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# MOBILIZE MISSOURI

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State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018



## HEALTHCARE

### 1. How would you protect and/or expand health care access for Missourians?

I am a small business owner and have an insurance plan through the Affordable Care Act. After the election, when Republicans were trying to dismantle the ACA, my son was diagnosed with a stage IV glioblastoma brain tumor. Without my affordable insurance plan, his treatment and medication would have bankrupted me. I do not want other families in Missouri, especially the vulnerable populations, to worry about whether or not they can pay for treatment. I do not want them to choose between healthcare and rent, or healthcare and food. My number one priority is for all Missourians to have access to affordable healthcare. I will work to expand Medicaid and ensure that we do not have medical deserts in this state.

### 2. What can the Missouri legislature can do to combat the opioid crisis?

Studies have shown that states with legalized medical marijuana have lower incidences of opioid overdose and death. We must also work at the state and federal level to monitor the production and distribution of controlled substances. There is no one way to combat the opioid crisis, and the state must increase the amount of money for research.

*Yes or no:*

### 3. Do you support using state funds for addiction and recovery resources?

Yes  No

### 4. Would you support a bill to apply for an Affordable Care Act Reinsurance waiver?

Yes  No

### 5. Do you support Medicare for All legislation (public health insurance)?

Yes  No

## ENVIRONMENT

### **6. What type of legislation do you believe the Missouri legislature could pass to have a significant impact on combating climate change?**

Missouri can update electrical grids to better accommodate wind and solar power, and offer tax incentives for businesses and residences that use and invest in renewable energy sources. It can also create a taskforce to study the effects of climate change in our state. The state can also improve construction standards to reduce the amount of electricity used, and create a system of charging stations for electric vehicles.

*Yes or no:*

### **7. Do you support states tax credits and or/exemptions for businesses and private citizens investing in renewable energy?**

Yes  No

### **8. Do you support a state buyout for residents near the West Lake Landfill?**

Yes  No

### **9. Do you support selling state park land to private entities for economic development?**

Yes  No

### **10. Do you believe local municipalities should have more say over regulating Concentration Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and agriculture growing near state waterways than the EPA?**

Yes  No

## ECONOMIC & LABOR POLICY

### 11. In your view, what role can the state legislature play in attracting and retaining jobs in Missouri?

In order to attract businesses to Missouri, the workers in Missouri need to be educated and healthy. The state legislature should play in active role in providing quality education and providing quality healthcare. Further, the more money consumers have in their pockets to spend, the better the economy. For this reason, I support increasing the minimum wage and protecting labor unions and associations.

### 12. Would you support the development of worker-owned businesses and cooperatives, where business decisions and distribution of profits can be democratically decided by their employees? If so, what kinds of incentives and/or legislation would ideally aid these businesses?

I do not think the State should pass any legislation that promotes one type of business over another. It should not pick winners and losers. Any incentives or legislation which would aid businesses should be applied to all types of businesses equally and fairly.

*Yes or no:*

### 13. Do you support an increase to the state minimum wage? If so, what dollar amount?

Yes  No  \$ 15

### 14. Do you support right to work legislation?

Yes  No

### 15. Will you vote for the state to commit to using union businesses to fulfill state contracts?

Yes  No

### 16. Would you vote to consolidate the current state tax brackets into 2 brackets?

Yes  No

### 17. Do you support low income housing credits?

Yes  No

## **POLICING/JUSTICE**

### **18. What can the state legislature do to improve law enforcement relationships with disenfranchised communities?**

The goals should be to encourage the community to be involved in planning and oversight. Also there need to be better training for the police as well as better education and youth development. Finally, there should be greater emphasis on building personal relationships between law enforcement and the citizens.

### **19. What do you see as the most effective way to reduce crime?**

Education.

### **20. Do you support marijuana legalization? If so, what level of access would you propose?**

Yes. Full legalization.

*Yes or no:*

### **21. Are you in favor of involving state troopers in crime prevention/hot spot policing beyond traffic violations ?**

Yes  No

### **22. Do you support appointing a special prosecutor for officer involved shootings?**

Yes  No

### **23. Do you support “Blue Lives Matter” legislation proposing an increase in penalties for crimes against police officers?**

Yes  No

### **24. Do you support ending the death penalty?**

Yes  No

## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS & GENDER ISSUES

### 25. How would you explain your views on reproductive issues? How do you explain these views to groups with differing opinions in Missouri?

I do not think the State of Missouri should be making healthcare decisions for anyone. Regardless of my beliefs, any healthcare decisions made should be between an individual and the doctor.

I also think the state needs to support teen pregnancy prevention programs, and provide for better sex education classes in public schools. The best way to prevent an abortion is to educate young women and men, and to offer better access to free contraception. You cannot be pro-life, and then not provide the tools and resources for young people to make informed decisions. If someone truly cared about reducing the number of abortions, then we need better access to healthcare and education.

### 26. What measures will you take to ensure that perpetrators of sexual harassment, including those in elected positions, are held accountable for their actions? What will you do to ensure women feel safe reporting these?

This question assumes only women can be sexually harassed. All individuals, whether men or women need to feel safe in their schools, homes and workplaces. We need to educate employers and our police force to handle these situations in an appropriate and compassionate way. No report of sexual harassment or assault should be dismissed until it has been fully investigated. Too often, victims are made to feel embarrassed or belittled when they decide to report an incident. We need to change the way victims are treated.

*Yes or no:*

### 27. Will you protect access to contraception and support mandated insurance coverage, state or private?

Yes  No

### 28. Do you support repealing restrictions against abortion providers and hospitals, including doctor/hospital privileges and the 72 hour waiting period?

Yes  No

### 29. Will you support removing state tax credits for crisis pregnancy centers?

Yes  No

### 30. Do you support mandating that medically accurate sex education be taught in every public school district?

Yes  No

### 31. Will you support legislation that specifically protects the rights and safety of transgender individuals?

Yes  No

## TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**32. Outline your top three priorities for infrastructure expansion or improvement in the state. (Expanding public transportation in cities or rural areas, maintaining state highways and bridges, etc)**

1. Improve mobility for all people
2. Maintain and modernize state highways and bridges
3. Ensure economic efficiency and long-term sustainability

**33. Do you support electrical grid modernization? If yes, do you believe funding for these projects should be partially funded through an increase in utility billing rates?**

Yes, and it should accommodate wind and solar power as well.

*Yes or no:*

**34. Do you support transferring funding, upkeep, and control from the state to counties on secondary state highways? Should any funding or responsibility for state highways be shifted from the state to the county level?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_x\_\_\_

**35. Do you support an increase in the fuel tax in order to enable more infrastructure investment?**

Yes\_x\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**36. Do you support the addition of tolls to increase infrastructure spending?**

Yes\_x\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ only if we follow a similar system like Colorado where Missouri residents would be exempt from paying the tolls.



## GOVERNANCE

**37. Would you support HB 1301, which bans certain lobbyist expenditures to state public officials and removes reporting requirements? Why or why not?**

HB 1301 modifies provisions relating to the distribution of moneys from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to the state forensic laboratory account, so it is unclear which bill this question is referring.

To the extent this question is about lobbyist gifts, I am opposed to any lobbyist gifts and vow to not take any gifts from lobbyists should I be elected.

**38. What should the state do to help enable legally registered voters to participate in elections?**

If elected, I will pursue measures which will make it easier to vote, not harder. Voter suppression is real and is an effective tool used by the Republicans to win elections. I would seek to have longer voting periods, same day registration, and other measures which would increase voter turnout.

*Yes or no:*

**39. Do you support state intervention to make a decision on a the possible merger of St. Louis City and St. Louis County?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_X\_\_

**40. Do you support repealing Missouri's voter ID law?**

Yes\_x\_\_ No\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

*Survey:*

**41. What do you believe would improve Missouri public schools, to make them a better option than private schools?**

Our schools need to be fully funded, and our teachers need to be fairly compensated. My father was a public school teacher for 25 years. I went to private school for 12 years, and have sent my own children to public schools for their entire education. In some areas of our State, the public schools are a “better option” than some private schools.

*Yes or no:*

**42. Do you support public funding for school vouchers for private and charter schools?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_x\_\_

**43. Do you support the election of school boards by voters of the local school district?**

Yes\_\_x\_\_ No\_\_\_

**44. Do you approve of the process Governor Greitens used to appoint state education board members?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_x\_\_

**45. Should teachers be allowed to carry firearms in public schools?**

Yes\_\_\_ No\_x\_\_



**GENERAL**

**46. Why are you seeking the endorsement of Mobilize Missouri?**

I need the help. I need volunteers. I need boots on the ground.

**47. What are your top three legislative goals when elected?**

Protect healthcare and expand medicaid, fully fund education, and protect individuals access to the courts and civil rights.

**48. If elected, how would you foster inclusivity of viewpoints based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation in the state legislature?**

I believe in equality and justice and will fight for those values regardless of the origin of the viewpoint.

**49. Where do you stand on “clean bills” – one bill, one subject?**

I support clean bills.

*Yes or no/fill in the blank:*

**50. Do you have a committee formed?**

Yes  No

**51. Do you have a fundraising plan?**

Yes  No

**52. Have you raised money/gotten commitments already?**

Yes  No

**53. Do you have a campaign manager?**

Yes  No

**54. What amount of time per week do you envision dedicating to campaigning and call time?**

  30   hours

**55. Do you have access to or plan to access VAN or some other voter information/address list?**

Yes  No

**56. Do you know the size of your universe?**

  yes



**57. What is your goal number of votes needed to win?**

**10344**

**58. Do you have someone organizing volunteers for your campaign?**

**Yes   x   No**

**59. List any relevant networks are you a part of or targeting in order to broaden your reach.**

**60. Please use this last opportunity to discuss anything else about your issues, principles, or differentiating factors from opponents that you want your constituents to know:**