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**UNIVERSITY CITY MAYOR SHELLEY WELSCH CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE  
IN MAYOR'S INSTITUTE ON CITY DESIGN SESSION ON APRIL 25-27**

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo., April 21, 2012—University City Mayor Shelley Welsch was selected to participate in the Mayor's Institute on City Design 53<sup>rd</sup> Session in St. Louis on April 25-27. Welsch was invited to participate in the session by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay. Only five mayors throughout the nation are participating in the St. Louis session.

The Mayor's Institute on City Design session also will include participation by city design and development professionals from Washington, D.C., Ann Arbor, Mich., Boston, Seattle, San Francisco and Philadelphia. The two-and-a-half day session involves case study scenarios presented by each mayor depicting urban design challenges unique to their city. Participants brainstorm and discuss creative solutions, offer suggestions and identify key design challenges for each city.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to work with mayors and design professionals from around the country to present some of the challenges we face along Olive Boulevard, and to get their insight and input on what we might do to take full economic advantage of this part of our City," said Mayor Welsch. "It's really a once-in-a lifetime opportunity for the City of University City."

More than 850 mayors have graduated from the Mayor's Institute on City Design.

About the Mayor's Institute on City Design

The Mayors' Institute on City Design is a [National Endowment for the Arts](#) leadership initiative in partnership with the [American Architectural Foundation](#) and the [United States Conference of Mayors](#). Since 1986, the Mayors' Institute has helped transform communities through design by preparing mayors to be the chief urban designers of their cities.

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