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ST. CHARLES COUNTY EXECUTIVE HOSTS ECONOMIC DISCUSSION WITH KEY BUSINESS SECTOR LEADERS

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – When St. Charles County’s business leaders met with County Executive Steve Ehlmann recently for their quarterly economic meeting, Ehlmann was told just what he wanted to hear: helpful insights and information to help his administration keep moving forward.

The group, representing financial services, healthcare, logistics/transportation, advanced manufacturing and information technology, told the County Executive of their optimism for the global economy in 2017 and their desire to have Uber and bus shuttles operating in the community. They discussed issues such as full employment, an aging workforce, millennials, automation, robotics and more.

“As we look beyond the recent presidential and gubernatorial elections,” the County Executive says, “the insights and suggestions each of these top business officials offered on the local economy, transportation issues and other opportunities and challenges, will be very helpful for my administration as we continue our focus on St. Charles County as a premier community in metro St. Louis.

“The local economy is booming in St. Charles County,” Ehlmann continues, “but there remains work to do as we all adjust to the rise of millennials in the workforce, expected changes in U.S. trade agreements around the world, and the need for us to go beyond the excellent road and bridge system we have been building for decades in the community.”

Business attendees at the meeting included Shawn Kormanek, Site President of Citi; Chris Watts, President of Progress West Hospital and Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital; Linda Haberstroh, President of Phoenix Textile Corporation; Chris Seyer, CEO of Seyer Industries; Randy Schilling, President/CEO of BoardPac; and Olivia Lindsey, Director of Human Resources for Nike IHM.

Ehlmann says several areas discussed in the meeting will become priorities, including transportation network companies. “It’s time for us to do what is necessary to allow Uber and Lyft to operate in St. Charles County,” Ehlmann says. “We will support local and state-wide efforts to allow Missouri and our community to jump into the 21st century.”

For more information about the local economy, workforce, and business growth assistance, contact the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development at 636-255-6060 or visit www.sccmo.org/Workforce-Business-Development.

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