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# MOBILIZE MISSOURI

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State Candidate Survey 2018  
Kevin Fitzgerald – District 89



## HEALTHCARE

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

First, we are dealing with an unfriendly, Super Majority, who isn't going to expand Medicare. I "would do" what I AM doing....running for office, in the hopes of closing this Super Majority situation.

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

Quite a lot, if it so chooses....again, conservative Super Majority situation. I've spent a bit of time with the folks at Mo. Network for Opiate Reform, and Recovery. They are fighting in Jeff City constantly, with new, bold ideas. We need new, bold ideas.....safe, clean needle exchange, {which is currently illegal here in Mo}, safe consumption sites, another idea. A place where addicts can, safely, inject w/o fear of legal consequences. Clean needles, safe consumption sites would help in decreasing the HEP C/ HIV epidemic, and would help decrease crime. There are many new ideas, but "Just Say No" ain't workin'.

*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?

Quite honestly, I'm fairly ignorant of how to promote/implement clean alternative energy programs at this point in time. I don't know everything. I do believe that we are damaging our environment, ecology at an alarming rate. I've felt this way LOOOOONNNNGGG before I ever heard of "climate change", "global warming", because....I actually worked at quite a few power houses, in my job. {Including the nuclear plant in Fulton.....have been inside the reactor, etc}. I watched the very long line of train cars, full of coal, that fueled these plants....a train every 1-2 days. I saw the inside of these old coal burning plants.....the coal ash a foot deep at the bottom of a boiler....and I used to think..."this HAS to be affecting our climate, environment, etc"...so I'm willing to learn. I'm on the side of clean energy. I believe that we are currently doing serious damage to our world.

*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?**

Promoting, and helping pass legislation that he/she feels will do just that? The problem being that there are different ideas/philosophy on how to do that?

**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 co-ops. Honestly, at this point I don't know of sound legislative assistance. A lot of running for office, is learning.

*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?**

Set that tone with the proper, targeted legislation. BUT....again, we have a conservative super majority. They set the tone by proposing legislation where injuries to a police dog out weigh civil rights concerns to citizens, {actual people}. Where offenses against police carry a greater punishment than the same offenses towards “normal” citizens. We have to break that super majority.....THAT is the first step. Then we can propose progressive policies.

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

Provide opportunity. Educational, and employment.

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

Yes. At this point, I would back the current medical marijuana efforts. I don't think that the populace is ready for an outright legalization at this point in time.

*Yes or no:*

### **21. Are you in favor of involving state troopers in crime prevention/hot spot policing beyond traffic violations ?**

Yes  No

### **22. Do you support appointing a special prosecutor for officer involved shootings?**

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

### **24. Do you support ending the death penalty?**

Yes  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 believe that the matter is a woman's issue. I feel uncomfortable making demands/laws over a woman's body.

**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?**

*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.)**

Internet access across the state.

Bridge, and highway maintenance.

Expansion of public 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, and 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  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?**

I would have to actually see/read, the entire bill. On the surface, with this simple question offered, I would tend to say, “yes” ...but again, would have to see the actual bill.

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

Enable automatic registration when a person reaches their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*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?**

Sharing of tax revenue.

*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?**

Yesx\_\_\_ 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 like the organization. I don't agree with all views, but I like the young energy. I support Mo-Mo, I respect Mo-Mo.

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

To bring compassion to the legislative body. That covers so much.....perhaps we can change to mood from fear, to compassion. I consider all of their attacks, on Labor, on the LGTBQ , poor, disabled, immigrant communities related. Most of the super majorities attacks are through fear. Although, attacking women's issues, {and Labors}, have more to do with control, patriarchy. My goals are to attack the bastards right back. BUT....once again, we need numbers. Simple math. The super majority has the odds, 3-1 repub, to Dem....in House, and Senate....with repub Lt. Gov, and repub Gov. We.....simply.....need more Dems. Before we can think of particulars.

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

First by example, I'm proud my diverse group of friends, I don't hide anyone. Ideally, it would be advantageous for colleagues to interact, and be involved in discussions.

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

On the surface, this idea sounds great.

*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\_x\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

### 53. Do you have a campaign manager?

Yes\_x\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

### 54. What amount of time per week do you envision dedicating to campaigning and call time?



\_\_\_ 40hrs, or more \_\_\_

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?

\_\_\_ 12500 \_\_\_

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.

I "network" with so many that I don't know that I can write them all....belong to Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Coalition of Labor Union Women, West County Dems, Pres of Mo River Township Dem Club, member of Workers Education Society, Jobs With Justice, belong to the Industrial Workers of the World, associate member of the United Mine Workers of America, active with Bread and Roses....an educational Labor History group that teaches, promotes, Labor History through the arts. OH!!! I also belong to Mobilize Missouri, lol!

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: