

Ms. Cathy J. Lovins has been a homeowner and resident of Ferguson for the past two years. She teaches fourth, fifth, and sixth grade Reading at Griffith Elementary School in Dellwood, which is in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Ms. Lovins holds an Education Specialist (EdS) in Central Office Leadership through the Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis Department of University of Missouri-Columbia. She is a current cohort participant of UMSL's 2019 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows, a 9-month civic fellowship for community leaders seeking to produce more equitable regional policies for their community. She also recently completed UMSL's Neighborhood Leadership Academy in November 2018. Ms. Lovins has prior history with University of Missouri Extension Council as a member and secretary of the Moniteau County UM Extension Council, a rural community close to Jefferson City. Her first understanding of Extension was taking her daughter to have exams proctored as a collaboration agreement with University of Missouri High School, an online K-12 program through the University of Missouri-Columbia. She became interested in all the offerings of Extension and wanted others in her community to be aware of the opportunities and services Extension has available. Ms. Lovins' goal in becoming a member of the St. Louis County Council will be to continue advocating for excellent educational opportunities for all ages and in all areas of the county.