



Elect as Your Choice for
St. Louis County Council

November 8th

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Today and for the last time before the Election, I come before you because I am running for the St Louis County Council District 2 seat.

I want to take a moment to **THANK ALL OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN**...for allowing me to sit in on their meetings. I have learned SO MUCH FROM ALL OF YOU, on the various ways we all run our Cities. I have truly enjoyed my time Campaigning and getting to know part of the County Better.

For those whose doors I was unable to make it to, please give me a call if you would like me to stop by still before the election.....314-517-2378.

The job of the St Louis County Councilman is no different than the job of our Municipal Councils, just a larger population to serve. Approximately 1,000,000 people "to serve." That is a lot of people's lives to affect without asking their opinions or taking them into consideration when they do - give them to you.

Maybe if my opponent had taken the time to get to know and understand how Municipalities work, and listened to his Constituents when they came to meetings, or at minimum returned a phone call or email when sent.... he could have made better choices....

- INSTEAD....

My Opponent voted YES on Stengers Police Bill without investigating the facts of the Municipal Departments. Without listening to the **people say NO! we DO NOT like your bill DO NOT pass it.** Please see my website at www.amypoelker2.com for the details and facts on this bill. Stengers Police Bill **was meant to take away your Police Department and replace it with the County Police.** I have spoken to many of you while knocking on doors in the Municipalities, I have not run across any residents who do not like their Police Departments. Though the court has deemed this bill

UNCONSTITUTIONAL, my opponent still voted to fight it through the Missouri Supreme Court.

My Opponent also voted YES on the Landlord Bill, which when designed literally made YOU THE PARENT- A LANDLORD WHEN YOUR KIDS MOVED BACK IN WITH YOU, requiring a NEW OCCUPANCY INSPECTION, thus the requirement to UPDATE YOUR HOMES TO 2016 CODES...imagine how much that would cost YOU in your more Senior Years, when you are trying to save for retirement!!! Yet another bill deemed UNCONSTITUTIONAL by the court that my opponent voted to continue to fight at the Supreme Court level.

My opponent also voted for the Senior Tax that we will be voting on in Nov. I want you to look into this tax thoroughly, as it has no defined method by which the money will be spent. I emailed a representative of the organization sponsoring the tax and she could not find out how it would be spent. **Personally I would never** put through a tax if I did not know how it would be used.

Too often I find that Politicians think it's so important to have some new law that they can tell their constituents that they are responsible for in order to feel like they have accomplished something while they are in office.

My opponent just created a new law (T21) that sounds good on the outside yet if you see through the limelight, literally becomes **just another law to JAIL people and FINE them** to make more Revenue for the County, on the backs of the residents and businesses.

I believe we need to rebuild and restructure the County's budget so that wasteful spending is eliminated and the County's infrastructure and personnel are reinvested in.

You see in my own City of St Ann, I have already seen and been through many of the things that are happening in the County today. The County's revenue is declining as businesses choose elsewhere to locate like St Charles or Jefferson County.

They may or may not see this coming – But this is what we experienced with the loss of Northwest Plaza, they say History Repeats itself if we are not watching - instead of Thinking Outside the Box to do something about it, **they cover it up** with Grandiose Spending like a 40 Million Dollar Soccer Field or 3 Million for a Metro Link Study which if built would again take Millions if not Billions of our tax payer dollars. Etc., etc....

Money is being **spent like there is no tomorrow**, NO ONE is accounting for the future Maintenance and Repairs of what we have now more or less new things.

How will these items be paid for? What are their plans to maintain and repair the infrastructures? Grants? **That is not a solid plan**, it's a plan to take more of our tax dollars because that's what Grants are, like the Arch tax, currently our munis get grants for parks through the Arch tax.

You do not buy a home or a car without realizing you have to set aside money for the furnace, a/c, water heater/water pump, driveway, exhaust or brakes which will all

need replacement or repairs someday...but this is what our County Government is doing, all the while the **County Streets are in desperate need of repair, Employees have gone for 8 years, 7 years, 5 years without a raise** while other higher level positions are seeing huge increases and positions that are not needed are being created.

So they are **losing Employees**, in the news on 9/19 Chief Belmar said he was losing officers on the average of one/week. Trust me I worked as a Fast Food General Manager for 23 years...**Training is very expensive**, MORE expensive than giving the employee the raise they deserve to keep them and let them know their work is appreciated. Government fails to hold itself to the same standards businesses are held to.

I wish to serve the people as their St Louis County Councilman because I believe that **those who govern over us, should be listening to us**. This is NOT what I or quite a few of my residents have experienced from MY OPPONENT.

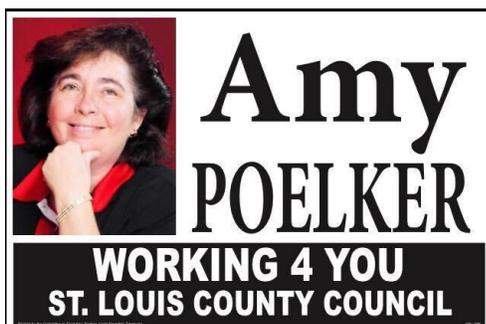
Sometimes we are not thinking about politics and need our politicians to push information out to us, I for one did and it wasn't happening - so while I was not concentrating on the very reasons I moved to St Ann, my mall fell apart and the city around it went into a steady decline.

Today you will see we have turned St Ann towards success....

Jobs are the answer to St Louis County's future success, people need to feel independent to have hope, a reason to go to school, Jobs in North County have been neglected for 3 decades by the Council, it's time to change that, while working on the whole, as well.

***** Running our County should be about "**WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE**, to make St. Louis County a strong and business friendly environment, thus providing **JOBS** for the people of St Louis County -**N, S, E, W** while assisting in keeping our **County Schools Strong**, our citizens **Safe**, our **infrastructure** strong, and providing necessary services to the People." *****

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