



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018
Sam Gladney – District 87



HEALTHCARE

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

First, we have to communicate in every district that health care is a right, not a privilege. Second, we need to expand Medicaid immediately. The failure to do so hurts the poorest among us. Those are the most impactful things we can do at the state level immediately. Furthermore, we need to protect the rights of workers to organize at every level. When workers have a voice in the terms and conditions of their employment, they are able to bargain for better health care.

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

We need pass a state wide prescription drug monitoring program. Currently, we are one of the few states that does not have one. Additionally, we need to push for legalization of marijuana as the studies have shown it is effective as a pain killer and may reduce opioid use.

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?

First, the government should set baseline environmental protections and allow municipalities to pursue more strenuous standards if they so choose. As far as immediate impact is concerned, the legislature can pass laws mandating fuel economy standards for state vehicles and energy efficiency standards for state buildings. Additionally, the state should offer tax credits for entities that invest in renewable energy. We need a tax policy that incentivizes environmentally friendly practices.

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?

The state legislature plays a huge role and it begins with education. Our students need to graduate high school with the skills required to either into the workforce or continue their education. Second, the legislature can use tax policy to incentivize development in economically distressed areas. The legislature must invest in our citizens in order to reach full employment.

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 support workers having a seat at the table to bargain with their employers over the terms and conditions of their employment.

Yes or no:

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

Yes No \$ 15

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?

We need to follow the recommendations of the Forward Through Ferguson report, specifically where it comes to community based policing and bias training. We also need an independent police review board to review use of force situations.

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

Poverty is the father of crime. We need to expand opportunity to all area of Missouri. A focus on education, job training, organizing rights, and a tax policy the encourages businesses to invest in economically distressed areas is a great start.

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

I fully support marijuana legalization. It will be a hard fight in Missouri, so we should start with medical marijuana (as various ballot initiatives are proposing) and work our way towards full legalization.

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___ No___ I support an independent review board.

23. Do you support "Blue Lives Matter" legislation proposing an increase in penalties for crimes against police officers?

Yes___ No___ Someone who knowingly commits a crime against a police office should face a strict penalty.

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?

Reproductive freedom is one of the major civil rights issues of our time. If women do not have complete freedom over their bodies, then they do not enjoy the same protections as men. I make no apologies in protecting a woman's right to choose. However, the two sides should be able to compromise on access to contraception and tax credits for child care.

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?

We have to trust women and work to establish a culture that does so. If a member of the Missouri Legislature is accused of sexual harassment, all members should call for their resignation, regardless of party. There must be both confidential and non-confidential venues for women to report harassment.

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)

Expanding public transportation is my most important transportation priority. Many people cannot make it to work or to and interview because they lack adequate transportation.

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

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__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?

Yes, we must work to reestablish trust in government.

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

Automatic voter registration would be a fantastic first step. Our state should also expand early 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?

We have to fully fund our schools, and that includes transportation costs. We must fight to fully fund K-12 education to improve our schools, expand early childhood learning programs, and better prepare our children for jobs in the 21st century economy. Making education our priority will create a better future in which Missouri is engaged in the globalized economy and competing successfully.

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?

The progressive movement needs new voices and new energy. I’ve heard many of those voices and much of that energy from members of Mobilize Missouri. I would be honored to have your support.

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

We need a budget that reflects our values and reinvests in our people. Protecting and expanding progressive programs is the top priority for me. Expanding access to contraception and reforming our justice system are also priorities.

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

Legislatures need an open door and have to ensure they hear a diverse set of viewpoints. Those priorities are reflected in staffing decisions and in the schedule that a member keeps. If diverse viewpoints are not readily available, I will seek them, and schedule the appropriate meetings.

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

I support them.

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?

 20



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?

yes

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

2100

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.

We are targeting progressives throughout the district, door by door.

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:

The progressive movement has tremendous opportunity to accomplish many of our goals, but we have to be willing to build new coalitions and take our arguments to parts of the state where we were previously absent.