

For eight years, Representative Barbara Fraser has represented a portion of St. Louis County (District 83) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Her experience in the State Legislature uniquely equips her to address St. Louis County issues as a member of the St. Louis County Council.

Fraser has worked to ensure that Missouri's educational and economic environments remain strong. She currently serves on the Budget Committee, the Education Appropriations Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Fraser's legislation has centered on safeguarding issues of Education, Children, and Health Care. She sponsored and carried the legislation that reauthorized the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPs), a bill ensuring health care for over 70,000 children in Missouri (HB 1926, 2002). Fraser worked passionately for funding for Missouri schools. She served on the Interim Committee for Funding for Higher Education and the Joint Interim Committee for K-12 Education.

Working to promote economic development in the community, Fraser has been a strong supporter of historic tax credits and equitable property assessment practices. She advocated to keep jobs in the St. Louis region. Fraser supported the Quality Jobs Program, which provides business with incentives for job creation (SB 343, 2005). As a legislative member of the Missouri Cultural Trust Fund Board, she has worked especially hard to restore funding for the arts throughout her career. Elected Chair of the St. Louis Regional Caucus by her fellow legislators, Fraser worked to overcome partisanship in order to advance the region.

Representative Fraser is a graduate of the 2004 John F. Kennedy Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University and a 2002 graduate of Leadership St. Louis.

Representative Fraser is an active member of the community, both in St. Louis County and the state of Missouri. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the National Council of State Legislators, Missouri Director for Women in Government, and board member of Independence Center. Fraser is also a member of the St. Louis County Economic Council. She was elected to the University City School Board in 1983, where she served four terms, with one term as president. She has also served as a subdivision trustee.

Before her election to the legislature, Rep. Fraser was a teacher for 22 years. She taught at Mary Institute and Country Day School (MICDS) for 15 years, and has worked for Francis Howell, Clayton, and other school districts since beginning her career in 1969.

Fraser currently resides in University City. She is married to Norman Jones, and they have two children each.

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