



MOBILIZE MISSOURI

State House of Representatives Candidate Survey 2018
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HEALTHCARE

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

We must expand Medicaid. Right now, families in poverty cannot access healthcare coverage because Missouri’s income requirement is so low. Rural hospitals are closing, because they are losing revenue, and folks are dying.

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

We must pass a real PDMP with teeth for enforcement. Our program currently is too weak to actually prevent folks with addictions from easily accessing new doctors and more drugs. The state can also do more to promote the use of Naloxone (Narcan). Last year, the legislature passed a statute giving legal protections to folks who administer it during an overdose, and pharmacies can dispense it without a prescription. But it’s not in prevalent use compared to other states.

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 - presuming you mean a 1332 waiver and not an 1115 or other

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?

Our legislature should mandate that our public utility companies generate a specific amount of renewable energy by a specific date. Each of our public utilities have set out separate goals, and Ameren is the largest and farthest behind.

We cannot allow bills to pass that give Ameren more control over rate increases and less regulation by the PSC.

We can promote more renewable energy through tax incentives – particularly biowaste energy, which is currently not as cost-productive as wind, or especially solar.

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 absolutely!

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 best way to attract, and particularly retain jobs is by improving quality of life. Missouri is 4th in the nation for states with exiting college graduates – meaning more of our college graduates leave for other states after graduation than just about any other state. My opinion is, more of these folks would stay and create jobs if we stop passing that laws that harm people of color, immigrants, women, and lgbt citizens, whistleblowers, and other marginalized groups. More college graduates would stay and raise families if we had a better public education system. More would move into our state’s cities if we had less crime (which requires reforming our police practices, court structure, and penal code), and if we had less guns – or least didn’t allow people to carry them wherever they want in public with no permit.

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?

This would be a huge quality of life improvement. My first inclination is to explore the possibility of a special loan program. A program by which the state invests, and then makes a return on the investment (a bigger, better, more secure return than a tax incentive).

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?

The state can create a statewide registry that tracks instances of police hiring, firing, and misconduct. Individual officers and departments can be singled out for bad practice. This do a lot to weed out bad cops, and make local departments more professional.

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

Emphasizing rehabilitation rather than retribution. It is more humane, more economically feasible, and more productive for our state to pay for education, training, job resources, housing, food, you name it – it’s all cheaper than incarceration. We must end mandatory-minimum sentences that prevent so many convicted citizens from obtaining employment. Judges must have more discretion to rehabilitate and support rather than punish. Our municipal court system also needs more reform. Many courts should be consolidated, and no one should earn a living working in more than one court on opposite sides of the justice system.

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

Yes, full legalization. Sold by licensed dispensers such as in Colorado.

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?

I've spent my entire life explaining my view on this issue to people who see it differently, including members of my immediate family. I've observed abortions in the operating room, spoken with many women before, during, and after their abortions. I consult regularly with abortion providers. I've also visited a crisis pregnancy center and spoken at length with anti-abortion nurses. The best tool I have is my education and comfortability speaking on this issue.

I approach conversations on this topic by finding narrow common ground wherever it exists and starting there – such as talking first about access to contraception, or the pregnancy process in general. From there every conversation goes a different direction, because it's such a personal topic, and everyone I'm speaking with brings a different set of personal circumstances to the table. Broadly, I speak to de-stigmatization. I talk about being a person of faith who is 100% supportive of this medical procedure remaining legal in our state and our country for the sake of women, and whatever reason they're making their choice.

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?

I support eliminating the practice of nondisclosure agreements for sexual harassment cases in state government. The forced arbitration bill currently in the House must include this exemption if it passes. State agencies are currently under review by the Attorney General's office for their practices, after out state paid out \$8.1m in claims last year. Clearly, we have a culture of sexual harassment and intimidation in Jefferson City that must end.

Yes or no:

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

Yes___ No___ I'm unclear about the constitutionality of forcing private insurance companies to cover this, but under medicaid and insurance for public employees - absolutely

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)

Expanding public transportation – including statewide rail access

Widening existing interstates

Collaborating more with county transportation and municipal entities to identify problem areas and coordinate on state/local projects

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, and without an increase in rates. Ameren knows it's good for business. Ameren continues to make more money. Tax incentives might be part of the cost equation, but higher utility rates certainly should not be.

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'm interested in hearing a case be made both ways, and every county is different – but generally I'm opposed

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

Yes__X__ No___ only because we have the 47th lowest in the country – I understand it's regressive. Let's use some of the new money to expand public transit!

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

Yes___ No___ I have not made up my mind on this. I understand the issue of them being regressive – but we are so far behind other states. Again, I lean yes and would want to use some of the money for public transportation.



GOVERNANCE

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

My research indicates HB 1301 deals with the crime victim’s fund. I’m interested in learning more about the bill you’re referencing – it seems like it would probably be one I would support – but I can’t find it.

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

First of all, we should be automatically registering voters any time they interact with a state agency, especially the DOR or DMV.

For citizens already registered, let’s stop moving polling locations. Let’s stop spending more resources making sure white people in the county don’t have wait more than 5 minutes while black people in the city have to wait an hour or more. Election Day spending must be far more equitable than it is now.

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 if by intervention you mean discussion, study, etc. This is not commitment to sponsor or support a hypothetical bill not yet drafted

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

Yes No

EDUCATION

Survey:

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

More individualized instruction, more access to technology, project-based learning, restructuring the accreditation formula.

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 know you are a group of dedicated, passionate individuals who put your time and energy where your heart is. My heart is in the same place on just about every issue. I know that if I earn your support and trust and continue to maintain it that you'll be with me all the way.

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

Expanding access to early education, including: expansion of paid family leave, lowering Missouri's mandatory school age from 7 to 5 years old and/or mandating that every district provide free, full-day kindergarten, more direct funding for public early childhood programs.

Reforming our state penal code including: eliminating mandatory-minimum sentences, raising the adult certification age, consolidating and reforming municipal court practices, increasing enforcement of measures contained in prior bills aimed at municipal court reform, much more spending on the woefully under-funded public defender system.

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

I will try to be the best ally I can be. I'm comfortable staying in my lane. I'm comfortable being called out. I'm comfortable calling out.

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

Our state Supreme Court has made this the law, but we know it's broken every day the legislature's in session. We need more volunteer lawyers to make Hammerschmidt challenges to the court when troublesome bills contain more than one subject.

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?

I spend too many to count. Our campaign so far has over \$40,000.

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?

I'm uncomfortable putting this number in writing. We do have one.

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.

Other elected officials (several have endorsed our campaign), advocacy groups, unions, fellow lawyers/colleagues, friends in various non-profits, my husband's networks, political organizations/groups and townships.

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 biggest difference between my opponent and myself is that I've spent my entire life forming relationships, trying to understand, work with, and debating rural conservative Missourians who see the role of state government differently than I do. I grew up in the Southern Missouri Ozarks. started traveling to Jeff City in high school (2002-2004) where I would watch floor debate and then debate my Republican state rep in his office. I then spent four years working in state government for Sec. of State Robin Carnahan. I've worked for a variety of candidates and elected officials – I have a thorough understanding of the type of policymaker, and politician, I intend to be – and I look forward to sharing that vision more completely in person.