



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018
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HEALTHCARE

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

I would vote for bills that expands Medicaid and provides affordable quality healthcare to all. I support universal health care or Medicare for all.

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

We need to work within the healthcare provider community to reduce the amount of opioids prescribed. I would support funding a program to educate the public on how to dispose of opioids safely. Funding of drug treatment programs is also critical in fighting this - treating addiction as a disease instead of a crime. I also believe that legalizing medicinal marijuana would decrease opioid use abuse.

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?

Supporting incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy. Programs like Property Assessed Clean Energy, which gives property owners additional financial tools to invest in efficiency and renewable energy. Providing incentives for utilities to obtain their energy from cleaner and more renewable sources - such as carbon cap and trade.



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?

No

ECONOMIC & LABOR POLICY

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

They can stop targeting urban areas in the state to overrule local initiatives to increase minimum wage and other efforts. They need to support and adequately fund education at all levels, including elementary, secondary and college level. Expanding Medicaid would immediately result in thousands of good paying jobs.

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, I think tax incentives for these type of structures is worth considering. I also believe that making some assistance to create these structures through the secretary of state's office.



Yes or no:

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

Yes – At least \$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?

Community policing efforts, and citizen review board for complaints and investigations.

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

Investing in communities, starting with education - including pre-K.

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

Yes, I think it should be legal for medicinal and recreation.

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?

I believe women have the right to choose. We should make sure that women have access to free contraception and that children have comprehensive sex ed. If we reduce the amount of unwanted pregnancies we can reduce the amount of abortions.

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?

I am against the concept of confidential settlements, because this allows some to victimize more. Accusers should be able to maintain their privacy, though, certainly through the investigation.

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)

Expanding mass transit such as Metro link, high speed trains, bridge and road repair. There needs to be more emphasis on access to good public transportation, instead of pouring money into road repair

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 support electrical grid modernization but do not believe an increase in utility bills is fair for people who are on a low fixed income.

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. Maintaining transparency is important for improving the public's trust in their elected officials.

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

We need remove the restrictive requirement of a photo ID, and expand early voting and voting by mail.

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?

Start with adequate funding for all public schools and not transferring public funds to private, for-profit schools, which are not held to the same standards as public schools. And adequate funding for schools in economically depressed areas may in fact be more than in affluent areas.



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 believe that Mobilize Missouri is a progressive organization and I share the same values and ideas.

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

To make sure everyone has quality affordable healthcare (expanding Medicaid), common sense gun legislation and to create more clean green energy 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've already reached out to a number of constituent groups within my district that represent diverse viewpoints and I intend to carry their voices to Jefferson City with me.



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

An omnibus bill can cause a legislator to either vote for something they are against or against something they are for. Clean bills helps with transparency about a legislator’s true intentions.

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?

30-35 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?

Yes

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.

I am a member of the National Women’s Political Caucus, Maryland Heights Township Democratic Club, Chesterfield Democrats, Midland Township Democratic Club. I am also a volunteer member of the St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick’s Parade Committee. I’ve also made



contact with the Islamic and Asian Chambers.

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 have lived in my district for 16 years. I have been supporting fellow democrats and issues since 2004. I have been endorsed by my current State Representative Sue Meredith, State Senator Jill Schupp, State Auditor Nicole Galloway, County Assessor Jake Zimmerman, County Councilman Sam Page, State Representatives Doug Beck, Sarah Unsicker, and Peter Meredith. I have also received an endorsement from The Missouri State Council of Machinists.

As a breast cancer survivor, my story was included in an amicus brief to the US Supreme Court for the *King v. Burwell* case in support of the ACA. In addition, I helped organize the first parade to Welcome Home the Heroes in St. Louis to celebrate the end of the Iraq war and give veterans access to resources.