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# MOBILIZE MISSOURI

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State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018  
Farrakhan Shegog – District 86

## HEALTHCARE

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

The key to expanding healthcare is by expanding the rules and regulations that were rolled out under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). I will work to draft bipartisan legislation that will make Missouri healthcare market place available for federal funding so the state and help provide universal healthcare. In addition, for employers that provide affordable healthcare, provide them with state tax credits. I believe tax credits might cause greater competition among private insurers.

In addition, greater partnerships between the public and private community entities to bring resources to communities that need them the most. I will ask the state (DHHS) to identify areas and communities with high health risk and provide them with the funds necessary to begin addressing them.

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

What the Missouri legislature can do to combat the opioid crisis to stop criminalizing mental and drug issue sand begin to provide treatment for the users. The state legislature must begin to see this as a public health threat and provide adequate funding and resources to combat this crisis. One way the state can do that is create and/or expand a framework for connecting Missouri's prescription drug monitoring program with other state databases. In addition, it should add new drugs to the drug monitoring database and requires more real-time reporting of new prescriptions and helps law enforcement combat fraudulently obtained prescription pads. The state has the power to do so if it really cares about the hundreds of thousands Missourians and who became victim of the opioid seize in our communities across this state.

*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?**

Increase and create more state incentives for renewable energy. Permit utility companies to incentive customers who uses less energy during high peaking times of the year.

*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?**

Better train and equip its work force. Work hand in hand with work force development agencies and ensure we are producing high quality of workers. Also ensure our universities and colleges are producing the educated experts to be eligible for the career and life changing jobs that are in and are coming to Missouri.

**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?**

I will have to look further into this before I make a stance.

*Yes or no:*

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

Yes  No  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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?**

Ensure all police departments have body camera and audio on at all times when on duty. Create statewide database that tracks each officer and the personnel file that follows them from department to department. Have an independent officer from the Circuit Attorney office to investigate on the force violations.

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

Jobs, education, and justice.

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

Yes. Medical only. Recreational when the state identifies a way to tax it and identify where the revenue will go? My hopes would be education and healthcare.

*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?**

Committed to protecting Medicare and Social Security for our seniors. He will fight to ensure that our seniors who want to retire, can do so with the respect and dignity they deserve.

- Expand Medicaid/Medicare
- Increase Insurance for Mothers after birth
- Pro-Choice
- Increase health resources to more elderly and young people. Expand Missouri's State Pharmacy Assistance Program.

**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?**

Create a victim bill of rights. Enforce anti-harassment rules and regulations in public and especially at the work place. Incentive places that have zero policy on harassment of any kinds.

*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)**

- Improve Roads/Bridges
- Upgrade Utility Lines/ Sewage/Underground Utility Services
- Renewable Energy and Efficiency

**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. Funding can possibly come from the tax generated from the medical (or recreational) marijuana use revenue.

*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

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  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. It will prevent corruption and keep private and self-centered corporations and people out of the way and avoid elected officials from not addressing concerns of the constituents.

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

Make it mandatory upon applying for driver's license and or permit. Require every high school to have voter education program where voter registration is mandatory.

*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?**

1. Increase in Funding
2. Local control is a MUST
3. Easier to partner with college/universities for advanced classes/courses

*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?**

Because I have seen the failure of the current leadership. I want to send a message to the young people all across the state that we are more than just young, we are also competent, concerned and committed enough to be at the table addressing some of the solutions we care about too. In addition, to bring power back to the people. To provide resources and access to those resources to the local people and give them greater control of the direction of their lives.

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

- Education
- Jobs
- Healthcare

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

All men are created equal. By being an inclusive representative and hearing from and listening to all sides that have an interest in solving the problems in education economic development and healthcare.

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

Unfamiliar. Will look into it.

*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?  
30 hours

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?

3500

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

Yes  No

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

Young Voices with Action

Wellston Community Coalition

Wellston Forward Development Corporation

Wellston Housing Authority

UCity Fair Planning Committee

Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church

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:

As a young man (26 yo), I have always wanted what was best for my community members of all generations and backgrounds. I come from a hard-working family of faith, respect and integrity.

Due to the challenges that we face with business, health care, education, and justice system sectors, I am actively involved in advocating for the people that have been adversely affected by them. By being your next state representative, I intend to use every inch of legislative power and influence to benefit the people of the 86th district. I intend on:

- Empowering both, youth and elderly through Health, Education, Jobs and Recreation
- Making it easier for small businesses to succeed
- Building greater services for local government and law enforcement
- Empowering community grass roots operations

I am a proud product of the 86th district with extensive background in serving, organizing and mobilizing.



- Deacon in Training at Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church
- 4.0 Graduate of Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology
- Product of University City School District
- Family owned business in University City for 20 plus years (Shegog's Barbershop)
- Mentor at Young Leaders of Tomorrow in the 24:1 footprint
- Founder of Young Voices with Action
- Organizer of Mid-County Juneteenth Celebration
- Co-Founder of Wellston Community Coalition
- Aniya Cook Memorial Scholarship Leadership Award Recipient

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