

On behalf of the SBD Steering Committee, we want to thank **YOU** for coming to this site to hopefully obtain more information to make an informed decision about the upcoming SBD vote. It is a challenge to get the word out as there is not a regular free Suburban Journal type resource for our entire community to be notified of news. The SBD public exploration process officially began in January 2023 when a mailer was sent to each household in the proposed boundary alerting affected residents that a formal process is commencing that would result in future community vote. Besides individuals posting on local social media outlets, the next closest "no cost" communication tool to cover most of the residents is the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association newsletter which is only published to all residents once a year (due to soaring printing and mailing costs) and only emailed to dues paying members quarterly. Please feel free to go to the SLHNA website (www.stlhills.com) to access past newsletters, beginning in 4th quarter 2022, to read articles covering the SBD topic. Therefore, the SLHNA communication tools were chosen as partner to help spread awareness of this topic. Members of the resident led SBD Steering Committee appreciate SLHNA for allowing this topic to be discussed in the newsletter but also at their various hosted community meetings that are open to all residents. These community meetings also host aldermanic candidates and other public officials in an effort to help educate residents to things happening in our community. Whether the SBD passes or fails, we are grateful that the SLHNA allowed this topic to be brought forth so it can be evaluated by the community. In an effort to help post upcoming and past meetings, announcements, proposed budgets, financials, goals, board member info, and ways to get involved, we created this website designed to be a resource to find information and we hope to make it better as the process evolves. Anyone who wants to assist in the SBD efforts and process is welcome, and we definitely need help from IT and Marketing folks who are more adept in proficient ways to spread information and awareness. We are not associated with any Facebook group, Twitter page, Instagram, or Next Door. This is a resident led initiative, there are no special donors or special interest groups. Any perceived lack of communication is a function of an effort based on volunteers contributing their skill sets, time and attention operating on a budget of \$0.