

Re-elect Karl Skala for Council

“Experienced Leadership”

Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve as the 3rd ward representative on the Columbia City Council for the past three years, and I hope to continue to make a positive contribution. I care deeply about Columbia -- both the people who live here and the environment in which we live. As you may know, I have been **active in creating change** in our community, along with many other dedicated friends and fellow citizens. We have made some progress, but much more needs to happen.

As a City Council member, I have and will continue to **support economic development** initiatives to create good, high-paying jobs, including the University of Missouri Life Sciences Business Incubator, Ewing Industrial Park, and the expansion of the Discovery Ridge Research Park. I have also supported the redevelopment of downtown Columbia, the heart of our city for both residents and visitors. These kinds of initiatives can contribute to our prosperity and quality of life.

I support growth that is sustainable, well-planned, respects the environment, and builds on existing infrastructure. These efforts include the Columbia East and Columbia Northeast Area Plans, the Natural Resources Inventory, and the continued development of renewable energy sources for the city electric utility. I also led the effort to appropriate funds for, and begin work on, the Comprehensive Plan & Growth Management Plan as an extension of our citizen driven Visioning process.

I have been **working toward open and accessible city government.** I offer a strong and principled voice for citizens who feel ignored by our City Council, and firmly believe that residents should have input into decisions that affect their city and their neighborhoods. For example, I opposed the construction of a long-term acute care hospital (LTAC) on Old Highway 63 because of strong constituent opposition to that particular site, although I thought the hospital was desirable if constructed in a better location.

I support a common-sense, hands-on approach to neighborhood safety. In my time on the Council, I have voted for additional officers and equipment/training for the police on several occasions; the creation of a Street Crimes and dedicated Downtown Units resulting in an enhanced police presence in both our neighborhoods and in the downtown area. I also **voted to install surveillance cameras in all downtown parking garages.** I

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did not vote to dedicate limited city funds for general public surveillance cameras on downtown street corners, because of the lack of evidence that this approach is effective, and because I feel the funds would be better spent on proactive policing downtown and in our neighborhoods (where 85% of all crimes take place). Future decisions on downtown public surveillance will, of course, be informed by the results of the ballot initiative.

It will take a very **strong and dedicated grass roots effort** for my re-election campaign to succeed. My opponent's supporters have made it clear that they plan to attack me because of my opposition to two related, large, expensive and environmentally damaging new development projects (Cross Creek and the Maguire bridges). To see some of the devastation I tried to prevent by advocating for better plans, go to:

<http://www.skalaforcouncil.com/press.htm>

With thousands of brochures to purchase, yard signs and radio ads to develop and place, and 10,000 houses to canvass, I will need help. I am turning to you, humbly inviting you to get involved in the campaign and help make a difference. **Your early contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 or more will give us a tremendous boost.** Please make your check payable to "Skala for Council" and return it in the enclosed envelope (or to the address below). **Please sign up to help in other ways if you can,** and be sure to visit <http://www.skalaforcouncil.com/> for more information (donations can also be made directly from this website).

I hope you will support my journey to continue to represent Third Ward residents/taxpayers, restore openness and accessibility to the Columbia City Council, promote well-planned, sustainable and equitable growth, and enhance public safety. **Thank you** in advance for your encouragement and generous support.

Sincerely,

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