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Thomas J. Irwin is Executive Director of Civic Progress, a group of the 30 largest employers in the St. Louis region who were formed over 50 years ago to deal with issues of civic importance. Irwin has more than 25 years of diverse public policy and public administration experience.

His previous experience includes serving in senior policy and chief of staff positions to Mayor Kevin White in Boston, Mayor Vincent Schoemehl in the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis County Executive George (Buzz) Westfall, as well as serving as Deputy Director of the City of St. Louis' economic development agency, as Executive Director of the Missouri Gaming Commission, and as Executive Director of the Bi-State Development Agency, the St. Louis region's mass transit authority. Most recently, he was Senior Vice President of Public Policy for RCGA where he directed the region's legislative activities in both Missouri and Illinois, as well as in the U.S. Congress, on behalf of the region's business community.

Irwin holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and an undergraduate degree in Classical Studies and Political Science from the University of Massachusetts. He also did graduate studies at Washington University in St. Louis, in International Relations.

Irwin was also a United States Marine who served a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.