

# Jeffery M. Donohue

Fairdale, Kentucky • 

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## SUMMARY

Lifetime Fairdale resident with four decades of public service, labor leadership, and community advocacy. Former Kentucky State Representative for District 37 (2013–2023) and longtime UAW Local 862 negotiator at Ford's Louisville Assembly Plant. Track record of building consensus across local, state, and federal partners to deliver tangible improvements for the Fairdale community.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### **Kentucky State House of Representatives, District 37** 2013 – 2023

*State Representative, Commonwealth of Kentucky* Frankfort, KY

Five-term Representative for Fairdale and South Louisville. Committee service: Appropriations & Revenue; Co-Chair, Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Tourism, Natural Resources, and Environmental Protection; Vice Chair, Labor & Industry; Education; Licensing & Occupations; Natural Resources & Energy; Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection; Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs.

- Secured funding and delivered the West Manslick / Mount Holly Road roundabout, anchoring the broader Fairdale Village Center plan.
- Partnered with Metro Councilwoman Vicki Welch to deliver the Fairdale Village Green — Louisville Metro's 121st park — featuring a bandstand, terraced concert lawn, veterans' flag plaza, Jefferson Memorial Forest gateway, and a Louisville Loop trailhead.
- Secured \$2M+ in final-term funding for the Louisville Water Company line extension to Tom Wallace Park, enabling new restrooms and future public-private partnerships. Coordinated across Louisville Water, Metro Government, Metro Council, the Governor's Office, and federal American Rescue Plan resources.
- Filed legislation for senior property tax relief to protect fixed-income homeowners from rising assessments.

## LABOR & INDUSTRY

### **Ford Motor Company — Louisville Assembly Plant** 1973 – 2008

*Local Negotiator, UAW Local 862 Bargaining Committee (final 15 years)* Louisville, KY

- Negotiated four local contracts on behalf of UAW Local 862 membership.
- Helped negotiate the Concession Agreement with Ford Motor Company that, with local, state, and national support, kept the Louisville Assembly Plant open and secured new product allocation — protecting thousands of Kentucky manufacturing jobs.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Fairdale.
- Fairdale Lions Club; UAW Local 862 Recreation Committee; Okolona Democratic Club; Metro Democratic Club.
- Lifelong Fairdale resident; raised three sons with wife Colleen.

## EDUCATION

Fairdale High School, Class of 1972 • Saint Jerome Catholic School (elementary), Fairdale, KY.

