



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018
Cyndey Johnson – District 76



HEALTHCARE

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

I plan to work closely with Representatives on both sides to protect healthcare for all Missourians. Bills like H.B. 2718 in this session are an example of the types of legislation I would support or introduce if need be to protect Missourians from being billed by surprise. I will filibuster any bill that harms our protections regarding healthcare.

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

We can try to limit the access to them in Missouri.

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?

I believe that the Missouri Legislature must be proactive in seeking federal intervention to our own environmental hazards. I personally would write resolutions in support of federal protections at every turn of my first session. I would also look closely at our power plants and make sure that EPA regulations are being met.

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?

Investing in the communities, not so they are just attractive to live in but attractive to employers, Instead of waiting for the investment to come we must invest ourselves.

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.

Yes or no:

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

Yes ___ \$_12-15___

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?

No ___

POLICING/JUSTICE

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

Recruiting in disenfranchised communities.

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

Reforming the recruitment and training process.

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

Yes, I support it all the way up to recreational use.

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 that a woman has a choice to do what they want with their own bodies. I try my best to be understanding to the opposition and have had great success at finding common ground on the subject.

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?

Proposing increased minimums for these types of offenses. I would also suggest we change the way we handle these types of issues internally at the state house as well.

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)

My top three priorities are public transit, maintaining, repairing roads, and sustainable alternatives for state buildings.

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, but I do not believe that they should be funded by the consumer more than they already have.

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_____

35. Do you support an increase in the fuel tax in order to enable more infrastructure investment?

No_____

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 in support of the Clean Act.

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

I believe that the current push has been as adequate as can be. I believe that the issue specifically relating to low voter turnout in my district is due to a lack of trust in candidates. When we start promoting people from within we will see the communities come out.

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?

No ____

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

No ____

EDUCATION

Survey:

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

Equal funding, If I can learn German at Clayton I should be able to learn German at Northwest.
If I can play lacrosse at Clayton I should see the option at Northwest.

Yes or no:

42. Do you support public funding for school vouchers for private and charter schools?

Yes _____

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 am a member of a progressive organization and I believe that our missions align.

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

Bills passed relating to cash bail, education, and protecting health care.

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

I think that my affiliations coming into office will actually promote more inclusivity. In short, if elected not only will I decriminalize the poor youth I also plan to demystify any group that seems to be misunderstood or misrepresented, and discriminated against in the state house.

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

I don't agree.

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?

____120 plus hours

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

No___

56. Do you know the size of your universe?

____Yes



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

_____3,500

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.

Democratic Socialist of America
Hamilton Heights Business Association
Prince Hall

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 mission is to engage to youth like never before. As well attacking so many systemic issues that plague young black males in Walnut Park, Baden, Wells / Goodfellow, an Hamilton Heights. If elected my first bill will be the reintroduction of the Money Bail Reform Act, which would end cash bail relating to petty offences.