

**Newspapers do what they do because they believe that when the people know what's going on around them they will respond appropriately.**

**That's why newspapers oppose closed government records and meetings. If the people do not know what the government is doing and why it is doing it, they cannot make the right choices at the ballot box.**

**What's the point in voting if the people you elect are going to keep you out of meetings and close the records of their activities?**



**A Freedom of Information  
message from  
this newspaper and  
the Missouri  
Press Association.**