

The members of The American Institute of Architects St. Louis Chapter support Mayor Slay and his administration's position that a public vote should be held regarding the funding for a public stadium. In a November 2002 referendum vote, St. Louis voters passed St. Louis City Revised Code Chapter 3.91 Professional Sports Facility; instructing a vote for public professional sports facility funding.

We know that new projects are good for the design and construction industry, a large segment of Missouri's economy.

Moreover, we also know that public sector funding of projects carries a responsibility for all involved. The citizens of St. Louis deserve to be involved in the discussions for and about the development, and comply with an ordinance passed in 2002. Good policy involves public discourse and compliance with the law.

The architectural community of the AIA St. Louis Chapter supports a public vote for stadium funding and offers to facilitate and/or assist with a public discourse on the funding issue.

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