



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018



HEALTHCARE

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

By proposing an alternative plan similar to New Hampshire’s SB 413. This bi-partisan effort expanded Medicaid coverage to an about 50,000 of their state’s low-income state residents. Subsequently, New Hampshire transferred eligible residents into Medicaid programs. Under a waiver, New Hampshire began enrolling those residents in private coverage through the ACA insurance exchange in 2016.

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

Currently, bills are being considered that I believe are useful to combating the opioid crisis. One of which I wholeheartedly agree with is sponsored by Representative Becky Ruth (R) and allows for patients to opt out of having opioids being part of their treatment plan. Patients should always have a right and a say in their treatment.

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?

- Introduce financial incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, via taxes or a/or permit system
- Require cleaner blends of gasoline to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Create policies on greenhouse gas emissions from tailpipes.

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?

Invest in public education- both K-12 and post-secondary.

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?

Absolutely, and the state legislature can incentivize such businesses by offering opportunities for business cooperatives to apply for grants and tax abatements.

Yes or no:

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

Yes X No \$ 15.00

14. Do you support right to work legislation?

Yes No X

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

Yes X No

16. Would you vote to consolidate the current state tax brackets into 2 brackets?

Yes No Such decision is contingent upon on what rate the proposed tax brackets are.

17. Do you support low income housing credits?

Yes X No



POLICING/JUSTICE

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

Allow for municipalities to elect their police chief.

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

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

Absolutely. 100% decriminalization.

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?

Our reproductive health care is a private issue between patient and medical professional, not unlike any other matter, and we should have autonomy over our choices and bodies without government intrusion. We should not be subjected to discrimination because/when we elect to evoke our unalienable and Constitutional Rights. Further, government should not work to make the pursuit of our rights increasingly difficult.

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?

As a victim of sexual harassment and a Black woman, I can tell you that we NEVER “feel safe” reporting sexual harassment, sexual assault, or any violation of our human rights of the like. There is no legislation that can compensate for society’s failure to appreciate the plight of those of us who live at the intersection of race and gender. One cannot legislate that we be believed when we report. Not being believed it in large part the problem.

Regardless, I can and will continue to be a voice and a shoulder of support to those who have experienced sexual malfeasance, no matter who the perpetrator is. Calling out and insisting legislators who are guilty of sexual assault and harassment are indeed held accountable.

Yes or no:

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

Yes X No _____

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

Yes X No _____

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

Yes X 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. The revitalization of Kinloch, MO- which is within the 73rd District.
2. Maintenance of MO Route 115 (Natural Bridge Road)
3. The renaming of the MO sections of US 61 and 67 (Lindbergh) after someone who was not a total racist.

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 support electrical grid modernization and believe I think federal grant funds should be thoroughly pursued before increasing utility billing rates.

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 I do not see how this is of benefit to poorer counties

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 ___ No X



GOVERNANCE

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

The latest HB 1301 (2018) speaks to moving money from the Crime Victims' Fund to the state forensic lab account. The immediate previous HB 1301 (2015) spoke to the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Pilot Program. I am not sure what bill/year is being referenced and thus cannot review the banned expenditures to duly answer this question.

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

- Implement a consistent, uniform absentee voter process across the state.
- Repeal voter ID law

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?

- Reevaluating and changing the method of funding determination
- Increasing teacher salaries
- Remarkable increase of classroom teacher instructional autonomy
- Having actual teachers serve on the State Board of Education

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 believe a partnership with Mobilize Missouri is an excellent way to engage voters in St. Louis County in a way they have not been.

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

- Counteracting attempts of implementing a school voucher program
- Improving the school funding formula
- Raising minimum wage

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

By offering my viewpoints based on race and gender. There is a lack of Black legislators, a lack of women legislators, and a critical lack of Black women legislators. Such lack lends to our voices going unheard and our needs being unmet.

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

I am all for getting rid of Trojan horses which weaken legislation within bills. I fully support 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 ___ No ___ I manage my own campaign.

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

X

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



2000

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

Yes X No

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

My community involvement within the entirety of the 73rd District provides me with the privilege to be in several networks. That said, I intend to engage and target all of them. One of the things I keep hearing at meetings, at events, and canvassing is that the Democratic Party has forgotten about North St. Louis County and takes our votes for granted. I believe it is incumbent of me to approach campaigning holistically.

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:

In 2016, my neighbors and I in the 73rd District were presented with 4 candidates- 3 of them ran solely on a platform of "I'm not the incumbent". Needless to say, the incumbent won. Whereas many will contend there were too many people in the race or that one of them (who is running again) barely lost I beg to differ.

There is a robust difference between voting for someone, and voting against someone. My neighbors were forced to cast a vote against someone; I am running to offer my neighbors someone to vote for. I believe my neighbors, progressive comrades, and working families deserve better representation in Jefferson City than "at least he's not the other guy" and "the lesser of 2 evils".