



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State Candidate Survey 2018
Kimberly-Ann Collins – District 77



HEALTHCARE

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

I would advocate for Medicaid expansion in our state and the acceptance of federal funds to assist in improving access to healthcare.

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

It is important to see addiction as the healthcare crisis that it is. I feel that a comprehensive strategy to combat addiction as a whole would better address this issue rather than focusing on the type of addiction. For example, a person may break free from opioid addiction and then fall into alcoholism which could lead to drunk driving, foster depression, etc.

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?

Legislation to improve access to green and renewable energy as well as recycling would lower carbon emissions which would help to address the greenhouse effect. Missouri should partner with our eight bordering neighbors to promote improvement regionally. These measures would improve air quality for all Missourians.

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?

In my view the state legislature can work with other organizations in the workforce development field that specialize in recruiting and re-training individuals. By partnering with workforce organizations an increase in highly skilled workers will produce. As we increase skill assets in our communities, more employers will look to invest in our communities.

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?

Promoting policies that hold police officers to a higher standard is a start. Building that line of trust between the community and police officers is key. Implementing legislation that provides in depth diversity trainings while also engaging in transparency and major accountability. Diving into how a law enforcement officer is trained, evaluated, and even promoted is also a beginning point.

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

There are a couple of effective ways to reduce crime. One way to reduce crime is by viewing the numbers and allocating more funds towards social services rather than attempting to police our way out of problems. Having that cross-sector collaboration with health professionals such as doctors, nurses, psychiatrist, psychologist, and mental health specialist are good strategies that we can use to alleviate behavioral issues that result into crime being committed.

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

I would support medicinal marijuana use depending on data showing how it has been successful. I would be open to recreational use in the future, only after programs and education are implemented to inform constituents of the benefits and adverse effects of marijuana use promoted. For example, marijuana provides many benefits for people suffering from chronic illnesses, however its use is detrimental to youth and those in developmental phases. I would consider 25 as a responsible age for people to make personal decisions about marijuana use outside of the confines of a physician/client relationship. Missourians should ultimately have the right to vote on this issue.

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?

A woman has the ultimate right on what to do with her body. However, more resources should be allocated for family planning and counseling to reduce the adverse effects of loss to families. Families who have members that experience gender issues should have access to counseling to help them find solutions that are right for them. It is important to make sure that all Missourians know how important it is to respect each other's rights, even where we don't agree. I believe that one person's rights end where another person's rights begin.

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?

Greater education on sexual harassment should be distributed and an ongoing conversation is necessary. Elected officials should be questioned about their views on sexual harassment prior to taking office. I would work with a coalition of women advocates to create and link safe spaces for women to give voice to their experiences.

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 While do I believe that sex education is something that should be offered in the school system, I think that "Mandating" it wouldn't give parents a chance to weigh in with their thoughts. Maybe if this question was reworded a little bit I might feel differently about it.

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.)

Bringing dollars back into the community and creating a equitable region.

My top 3 priorities for infrastructure expansion are attracting good paying jobs to increase economic growth, creating stronger educational institutions, and building a workforce model that supports all residents with a variety of jobs for all skill levels. In conclusion, if we can generate a good infrastructure plan, crime would reduce in efforts to creating a healthier environment.

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 do support electrical grid modernization, however more innovative solutions and approaches than passing the costs off to constituents should be explored. One of the things that makes Missouri attractive to others is the moderate cost of living.

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 ___ No X

36. Do you support the addition of tolls to increase infrastructure spending?

Yes X No ___ Yes, if there is a good infrastructure plan put in place

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 HB 1301 I read was about victim compensation. I would support measures to ban lobbyist exp.

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

It is a major improvement that Missourians can now register to vote online. Making sure that voters have the correct identification, sending out information periodically on issues and informing voters on the different ways in which we can exercise our right to vote. Periodic voter registration campaigns would also assist unregistered voters become engaged in the political process. Also, all officials should play their part in engaging people in the political process as well as educating all residents on issues.

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?

Improved parental engagement and implementing practices that have proven successful in some private schools. Many schools do not have enough text books for every child and since tablets are relatively inexpensive and we are living in an information age, it would be useful to ensure that tablet time is an integral part of daily learning.

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 am a progressive candidate. I continue to do a lot of work in the community on the grass roots level and I want to move Missouri forward in a healthier manner.

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

- 1) Livable wages for all families.
- 2) Innovative solutions to address homelessness
- 3) Smart crime reduction strategies for safer neighborhoods.

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

All Missourians want progress in our state. It is important to listen and find common ground wherever possible. I will promote regular town hall meetings to get feedback from constituents, employ a community relations team, and create strategies for continued community engagement.

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

Statutory Amendment to Chapter 290, Relating to Minimum Wage, version 21 (2018-216) Missourians voted to increase the minimum wage, which was vetoed by Governor Greitens. I stand with Missourians which is why Livable wages for all families is a priority in my campaign.

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 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 hours a week. Just like a full time job.

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?

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

_____ 3,000

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

Yes No I organize volunteers on my campaign

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

The goal will remain the same, win or lose, we are making tons of efforts within the campaign to get the message out about moving the district into a healthier direction. Recently, I worked with a network of residents in St. Louis City to help with the needs of our unhoused residents. Within this campaign we are working with the different groups who have helped during this winter crisis to help mobilize and engage our unhoused residents as much as possible to incorporate their voices. We are also engaging all senior citizens across the district by having senior living tours. During these senior living tours we visit each building and speak to seniors with a goal of creating dialogue and engagement.

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: