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Author, clubwoman, and city council member Emma Lard Longan sought to educate and inspire women to take an active role in government. In 1900, she founded the Longan Study Club to discuss current affairs, arts and culture, history, and law. She later published the book *Parliamentary Rules Made Easy*, which sold over 200,000 copies by the time of her death in 1924. Emma also served as president of the Equal Suffrage Association and Council of Women's Clubs, and she was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Kansas City Athenaeum. In 1922, she became the first woman elected to the upper house of the Kansas City Council.



"The suffrage movement had an earnest and vigorous proponent in Mrs. Longan, who from her earliest days in Kansas City was zealously interested in giving women the vote and a place in government."

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