



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 would vote for the Medicare for All plan. The overhead for Medicare is 2.2% compared to the overhead of 18-25% of most insurance companies. That is a significant cost savings. The loophole of Medicare not being able to negotiate pharmaceutical costs and supplemental insurance plans will have to be addressed before this plan can go online.

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

Expand funding, including Medicaid, for mental health, education and drug addiction rehabilitation.

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?

The Missouri Legislature can pass legislation on:

- Emission reduction
- Clean water regulations
- Better landfill regulations
- Clean energy research and implementation

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?

Missouri legislators can pass infrastructure improvement legislation and education legislations so Missouri can provide an appropriate and safe place to build businesses and a skilled workforce.

Tax credits/exemptions can be offered for some types of businesses but these type of incentives need to be carefully crafted and implemented.

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 businesses?

Yes – Missouri has statutes that support cooperatives. Legislation is needed to update the existing statutes for modernized business and operating practices. There also needs to be legislation to allow retailers to create/join cooperatives (with great consideration and care given to franchising rules of creation and governance).

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?

Fund education programs that bring law enforcement agencies and citizens together.

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

Access to quality education, training programs and quality jobs with quality pay.

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

Yes. I support full legalization of marijuana. It should be handled like the alcohol industry. If it were legalized, there would be a way to monitor and control the quality of the marijuana.

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?

My explanation is the same to everyone. I do not believe in abortion being used as a method of birth control but as a woman and citizen of this world, it is not my right or interest to tell someone else what they can and cannot do with their bodies – it is their choice. These are medical decisions best made between the patient and doctor without interference from outside individuals, groups or legislation.

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 Sexual Harassment Laws and processes of reporting are strong. With that said, stronger protections for reporters must be in place. Missouri needs to define and truly guarantee “freedom from retribution.” Creating a task force (to include victims) to create definitions and real solutions so legislators can adopt strong laws for these protections necessary

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. Improving and maintaining our bridges, highways and streets**
- 2. Expanding public transportation, including extending Metro Link**
- 3. Expanding bus and train routes to provide rural communities with affordable transportation.**

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, I believe the electrical grid needs to be modernized.

In February 2018, Ameren reported \$32 million in profit. The estimated cost of needed improvements are \$3.5 billion for grid and structural improvements. I would support a partial funding through utility billing rates, however, other types of funding must also be discussed.

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___



GOVERNANCE

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

Yes.

Legislators should not receive gifts from lobbyist. Legislators should be completely transparent. I believe lobbying comes in the form of conversation and a meeting of the minds for what is best for the citizens of the community and state – not the buying of votes from those with the most money.

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

**Provide public meetings to explain ballot measures with question and answer sessions.
Make sure polling places are easy to access (including proximity)
Provide free public transportation on Election Day.**

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?

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?

I believe public schools are the best option.

I believe proper state funding for public schools would improve schools. Expanding early childhood education, offering a diverse selection of career and technical education options for students, quality professional development for all public school staff, smaller class size, tuition reimbursement for staff to further their education, increase pay for teachers and support staff, reduction of importance on standardized testing. This is just a partial list of what public schools need. While this seems extensive, we used to offer all of this with the exception of early childhood.

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 XXX ___



GENERAL

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

First, our priorities closely align.

Second, I am running against an opponent whose priorities almost a polar opposite, (with the exception of the Westlake landfill). I need help beating him if we are going to improve Missouri.

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

- 1. Public Education
- 2. Affordable Healthcare
- 3. Attracting and retaining good paying jobs.

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

I want to hold town hall meeting so I can hear from all of the citizens from District 70. Bring the diverse groups together (focus groups) to help me understand issues from all perspectives and create viable solutions to the legislature.

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

I completely support clean bills. When talking people who are frustrated with politics that always comes up. If there are too many things in a bill, it gets confusing and often the original intent of the bill gets lost

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__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?

Between 6-8 hours per day.

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

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

9500

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

Yes____ No__X__ not yet

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

MNEA Retired West County Democrats

Chesterfield Democrats

North County Labor St. Charles Democrats

St. Charles Progressive Democrats

Maryland Heights/Creve Coeur Democrats

Local NEA chapters

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:

I am working every day on my campaign; raising money, meeting with large and small groups, fundraising and researching issues (including taking workshops on certain topics). I believe I am the best candidate to represent the citizens of District 70 not only because I have experience in governance and leadership but because I am willing to put others before me. My parents taught me and it has been reinforced by my experience that serving others is the most important part of leadership and I have modeled that my whole adult life.