819 West Minster Pl

**Missouri School For The Blind**

3867 Magnolia Ave

**Nance Elementary School**

8959 Riverview Blvd

**Newstead M. B. Church**

725 Bellerive Blvd

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church**

5020 Rhodes Ave

**Salvation Army Temple Corps**

2740 Arsenal St

**Schlafly Library**

225 N. Euclid Ave

**Woodward Elementary School**

725 Bellerive Blvd

## Voter ID Requirements

Show one of the forms of acceptable identification and sign the poll book to obtain your ballot:

- A nonexpired Missouri driver or non-driver license;
- A nonexpired military ID, including a veteran's ID card;
- A nonexpired United States passport; or
- Another photo ID issued by the United States or the state of Missouri which is either not expired or expired after the date of the most recent general election.

# Ward 10 Candidates



**Shameem Clark-Hubbard**



**Emmett Coleman**

# Question 1

**Please provide a 250-word introduction explaining why you feel that voters in your ward should elect you as their representation to the Board of Aldermen.**

## **Emmett Coleman**

I am running to represent my Mighty 10th Ward because I am a strong and effective leader that will communicate with residents and collaborate with all of the city services to improve the quality of life for all 10th Ward residents. I want to see improvements in all of the neighborhoods in our 10th Ward while also retaining our diversity. I also will produce productive legislation that will positively impact the lives of all city residents, not just a few.

## **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

# Question 2

**What do you believe to be the most important role(s) of an Alderperson?**

## **Emmett Coleman**

An alderperson's main role is to legislate, but I believe the most important role is to help facilitate improvements to the quality of life issues with neighborhoods while also providing positive opportunities for the youth and future generations.

## **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

# Question 3

**What is your plan for maximizing community participation around legislative processes in order to make things more accessible and transparent in St. Louis?**

## **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to give reports at neighborhood meetings within my ward while also posting updates to board bills and resolutions on my website and social media platforms from origin in committees to discussions and voting at the full Board of Alderman meetings. I also plan to give constituents the opportunity to provide perspective and feedback throughout the legislative process.

## **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 4

**TIF: Although TIFs and other sorts of tax incentives and credits are intended to be used to spur development in blighted areas, in St. Louis they are overwhelmingly used in wealthier areas. What should be done differently (please be specific)?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to support the use of TIFs and Tax Abatement in my ward with rehab projects on long vacant properties with six figure rehab costs. I would also facilitate Community Benefit Agreements along with any tax incentives associated with any development projects including new construction.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 5

**How would you more effectively address intra community violence and harm in the city of St. Louis, and more specifically in your ward?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

As Alderperson, I will re-implement gun buy-back programs. I also plan to offer counseling, tutoring, and mentorships for the youth within the neighborhoods within my ward. I also plan to facilitate job readiness programs and higher educational opportunities.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 6

**One of the first bills proposed in this upcoming State legislative session included returning local control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department back to the state of Missouri. What is your stance on local control and pre-emptive attacks on local policy?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I would like to have conversations with the Saint Louis Metro Police Department and their associated union organizations to gain their perspective. I would, then, relay that to my constituents and receive public input before taking a stance on local control.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 7

**In what ways should the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department be more accountable to the residents of this city? How would you ensure that SLMPD achieves those standards of accountability?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I would like to see monetary rewards for officers who anonymously report misconduct. I will also try to facilitate monthly community meetings between our district police captain, community liaisons, the Ethical Society of Police, and the community.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 8

**With the passage of BB 116, we will see the beginnings of a Universal Basic Income program for residents of the city. The current program outlines that you have to be a city resident, have a child(ren) under the age of 18 enrolled in the public school district, and not exceed 170% of the Federal Poverty Level. How do you feel about this Universal Basic Income? If you support UBI, how would you seek to expand this program to include those that don't fall under these current requirements? (I.E. Homeless, those city residents who chose to enroll students into city charter schools, etc.)**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I feel that BB 116 is not sustainable at all. I do not see a considerable impact from \$9,000 over 18 months for a few hundred families, especially with the higher costs of living due to inflation. I would think that \$48,000 over 24 months for thousands of families would be more sustainable for families in need. I also would have rather provided something that could have been easier to measure its success such as sponsorships for childcare with families with certain income requirements, etc. We need a plan to measure the successes of Universal Basic Income programs before seeking to expand them.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.



## Question 9

**What concrete steps will you take to alleviate homelessness in the City of St. Louis?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to legislate to provide funding mechanisms for the development of long-term temporary housing for the homeless and implement quality counseling, drug rehabilitation, and mental health services. I would like to see housing where individuals can stay while getting the help that they need after individual needs have been identified by specialists.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 10

**How do you plan to fund needed infrastructure improvements in the city, particularly in areas impacted by flooding?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to hold MSD accountable for its approach toward waste system updates or lack thereof to reduce flooding risks. I also plan to include funding for much needed infrastructure needs in the city's fiscal budget each fiscal year earmarked for different projects including repaving of roads, transit improvements, ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, and the installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 11

**What are some of your biggest priorities for ARPA spending?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I will fight for providing funding for our most critical infrastructure needs, for residential developments to house the unhoused, provide accessible drug rehabilitation facilities, implement programs for job readiness and higher educational opportunities.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 12

One of the greatest factors around increasing economic mobility in the region is through increasing public transit access. How do you plan to make public transit more accessible across the city?

### **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to collaborate with Bi-State Agency to revamp the current public transit routes to better serve our residents. The amount of time that it takes to get from one destination to another within our metro area needs to be shortened by at least half.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 13

Issues of environmental racism affect many families in St Louis. How do you plan to address issues such as lead poisoning, food apartheid, illegal dumping, and air quality that leads to higher rates of asthma?

### **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to fight for additional funding to eradicate lead-based paint in homes within the city. I also would like to provide funding for more cameras in alleys to hold illegal dumpers accountable. I also plan to have electric car charging stations installed within walking distance of commercial corridors within the 10th Ward.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 14

How will you use your position on the Board of Alderman to increase access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care including but not limited to abortion care, pregnancy, and postpartum support?

### **Emmett Coleman**

I will strive to provide the funding for free or subsidized reproductive health care in the City of Saint Louis. I will also fight to obtain accessible locations to promote adequate reproductive health care options.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 15

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### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 16

**With more than 25% of renters in the city of St. Louis being rent-burdened, what is your plan to expand access to affordable housing and advocate for renter protections throughout the city?**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I plan to hold landlords accountable for providing healthy living conditions and ensuring that their properties do not interfere with the quality of life of residents within our community. I know that most household wealth is created through home ownership, and I will strive to turn renters into homeowners by providing avenues for homeownership and down-payment assistance programs. I would also like to implement funding for the rentals of single family homes with options to purchase at affordable prices and interest rates.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 17

**Do you support the demand for a citywide reparations process? Please explain your position.**

### **Emmett Coleman**

I do support a citywide reparations agenda, but that does not include free monetary payments. I believe that we should provide grants for minority small businesses or college sponsorships, etc. I think that we should provide ways for individuals to have better opportunities for upward economic mobility and increase the velocity of money.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 18

What is your position on privatization as it relates to city assets? Please explain your position.

### **Emmett Coleman**

I do not believe in the privatization of any city assets. I believe that the city should be capable of managing all of its assets.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.

## Question 19

What is your position on city/county reunification? Please explain your position.

### **Emmett Coleman**

I believe the City of Saint Louis should be within Saint Louis County to consolidate countywide positions like the Assessors Office, Parks Department, Streets Department, etc. I would save taxpayer money and improve the overall health of our region.

### **Shameem Clark-Hubbard**

Did not respond.