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## **Tom Santel Named Executive Director of Civic Progress**

**ST. LOUIS, May 14, 2018** – Beginning July 1, 2018, Tom Santel, former president and CEO of Anheuser-Busch’s international subsidiary and head of the company’s corporate planning group, will become executive director of Civic Progress.

Civic Progress, an organization comprising the CEOs and leading executives from the region’s largest employers, is committed to making St. Louis a more vibrant community.

Santel will replace Tom Irwin who is retiring on June 30, 2018, after 12 years in the position and leading the way for Civic Progress to make improvements to the St. Louis community.

“With the solid foundation Tom Irwin has laid, and the leadership and vision Tom Santel brings, I have every confidence that, together, we will create a better community,” said Civic Progress President Suzanne Sitherwood.

Santel brings with him a long history of leadership and strategic planning to St. Louis. After leaving Anheuser-Busch, he completed a fellowship at Harvard University’s Advanced Leadership Initiative, then launched an early childhood program at BJC HealthCare called *Raising St. Louis*, which serves low-income families. Santel’s commitment to St. Louis is clear: he currently serves as board chair of St. Louis University High School and is a member of the boards of Boys Hope Girls Hope International, Grace Hill Settlement House and HomeWorks!.

[Civic Progress](#), founded in 1953, currently numbers 33 members.

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