



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State Senate Candidate Survey 2018
Sharon Pace – Senate District 14



HEALTHCARE

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

Having worked in the health care field nearly my entire life, I will vehemently oppose any and all cuts to Medicaid. I will propose tax support for free clinics and provide insurance for retired doctors and nurses who wish to donate their time to free clinics. I will also vote for and push for the expansion of Medicaid coverage in Missouri.

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

Mandate additional training for all medical staff who can dispense opioid drugs and join in lawsuits nationally against the manufacturers.

Yes or no:

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

Yes__ **X**__ No____

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

Yes__ **X**__ No____

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

Yes__ **X**__ No____

ENVIRONMENT

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

Move away from fossil fuels and encourage wind and solar with tax credits.

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?

We need to encourage entrepreneurship and offer micro loans for startups. We need to encourage more cooperation between State Universities and innovation startups like the UMSL Accelerate Program.

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?

Access to start-up capital would be the most important way to help the development of worker-owned businesses and capital for worker buyouts of existing businesses. The State of Missouri should start a revolving loan fund to encourage this.

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?

Make sure that diversity and training standards are met, especially training in de-escalation.

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

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

Yes, with state licensed facilities.

Yes or no:

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

Yes___ No__ **X**__

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

Yes__ **X**__ No___

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

Yes___ No_ **X**__

24. Do you support ending the death penalty?

Yes__ **X**__ 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?

As the ONLY woman and mother running for the State Senate in the 14th District, I believe I can be FAR MORE EFFECTIVE in defending and explaining reproductive rights than my male opponents. The hypocrisy of the Republican male dominated majority in the State Senate dictating women's health issues and reproductive rights is absurd. It will take more women being elected to public office to effectively argue the issue.

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?

The Missouri General Assembly needs to expel any members who have committed acts of sexual harassment. There must also be a mechanism for the anonymity of the women who choose to remain anonymous is protected.

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__ **X**__ No____

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

Yes__ **X**__ 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) Public transportation in cities (2) refurbishing public schools (3) state highway dollars returned to local communities for improving streetscapes and creating walkable communities.

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?

I oppose raising utility rates on consumers. Grid modernization can be achieved through long-term bonds issued by the Federal Government to help companies pay off these infrastructure upgrades over a longer period of time at a very low rate.

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 No (Only a small amount)

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

Yes 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?

No, because reporting is essential. I pledge not to accept any gifts from lobbyists if elected and believe I am the only candidate for the 14th State Senate District to have made a public pledge not to. Such gifts come with strings attached.

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

We should get rid of photo ID. We should allow mail-in voting and keep polling places open on at least three consecutive weekends for early voting.

Yes or no:

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

EDUCATION

Survey:

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

We need schools to focus on career paths, to have the latest technology, to pay public school teachers better than private school teachers to retain and attract the best, and to make sure our schools are safe learning environments where bullying and violence are not tolerated.

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 have great respect for the work of Mobilize Missouri. My views mirror those of your supporters most closely and I believe your endorsement can make the difference in this key race.

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

Help end senseless gun violence with common sense gun regulations, reverse the draconian budget cuts to public school and universities by Governor Greitens to provide the best education we can for our children, and to fight for economic justice by raising the minimum wage and opening up paths to home and business ownership for all.

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

It is a central focus of my campaign so yes, I would. Right now, there are ONLY 6 female State Senators out of 34 and one of those is a Republican. The 14th State Senate seat is currently held by a woman who was term limited. I am the ONLY woman running in the Democratic Primary. Now is not the time for the Democratic Party and progressive groups such as Mobilize Missouri to retreat from pushing for more diversity, more women in public office.

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

Loading up legislation with last minute amendments with no relation to the original bill are a way of hiding facts from the

public. I support transparency and clean bills.

Yes or no/fill in the blank:

50. Do you have a committee formed?

Yes__ **X**__ No____

51. Do you have a fundraising plan?

Yes__ **X**__ No____

52. Have you raised money/gotten commitments already?

Yes__ **X**__ No____

53. Do you have a campaign manager?

Yes__ **X**__ No____

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

____ **I am a full-time candidate. After eight years as a State Representative I was term limited. I am also retired from work so able to campaign full-time.**

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

Yes__ **X**__ No____

56. Do you know the size of your universe?

____ **Yes. Roughly 15,000 voters participated in 2014 and 13,000 in 2010.**

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

____ **Approximately 6,500 in a three-way race.**

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

Yes__ **X**__ No____ **Yes, but open to additional assistance.**

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

I have the endorsements of most of the Mayors in the northern portion of the district. I am working on women's organizations and labor unions.

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 two male opponents are no doubt nice gentlemen. But at a time when the Me-Too Movement, the assault on women's reproductive rights, opposition to the President, and the Women's March have motivated more women to become active, to run for office, and to raise their voices, what message does it send that the Democratic Party or Progressives want to take a step back from diversity.

As a mother I have stood with Just Moms STL to fight the environmental disaster of the burning Bridgeton Landfill and the radioactive material stored nearby at West Lakes which the fire threatens. I have also stood with Moms for Gun Sense In America because a generation of our young men are being slaughtered and our children are in danger even in their own schools.

I also have a record as State Representative of getting things done, including helping to kill anti-LGBT legislation. Both of my opponents are also from University City, the most affluent and privileged portion of the district. I have represented those from the less affluent parts and fought for economic justice. I am also the only candidate running who has worked in the



health care industry and understands first-hand the issues and problems that must be overcome.

I would like to further note that in the Missouri Scout survey this past week, I was leading:

Sharon Pace – 23%

Joe Adams – 20%

Brian Williams – 8%

Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey for Mobilize Missouri and I would greatly appreciate your endorsement in my race for the State Senate nomination in the 14th District.

Sharon Pace