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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?

Medicaid expansion would be the best way to expand healthcare access, and we must stop the continuing budget cuts that are taking funds away from our clinics and rural hospitals.

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

The first step is to enact a Prescription Drug Monitoring System, while this will not fix the problem it is a step in the right direction. We also do not have enough facilities to help addicts find a path to recovery, the ones we have are on a 4 to 6 week waiting list is what a friend of mine from the NCADA tells me. So we need to treat addiction as what it is a mental health issue and expand drug treatment centers.

*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 has more annual sunlight than Germany how is the world leader in solar energy. So I feel we should emphasize this and encourage new building and renovation projects to include these technologies for all state funded jobs. If that means adding additional funding to these projects then I feel that is what we should be doing.

*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  I do not know enough about this issue but am willing to listen to all concerns and then make an opinion.

## **ECONOMIC & LABOR POLICY**

**11. In your view, what role can the state legislature play in attracting and retaining jobs in Missouri? We need to address our infrastructure to reassure companies who are looking to relocate here can effectively move their goods in and out of the area.**

**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 or no:*

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

Yes  No  \$ 12

**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?**

As a white male I have a hard time answering this question but i do acknowledge that there is an issue between the police and disenfranchised communities. I encourage the leaders from both sides to discuss openly with each other how they can work together to find a better relationship. If both sides agree on a legislative plan to help them I would happily sponsor a bill on their behalf.

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

Increase our emphasis on education by putting more funds towards making the classrooms an environment that young people want to be in. We need to even the playing field for kids no matter if they go to St. Louis City public schools or Pattonville.

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

Yes, full legalization would be great.

However I see that being very difficult to pass at the moment so I would say medicinal marijuana needs to be the first step.

*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\_\_\_ 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 am pro-choice. When I meet people who feel differently I try to explain that I am pro-choice not pro-abortion, no one gets pregnant to have it aborted. I feel it is no ones business what anyone does with their body.

**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?**

When women come forward all allegations need to be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and fairly. If the accused is guilty they need to be held accountable no matter who they are.

*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). Highways and Bridges
- 2). Water supply and sewers
- 3). Updating the electrical grid

**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 want to see the grid modernized however increasing the billing rates will be harmful to many in the community. While that might not be completely unavoidable I do not want this to fall solely on the backs of our citizens.

*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, we must make every effort to remove the Dark Money from our state.

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

Some elections could be made a state holiday to give people the opportunity to vote more easily. Allow early voting, but more importantly as candidates we need to give people a reason to vote.

*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?**

Whether you graduate from St. Louis Public school, Ritenour, or Rockwood our kids need to have the same opportunities no matter where they grow up. If that means more funding for special programs for underprivileged areas than as a State we need to do that to even the playing field.

*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?**

Mobilize Missouri is a group that i feel could help me broadcast my message and help increase the voter turnout, which is why I am seeking your endorsement again being you supported me in the past.

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

I want to see an emphasis on technical and vocational training is high schools. I want to get away from the stigma that you must attend 4 year college to be successful. End the attacks on our seniors and those with disabilities the Circuit Breaker tax is constantly be cut and that is not right. I am determined to get the Prescription Drug Monitoring system in place and hold pharmaceutical companies responsible.

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

I will always have an open door policy to everyone and encourage everyone to talk to me about their issues. I will never claim to know everything so I have to rely on others to help me make the best decisions that will benefit more people overall.

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

Fully Support

*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?**

  40+  

**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? Not yet, just purchased VAN**



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

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**58. Do you have someone organizing volunteers for your campaign?**  
Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_x\_\_

**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:**