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Former Webster Groves mayor to run for St. Louis County Council

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Terri Williams, a former mayor of Webster Groves, will launch her campaign for a seat on the St. Louis County Council in a parade.

Williams will have a float — “Hometown Girl at Election Time” — in the Webster Groves 4th of July parade which starts at 10 a.m. Saturday. In a statement her supporters predict that about 50 will accompany the float. The parade will go along Lockwood and Gore avenues, Big Bend Boulevard, Elm Avenue and Glendale Road.

Voters will not consider county council seats until a primary in August 2010 and a general election the following November. Williams is seeking the 5th District seat that Councilwoman **Barbara Fraser**, D-University City, now holds. Fraser is running for state senator from the 24th District. Candidates cannot file for any of the 2010 election races until February.



Williams said she would ask local mayors, small business owners and community leaders “what is important to you?” and try to work together to solve district problems.

The county, she said, should try to help small businesses and let their owners know what resources they have available. These businesses are taking big hits in the recession, she said.

MetroLink should expand to all parts of the county, she said. Gas prices are in a lull and will go up, she said.

Williams favors a joint St. Louis-St. Louis County ban on smoking in public places. “The city and the county should make a concerted effort to work together. It will be good for businesses long term and for tourism,” she said.

Williams was mayor of Webster Groves from 1994 to 1998. She also had been executive director of the Webster Groves-Shrewsbury Chamber of Commerce and held citizen advocate and taxpayer’s advocate positions in county government. She is chairwoman of the University of Missouri St. Louis County Extension Council.

The 5th District runs from Olivette and University City to Affton and Crestwood in the east-central part of the county.