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Mayor Slay signs Whistleblower Bill



St. Louis, Mo. - Mayor Francis Slay was joined by 26 Ward Alderman Frank Williamson and St. Louis City NAACP President Adolphus M. Pruitt, II for the signing of Board Bill #220, an Ordinance establishing the City of St. Louis's Whistleblower Law. The law provides City employees protection from retaliatory action for reporting and cooperating in the investigation and/or prosecution of improper governmental action.

In November 2016 the St. Louis NAACP wrote Alderman Williamson asking for his support in sponsoring the legislation due to the numbers of complaints the NAACP was receiving from City employees whom feared retaliation for reporting improper government actions. "Ironically we received more complaints from Public Safety employees (both police & fire) than any other department in City government" stated Adolphus M. Pruitt, II, President to the City NAACP.

According to Alderman Williamson - "No City employee should have to make a judgment call as to whether the benefits of the job override the employee's personal objection to the employer's policies and agenda. Whistle-blowers can play a crucial role not only as powerful monitors in City government but also as agents of change."