



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State Senate Candidate Survey 2018
Joe Adams – State Senate - District 14



HEALTHCARE

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

As I have displayed in my commitment to House Bill 1833, I believe that Missouri needs to opt in to the federal insurance marketplace in order to better allow our citizens to use the Affordable Care Act in a more positive way. It is also especially important to protect the constituents of my district, many of which are employed by major insurance and healthcare providers in the St. Louis area.

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

We need to stop attacking our addicted populations and continue to allow citizens more available access to drug abuse prevention and treatment options that are more accessible and more affordable. In order to reduce the stigma surrounding gaining drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation, we need to criminalize these populations less and attend to the health needs of our community more. Forcing drug addicts into jail cells costs more for the state than helping them rehabilitate and enter back into society and tax-paying citizens.

Yes or no:

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes



ENVIRONMENT

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

We need to move out state towards more renewable energy resources, whether it is solar, wind, or natural gas. One step that could begin to help would be to reinstate the subsidy on solar grids and panels for state businesses and residents.

Yes or no:

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

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



ECONOMIC & LABOR POLICY

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

We need to make sure we have a well-educated population that can be available for the new, highly trained jobs that can come to the state.

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?

Yes, we should make it easy for owners to sell their property and business to workers without taking a tremendous tax hit.

Yes or no:

13. Do you support an increase to the state minimum wage? If so, what dollar amount?
Yes - \$15

14. Do you support right to work legislation?
No

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

16. Would you vote to consolidate the current state tax brackets into 2 brackets?
No

17. Do you support low income housing credits?
Yes



POLICING/JUSTICE

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

One piece of legislation I have pushed before would be a Citizens Police Review Board to investigate civilian deaths in officer-involved shootings and having more of a community driven police force.

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

We need to repair the relationships between our communities and our law enforcement organizations. There is a slew of misunderstanding and misinformation keeping the two sides from coming together and protecting the one thing they have in common, their own community.

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

Yes, but I would also want to first fund research and medical studies to look at the potential effects or medical benefits of marijuana. I would not support recreational at the moment, but medical is something I would support.

Yes or no:

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

No

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

Yes

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

No

24. Do you support ending the death penalty?

Yes



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?

Pro-Choice

I begin to speak to those with differing views that I believe that Women have the right to control their own body and their life. It is a decision that they have to make with themselves, their family and their religious leader.

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?

Make sure that there is adequate funding to test the untested rape kits in circulation, as well as swift but just prosecution of crimes of harassment, especially of sexual natures. We also need to make sure that police forces have adequate staff training to ensure the feeling of safety and no responsibility when reporting such a crime.

Yes or no:

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes



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.)

We need to rebuild the interstate system in the city, repairing and rebuilding bridges in disrepair, and putting higher funding into public transit in both urban and rural areas in lieu of spending on our roads.

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?

We need to find a way to rebuild the infrastructure of our state and the stakeholders should hold the majority of the investment.

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?

No

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

Yes

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

No



GOVERNANCE

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

I am not for removing reporting requirements.

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

We should pass a new state constitution removing the mandate of photo ID for polling.

Yes or no:

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

No

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

Yes



EDUCATION

Survey:

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

We need to make sure our schools are fully funded. Within this Senate district, there are some of the most highly funded schools in the state and some of the lowest funded schools in the state, some of which have been decertified in the recent past due to budget issues affecting the education of our youth. We need to find a more equitable formula to divide up state funds to school districts to make sure we don't allow any student in the state of Missouri to fall behind and have an average education. Missourians deserve an excellent education.

Yes or no:

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

No

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

Yes

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

No

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

No



GENERAL

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

I would like to have endorsement to have voice from many progressive organizations.

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

Expand Medicare for all
Human trafficking bill
Sentencing reform for prisons

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

Stress importance of communication between different groups.

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

I believe the omnibus bills create unfair and unnecessary legislation on the Congress floor and believe “clean bills” are the proper way to go.

Yes or no/fill in the blank:

50. Do you have a committee formed?

Yes

51. Do you have a fundraising plan?

Yes

52. Have you raised money/gotten commitments already?

Yes

53. Do you have a campaign manager?

Yes



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

40 Hours

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

Yes

56. Do you know the size of your universe?

Proprietary Information

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

Proprietary Information

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

Yes

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

Proprietary Information

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:

My experience over the others and clear policy advocacy puts me above the others in the primary.