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GREENE, CHRISTIAN, WEBSTER COUNTIES

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This Voter's Guide is produced by the League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri to educate Greene, Christian and Webster County citizens on the positions of candidates seeking election and to learn about proposed amendments to the State Constitution.

The League contacted each candidate by email and two follow-up contacts. When a candidate did not respond, that is noted next to their name. Candidates are listed by political party in the order they appear on the ballot. This is determined by the party of the current governor, so for this election, Republicans are listed first.

ALL INFORMATION FROM CANDIDATES IS PRINTED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED.

HOW TO VOTE: In-Person Voting on Election Day

- Polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8. *Important:* If you are **in line** at 7 p.m. you have the right to cast your vote. You do not have to be finished voting by the time the polls close.
- The poll worker (election judge) will find your name on the list of registered voters, then ask you to show an approved ID (see blue box) and sign your name.
- Ask a poll worker if you are unsure how to mark your ballot or use the voting equipment.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may request a new one from the poll worker.
- You **do not** have to vote on every candidate or issue for your ballot to be valid. It's okay to leave some races blank; your votes on the other races will still count.
- If you have questions, call the League's Vote411 Hotline, 866-687-8683 (VOTE) or the Missouri Secretary of State, 800-669-8683. Your County Clerk also can help; see County Clerk contact information on page 3.

Voters should expect to show a current photo ID to vote in all future Missouri elections.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

Show one of the forms of acceptable identification and sign the poll book to obtain your ballot:

- A non-expired Missouri driver or non-driver license;
- A non-expired military ID, including a veteran's ID card;
- A non-expired United States passport; or
- Another photo ID issued by the United States or the state of Missouri which is either not expired or expired after the date of the most recent general election.

If you do not possess any of these forms of identification, but are a registered voter, you may cast a **provisional ballot**.

If you do not have any of these forms of ID but are a registered voter, you may cast a provisional ballot. Your provisional ballot will count if you return to your polling place on Election Day with a photo ID or your County Clerk determines the signature on your ballot matches the signature on your voter registration record. If you cast a provisional ballot, you'll receive instructions on how to verify that your ballot was counted.

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IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING VS MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

In-person absentee voting and no-excuse in-person absentee voting - In-person absentee voting begins September 27 and requires a reason for voting absentee and a current photo ID. During the two weeks prior to the election, you may vote no-excuse absentee in-person and only need to show a current photo ID. A reason for voting absentee is not required. All in-person absentee voting takes place at your local election authority's office.

Mail-in absentee voting - Voters can request absentee ballots from their local election authority in person, by mail, by fax or by email. Relatives within the second degree (spouse, parents, and children) may complete an absentee ballot application, in person, on behalf of a voter who wishes to vote absentee.

For mail-in Absentee ballots to be counted they must be received in the election authority's office by 7:00 pm on November 8.

ACCEPTABLE EXCUSES FOR VOTING ABSENTEE INCLUDE:

Absence from jurisdiction on Election Day; incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability on election day, including a caretaker who lives with you; religious belief or practice; employment as an election worker, first responder, health care worker or member of law enforcement; incarceration, provided qualified to vote; and, certified participant in an address confidentiality program.

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

Christian County Clerk Kay Brown, 417-582-4340

christiancountymo.gov/offices/county-clerk

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller, 417-868-4055

greenecountymo.gov/county_clerk

Webster County Clerk Stanley Whitehurst, 417-859-8683

webstercountymo.gov/county-clerks-office

Or contact Missouri's election authority,
the **Office of Secretary of State:**

800-669-8683, elections@sos.mo.gov, sos.mo.gov/elections

For voting problems, call

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Helpful voter information is also available in Spanish at Vote411.org.
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GREENE COUNTY, CHRISTIAN COUNTY & WEBSTER COUNTY

CANDIDATES

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GREENE COUNTY

Greene County Auditor

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NAME Cindy S. Stein
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Greene County Clerk



NAME Shane Schoeller
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Website: www.shaneschoeller.org
Email: Schoeller4Missouri@outlook.com
Phone: 417-827-5743
Twitter: @shaneschoeller
Age: 51

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

The role of county clerk includes the duties of tax administration, licensing, record retention, payroll and benefits administration, voter registration and overseeing elections for the county. I ran for this office as the only candidate who had experience in election administration. With that experience, and a background in working for and with small businesses, I learned the importance of effective and efficient administration in leading the office team to be productive and successful as we serve the public. The knowledge and understanding I have gained administering the duties of this office gives me a strong foundation to continue serving with the experience and qualifications necessary to serve in the office.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

As the public's desire to conduct business electronically in day-to-day financial transactions has increased, my office adapted business practices to meet those expectations. For example, electronic payment was added to serve the public more efficiently. The next step is to allow businesses needing a liquor license to renew or apply for it electronically. Doing so, will allow the office to administer licenses more efficiently and effectively. It is always my goal to be more transparent, especially in election administration. It is imperative the public is made aware of how they are empowered to observe, witness and ensure accountability. Public participation in each election safeguards the integrity and transparency of elections.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I'm a firm believer in the importance of being accountable to the public in every duty of the office. It is imperative to be honest and transparent in every aspect of each duty of the office to empower everyone we serve to have a voice in the decisions being made. I've found time and again that transparency helps illuminate the best path forward to commonsense solutions, that otherwise may never have been realized.

How are you involved in your community?

I enjoy helping support our youth as a teacher to the junior and senior boys and serving as a deacon the needs of our church members at Second Baptist Church. I've also enjoyed being involved through membership in the Kiwanis Club in our area. My wife Mendie and I also enjoy helping support our children in their extracurricular activities through Willard Public Schools as they continue to participate and make a difference as they grow and learn.

Greene County Circuit Clerk

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NAME Bryan Feemster
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Greene County Collector of Revenue



NAME Allen Icet
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Education: Master of Business Administration, Washington University in St. Louis;
Bachelor of Science - Civil Engineering, Texas A&M University

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I was appointed to this office on March 1, 2021. I bring a wealth of private and public experience to the office with the goal to serve the taxpayers of Greene County.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

I have used my experience as well as the knowledge and experience of the Collector's staff to identify and implement process improvements to streamline the office for the benefit of taxpayers and will continue to do so over the next four years.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

My knowledge of business practices that can be implemented in the Collector's office and my commitment to public service.

How are you involved in your community?

I am a member of a local Kiwanis's club along with various Republican clubs.

Greene County Presiding Commissioner

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NAME Bob Dixon
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Greene County Prosecuting Attorney

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NAME Dan Patterson
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Greene County Recorder of Deeds



NAME Cheryl Dawson-Spaulding
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Website: dawsonspaulding.com
Phone: 417-827-4801
Age: 51
Education: Associates degree in computers.

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I've been working in the office since 1992 and have extensive working knowledge of the records as well as the changes in technology and why those were implemented. I've served the Records Association in a leadership capacity as well as being the legislative chair.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

I'm currently in the process of digitizing the last of our historic books which will mean that images from 1833 to present will be accessible by computer. This will not only be more efficient but will prevent more wear and tear on the books themselves. Continued indexing of these will eventually have them all searchable by several different fields.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I'm detail oriented and focused on providing the best customer service possible. Our office has a dedicated friendly staff that I'm consistently receiving compliments on. I'm passionate about preserving the public records to ensure that they will be available for years to come.

How are you involved in your community?

I'm a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Greene County Central Committee, Greene County Archives Foundation Board, North Springfield Betterment Assoc, Greene County Republican Women and President of Greater Ozark Pachyderms.



NAME Melissa Miller
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am adept at managing multiple tasks simultaneously. With a background in construction, I am accustomed to working with a variety of personalities, meeting deadlines, and rapid response problem solving.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

From the first day, I will observe and acclimate to the current work environment. If adjustments need to be made, I will approach those needs with pragmatism, diplomacy, and respect for the people who have been supporting the current Recorder of Deeds.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I will bring a fresh perspective to the recorder's office as well as a more accepting and inclusive perspective on potential new hire employees. I strive for efficiency and organization while also promoting innovation for improvement.

How are you involved in your community?

I have assisted the city of Springfield with a construction project funded by the H.E.L.P. loan as well as volunteered with my neighborhood association for creek cleanups and social events. I previously volunteered at the school my two youngest children attended for several school events, fundraisers, and classroom needs.

CITY BALLOT QUESTIONS IN GREENE COUNTY:

In City Ballot Measures, voters select **YES** to agree to the measure, or **NO** to not agree to the measure.

City of Springfield Ballot Question

Shall the City of Springfield amend the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning 4.2 acres of property, generally located at 3503, 3521, 3527, and 3535 South Lone Pine Avenue from R-SF, Single-family Residential, GR, General Retail, and LB, Limited Business District to Planned Development No. 374; and adopt an updated Official Zoning Map?

City of Strafford Ballot Question

Shall the City of Strafford, Missouri, impose a city sales tax of three-fourths of one percent (3/4%) to fund law enforcement?



A poster for the Springfield NAACP. At the top is the NAACP logo and the text 'SPRINGFIELD NAACP'. Below this is the slogan 'BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!' followed by 'Join your local NAACP Chapter' and the phone number '417.352.0880'. The main body of text reads: 'The time is now. By becoming a member of NAACP, you'll join a network of activists standing up to injustice, fighting back against systemic racism, and answering the call for equality.' It then lists meeting times: 'Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday at 1:30 pm' and 'Youth meetings are held every 2nd Saturday at 3pm'. The meeting location is 'Sanctuary of Praise Church' at '2245 S Holland Ave Springfield, MO'.

An advertisement for Buchanan Williams O'Brien, P.C. Attorneys at Law. The background is a photograph of a tall, modern skyscraper. The firm's logo, 'BWO', is in the top left corner. The text 'Buchanan Williams O'Brien, P.C. ATTORNEYS AT LAW' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, the services 'PERSONAL INJURY', 'WORKERS COMP', and 'AUTO ACCIDENTS' are listed in yellow. At the bottom, it states 'Offices in St. Louis, Joplin and Springfield', provides the website 'WWW.BWOATTORNEYS.COM', and the phone number '417-623-0900'.

Christian County Auditor**NAME** Amy Dent**POLITICAL PARTY** Republican**Why are you qualified to serve in this office?**

I have over 25 years of accounting experience and I have been a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) since 2019.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

I have already implemented automated trackable budgeting software and contracted for a web-based financial accountability center that allows all taxpayers to see the county's checkbook.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I strive to build professional working relationships with all offices and departments.

How are you involved in your community?

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Christian County Circuit Clerk

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NAME Barbie Barnett-Stillings**POLITICAL PARTY** Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Christian County Clerk**NAME** Paula Brumfield**POLITICAL PARTY** Republican**BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:**

Phone: 417-840-7644

Age: 52

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration in Management

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

The role of County Clerk is very diverse and with my years of experience serving as Chief Deputy Clerk, I will provide a smooth transition for the Christian County citizens. I am very detailed oriented, and accuracy is a priority. The workings of County Government are unique, and I am well acquainted with the processes necessary to get the job done in this environment.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

I believe in open government and always seek to be available to the citizens of Christian County. I will always be in the office to serve my constituents. I will be proactive to implement all measures of cyber security that are necessary to protect and secure our election process.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I am well qualified to serve as the County Clerk from my years of experience in the office and my formal education from Evangel University. I appreciate the opportunity to learn "on the job training", an advantage for me personally and for the county.

How are you involved in your community?

My husband and I are active in our church. We contribute to many local organizations in Christian County. Recently, I worked and supported the annual Nixa Sucker Day. I am looking forward to getting involved with the community and working with the Chamber of Commerce in Christian County.

Christian County Collector

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NAME Ted Nichols**POLITICAL PARTY** Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Christian County Presiding Commissioner



NAME Lynn Morris

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

Website: www.christiancountymo.gov

Phone: 417-612-1610

Facebook: Citizens for Morris

Age: 73

Education: Pharmacist, Masters in Healthcare Administration

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

Businessman for over 40 years. Served in Missouri State Legislature for 8 years. Served as Eastern Christian County Commissioner for 2 & 1/2 years.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

Lower or maintain property taxes for citizens without hurting public school funding. Continue to upgrade and maintain roads and bridges, Internet for all areas of the county. Adequate funding for law enforcement, fire districts, and emergency management, and public education.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

Owned my own business for over 40 years. Served in State Legislature for 8 years working with budgets, taxes, and funding. Resident of Christian County since 1977. Immediate family lives Southwest Missouri including 6 grandchildren.

How are you involved in your community?

Served on the school board, owned businesses in Christian County, served on various boards and committees. I am rewarded by helping people.

Christian County Prosecuting Attorney



NAME Kristen Tuohy Avila

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

Phone: 417-812-5113

Age: 44

Education: Juris Doctor, University of Missouri

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am an experienced trial attorney, committed to public service and the practice of criminal law. I received my Missouri Bar license on September 17, 2003. I previously served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Newton County and Greene County. In July of 2012, I was appointed First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Christian County Prosecutor's Office where I handle a case assignment along with supervisory responsibilities. Over the past 19 years I have handled a wide range of criminal offenses at all stages of criminal proceedings. I am familiar with the daily operations of the Christian County Prosecutor's Office which will allow for a smooth transition and minimize delay to proceedings.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

Improving efficiency begins with retention of highly trained and qualified employees. In addition, I will continue to utilize computer software programs and fileless/paperless practices which will allow for prompt access to case information, improve employee efficiency, and reduce office supply expenditures.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I will serve as Christian County Prosecuting Attorney with integrity, consistency, fairness, and steadfast commitment to justice. I will seek to increase public safety while upholding the constitutional and legal rights afforded to all persons.

How are you involved in your community?

I serve on the Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board and a member of Impact 100 Ozark.



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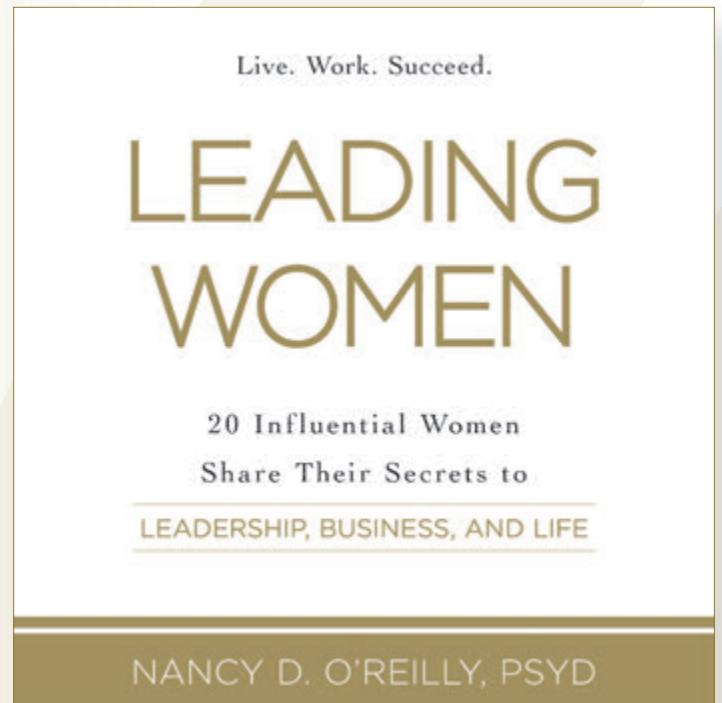
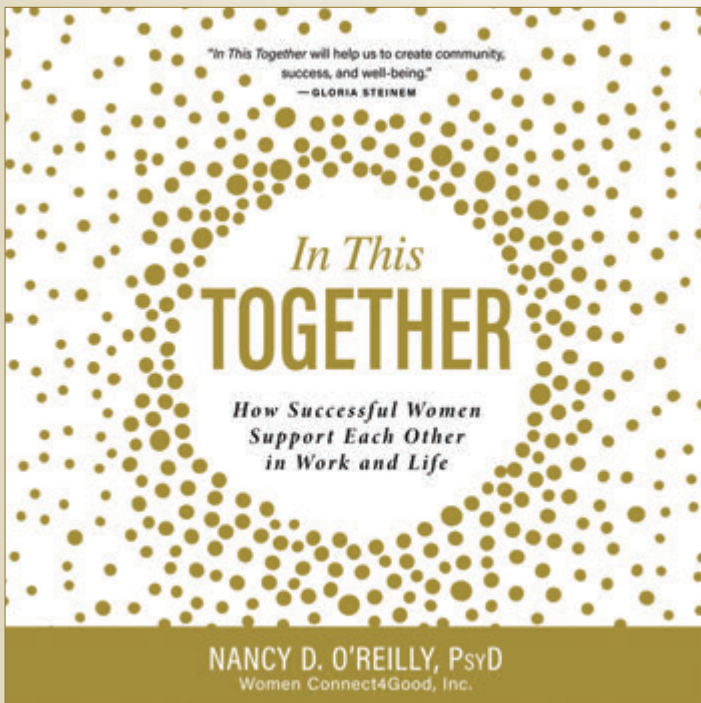
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CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Christian County Recorder of Deeds



NAME Kelly Blunt Hall
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Age: 55
Education: Bachelor of Science from Missouri State University

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have been the Recorder of Deeds for Christian County for the last 11 years. I was a Deputy Recorder for 7 years prior to that. I know the state statutes and laws related to the Recorder's office. I have an extensive network with other Recorder's in the state of Missouri if there is ever a question that I may need assistance with.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

The staff in this office is very friendly and helpful to all customers. We will help you with your needs and answer any questions you may have. We now have the ability to take payments over the phone and in person with a credit card. We have a notification system in place that will alert any land owner when a document is recorded with their name on it. You do not need to pay for an outside service to monitor this for you. Please call or come into the office and we will show you how it works and get you set up to take advantage of this free feature. We have scanned all of our documents dating back to 1865. All documents are searchable online. This office belongs to the county taxpayers and we try to make everyone feel welcome.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I feel that over the last 11 years we have worked hard at making the Recorder's office an open and friendly office to come and visit. We are continually improving the system to search properties and getting new updates to protect the county land owners. I have a staff of very wonderful people. We all strive to make any experience you have with this office a friendly and informative one.

How are you involved in your community?

I am a member of Victory Baptist Church in Ozark, MO and a member of the Sparta, Ozark, Nixa and Clever Chamber of Commerce's. I support the communities in Christian County by participating in the events they have. I regularly support the Ozark Senior Center, Sucker Days, Railroad Day, Billings Fair and the Christmas Parade's for Sparta, Ozark, Highlandville, Nixa, Clever and Billings. I love to attend the festivals such as Persimmon Days, the July 4th events, Duck Race & others when possible.



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Missouri 38th Circuit Judge, Division 2



NAME Jessica Kruse
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Age: 43
Education: Bachelor of Science from Missouri State University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa College of Law

Why are you seeking this office?

I was first elected to the Christian County Associate Circuit Court position in 2018, appointed to begin my term early by Governor Parson due to the retirement of the Hon. Larry Luna. When the Division II Circuit Court position opened in December 2021, I was appointed again by Governor Parson to serve the remainder of the Division II term that was left vacant by the Hon. Jennifer Growcock. I enjoy serving the citizens of Christian County in this capacity and I am currently running unopposed for a 6-year term on the Circuit Court bench.

What experience and strengths do you bring to this office?

I was a practicing Missouri attorney from 2006 until taking the bench in late 2018. My practice covered a variety of areas, including family law, elder law, and civil litigation. As a Judge, I believe it is important to respect all those that come before me, both as litigants and attorneys, and to make sure I dedicate the time necessary for all to feel heard. In addition, a Judge must be able to make difficult decisions that may not be popular, but that follow the law. I possess the skills necessary to accomplish these most fundamental requirements of the judiciary.

Missouri 38th Circuit Associate Judge-Division 3

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NAME Steven Ward
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Age: 57
Education: University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Juris Doctorate (1994); Missouri State University, B.S.Ed. (1987)

Why are you seeking this office?

I was honored to be appointed by Governor Parson in January 2022 to fill this position formerly held by Judge Jessica Kruse, whom Governor Parson had appointed as Circuit Judge for Division Two in Christian County. I am seeking to be elected by the people because I want to continue to give back and serve the citizens of Christian County, where I've lived throughout my entire legal career.

What experience and strengths do you bring to this office?

I was a lawyer in Springfield from 1996-2021. My practice was primarily spent representing companies in product liability cases, where I appeared before judges and tried numerous cases throughout the Midwest. During that time, I developed both legal and leadership skills necessary to manage a large docket of cases and supervise staff that were critical to the successful representation of our clients. Since being appointed in January to serve as the Associate Circuit Judge in Division Three, I have utilized the skills learned in private practice to manage the docket assigned to this Division and, with the assistance of the clerks, have streamlined various case processes to efficiently and fairly administer justice.

Missouri 38th Circuit Associate Judge-Division 4

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NAME Doug Bacon

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.



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In City and State Ballot Measures, voters select **YES** to agree to the measure, or **NO** to not agree to the measure.

City of Nixa Ballot Question

Shall the City of Nixa, Missouri, impose a city general sales tax of one percent (1%) to fund public safety and recreation?

City of Ozark Ballot Question

Shall the City of Ozark, Missouri, impose a local use tax for public safety purposes at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently 2.375%, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?



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WEBSTER COUNTY

Webster County Circuit Clerk

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NAME Stephanie Vestal
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Webster County Collector of Revenue

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NAME Kevin Farr
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Webster County Clerk



NAME Stanley D. Whitehurst
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

Age: 56
Education: Bachelor's Degree in History; Masters,
Business Administration

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have 24 years of experience as County Clerk, and a passion for public service.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

We strive to improve every day. For example, we are implementing new financial accounting software - which we believe will make the office more efficient and transparent.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

Local government is a unique niche. To be able to get things done, you need to be patient, tolerant of other points of view, and absolutely dedicated to serving the public. I hope that - over time - I have developed these qualities.

How are you involved in your community?

Past-President, Webster County Historical Society;
Treasurer, Marshfield Public Schools Foundation;
Past-President, Marshfield Rotary Club;
General community volunteer

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NAME Paul Ipock
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Webster County Recorder of Deeds



NAME Stacy ATKISON
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
Website: atkison4recorder.com
Phone: 417-818-4299
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StacyAtkison4Recorder>
Age: 55
Education: Marshfield High School 1985 Attended both
Drury and Evangel Universities in Springfield

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I served as the Webster County Recorder of Deeds from 2003 to 2010. During that time, I updated the computer network and the recording software in the office. As a member of the Recorders Association of Missouri I served on multiple committees: Legislative, Planning, Audit, and Technology. I was Chairperson for Audit and Technology. I also served on the Missouri Association of Counties Board of Directors for 6 years. I have done this job and done it well. Since then I have worked for iCounty Technologies selling and training Recorders offices on the best software available. I wish to bring everything I have learned in the last twelve years back home to Webster County.

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

The office is still set up and run the way I left it in 2010. The only changes have been updates in technology provided by the company I have been working with the last 12 years. I will continue to provide excellent service to the people of Webster County.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I am the candidate that has the experience to lead Webster County. I have been in every courthouse in the state of Missouri and many in Kansas and Arkansas. I am an expert in the field of Recording. During my first term, Webster County was the 4th county in Missouri to accept an eRecorder

How are you involved in your community?

5th Generation Webster County family man who is active in volunteering with several groups.
Marshfield Performing Arts Society - Actor
Webster County Fair Booth and Kitchen Crew
Seymour Apple Festival Chicken Shack and Corn Dog Booth Volunteer
Rogersville Truck Pull Announcer
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Webster County Prosecuting Attorney

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NAME Benjamin J. Berkstresser
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

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WEBSTER COUNTY

Webster County Treasurer

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POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:
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Age: 54
Education: BS in education

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have served in this position for 4 years

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency?

New software. It will make the office more efficient.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

Commitment to the people of Webster County.

How are you involved in your community?

Serve in many committees in our community and in church.

Missouri 30th Circuit Associate Judge-Division 3

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NAME Chuck Replogle
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri 30th Circuit Associate Judge-Division 2

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NAME Justin M. Evans
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Remembering League Founder & Life Member Fran Harris



Fran Harris was a remarkable woman. Born in 1929 in Peach County, Georgia, she was her high school valedictorian, attended Smith College, then transferred to Duke University. After graduation she studied social work at Louisiana State before serving as a child welfare worker in two Tennessee counties. Fran worked as a medical caseworker in Iowa University Hospital, then held a similar position at Florida State hospital. She received an M.A. in counseling from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau.

Fran and husband Leo were married 50 years, and they had three children, two grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Even with the demands of work, school and family, Fran made many friends in Cape Girardeau, and with a group of women there she became a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Southeast Missouri.

Fran later moved to Springfield and joined LWVSWMO. Fran was active in all aspects of League life, working at voter registrations, helping to educate and inform voters and advocating for policies. When the League marked its 100th anniversary in 2020, she received her 50-year life membership pin from the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Even during COVID, Fran joined every meeting, Zooming with the best of them.

Her warm smile, lovely southern accent, wisdom, guidance and welcoming spirit will be missed. She valued and was valued by her friends both in the League and throughout the community. Fran was a friend whose presence was a delight and a treasure.

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Missouri Supreme Court

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Zel M. Fischer

Hon. Zel Fischer was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 2008. Fischer's judicial assignments have included sitting with the Missouri Court of Appeals and numerous circuit courts. Fischer served as associate circuit judge in Atchison County. Fischer graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1988. Fischer is a current or former member of 4th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Platte County Bar Association, Clay County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Fischer previously served on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices and is currently president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Courts and Sciences Institute. He also serves on the national advisory board of the University of North Carolina - Bryson Center for Judicial Education.

Judicial Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Judge Fischer substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Robin Ransom

Hon. Robin Ransom was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in 2021. Ransom was a Missouri Court of Appeals-Eastern District judge, circuit judge, juvenile family court commissioner for St. Louis, and prosecutor and public defender for St. Louis County. Ransom graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1992. Ransom is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, Lawyers Association of St. Louis, and Mound City Bar Association.

Judicial Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Judge Ransom substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Missouri Court of Appeals Judge, Southern District

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Don Burrell

Hon. Don Burrell is a judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals-Southern District and was appointed to the court in 2008. Burrell's judicial assignments include appeals, extraordinary writs, and motions. He has served as election judge and chief judge. He was also part of the Appellate-Judge Reapportionment Commission; Legislative Committee; Trial Judge Education Committee; Civil Rules Committee; and Re-Circuiting Committee. Burrell was circuit judge for the 31st Judicial Circuit. Burrell graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1991. Burrell is a member of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.

Judicial Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Judge Burrell substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Jack Goodman

Hon. Jack Goodman was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals-Southern District in 2020. Goodman served as circuit judge for the 39th Judicial Circuit, Missouri State senator for the 29th District, and state representative for the 132nd District. Goodman was also in private practice from 1998-2012 and assistant county prosecutor. Goodman graduated from the University of Missouri and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1998. Goodman is part of the Judicial Conference of Missouri, Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, and the 39th Circuit Bar Association.

Judicial Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Judge Goodman substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Associate Judge, 31st Circuit Court, Division 22

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Margaret Palmietto

Hon. Margaret Palmietto was appointed associate circuit judge for the 31st Judicial Circuit in 2015. Palmietto was administrative law judge and chief administrative law judge for the Missouri Department of Labor from 1994-2015, assistant prosecuting attorney for Greene County from 1990-1994, and associate attorney for Schroff, Glass and Newberry from 1988-1989. Palmietto graduated from the University of Missouri and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1988. Palmietto is a member of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and Southern Missouri Women Lawyers.

Judicial Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Judge Palmietto substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Associate Judge, 31st Circuit Court, Division 24

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Mark A. Powell

Hon. Mark Powell was appointed associate circuit judge of the 31st Judicial Circuit in 2000. Powell's judicial assignments include associate criminal, circuit felony trial, and circuit civil trial dockets. Powell graduated from Drake University School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1985. Powell is a member of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges, and Statewide Circuit Court Budget Committee.

Judicial Performance Review Committee Recommendation: Judge Powell substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

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Associate Judge, 31st Circuit Court, Division 25

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



T. Todd Myers

Hon. T. Todd Myers was appointed associate circuit judge of the 31st Judicial Circuit in 2020. Myers was chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Greene County. Myers graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law and was admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1998. Myers is a member of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges and Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.

Judicial Performance Review Committee
Recommendation: Judge Myers substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Missouri House District 129

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NAME John F. Black

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri House District 130

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NAME Bishop Davidson

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.



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Missouri House District 131



NAME Bill Owen

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

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Age: 69

Education: Drury University AB, Graduate School of Banking University of Wisconsin

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

Financial Institutions and even omit development

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

I look at running a state government much like a business. Using business principles. It is a large statewide social service not for profit.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

Spent most of my time in bank management. Try and use many of those principles in advocating within the caucus

How are you involved in your community?

Throughout my adult life I have served on the boards of numerous. From social Service not for profits to business organizations

Missouri House District 132



NAME Stephanos Freeman

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

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Missouri House District 132



NAME Crystal Quade

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Age: 37

Education: Bachelor's in Social Work

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

As a social worker, I have spent a lot of time focusing on issues impacting the well-being of our community. Child care, substance use disorder, the unhoused, individuals incarcerated, as well as issues that impact workers and small businesses.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

Our state is not investing in its people. We rank last in the country for teacher pay, 49th in workforce, 42nd in healthcare, 45th in maternal mortality, and the list goes on. We need to prioritize investments as a state so that folks can live, work, and play without worrying how to get by.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

As a first generation high school graduate, I understand the struggles families on the north side face. I have lived, worked, and raised my family in this district for a long time. As a social worker, I understand the intersectionality of public policy and over the past six years have spent my time learning and passing policy that helps people.

How are you involved in your community?

I currently serve as Board President of Better Life in Recovery, Springfield Public Schools Community Taskforce, have served on my neighborhood association board, League of Women Voters board, MU Extension Council, and on the Civic Engagement Team for the Community Focus Report. But the most impactful involvement I have is simply connecting folks with resources. Things like Medicaid, Unemployment benefits, or nonprofits in the area that may be of assistance.

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NAME Melanie Stinnett

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.



NAME Amy Blansit

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

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Age: 43

Education: DHS (Doctorate of Health Science)

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

Healthcare access. My education and experience have led me to spend a great deal of time studying the effects of health disparity. Thousands of families are financially destroyed by lack of insurance or being under insured. My late husband lacked quality healthcare and did not maintain primary or secondary preventive health. He passed from colon cancer and we had \$400,000 of medical bills his health insurance company denied until I took legal action. No American should have to experience what my family experienced. Affordable health care and health equity save lives and create a strong healthy workforce.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

First, listening to voters. This position represents a specific district of voters. Assessing their needs, their barriers to thrive, and their wishes to a strong safe community is the first step. Second, I will work across party lines to create policy that considers all voters, not blanket policy that assumes rural Missouri is the same as urban areas. I have worked with marginalized populations for the past decade. I am a single mom and I lived paycheck to paycheck. I understand the struggles of many Missourians. Through my experiences, I have found ways to collaborate with for profit and nonforprofit to create real answers and remove barriers that prevent our neighbors from thriving. We have to work together, especially at the state level

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I am a doer. I am engaged, empathetic, and intuitive. I grew up low income and understand the struggles that have lead to my residency. I am a business owner. I am a widow and a single mom. I have lived experiences that help me understand the barriers and trauma of my neighbors. I have continued my education through a doctoral degree in health sciences because I am passionate about healthcare and removing health disparities. I am an educator. I love teaching and being present with others.

How are you involved in your community?

I started and run a nonprofit that serves low to moderate income individuals in Missouri. We focus on community engagement and built environments. We empower individuals to find their agency, their voice, and their power to complete education, improve employment and build a stable home for their family. I also teach at Missouri State and am heavily engaged in community initiatives. I have served on many committees and community betterment programs.

Missouri House District 134

**NAME** Alex Riley**POLITICAL PARTY** Republican**BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:**Website: www.rileyforstateRepublican.com

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Age: 30

Education: Juris Doctor, Southern Illinois University School of Law; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Thomas Edison State University

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I am most passionate about “kitchen table” issues that directly impact the lives of everyone living in our community. Issues like economic opportunity/poverty reduction, education, and crime reduction/ supporting our law enforcement officers are what I spend the most time working on while I am in the Capitol.

Increasing educational opportunities and supporting successful nonprofit programs to reduce poverty are key to the success of our community. I am proud of legislation I successfully sponsored that cut \$84 million of taxes on small businesses statewide and cut government red tape in one of our state’s key economies. I also stand strongly with our law enforcement officers and work to ensure they have the resources needed to keep us safe.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

I stand for limited government and believe individuals know how to live their own lives better than politicians and government bureaucrats. I am skeptical of increasing government power and have voted against legislation by Republicans and Democrats which infringe on limited government. My decisions are based on facts and data, rather than emotions.

Additionally, not every issue needs to be a partisan fight. When there are opportunities to work across the aisle, I do that. Of the five bills I sponsored that passed the House, every one received bipartisan support. Those did not start out as bipartisan bills, but I worked with folks on both sides of the aisle to address concerns, make the bills better, and ultimately win their support.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

Born and raised in Springfield, I work in our community as a local business defense attorney and know what makes our area thrive. My legislative record of protecting life, defending liberty, and fostering prosperity is strong. I have built relationships with legislators, political and community leaders, and constituents, allowing me to hit the ground running and serve effectively. The 134th can count on me to serve faithfully because I stand strong on my conservative values and convictions.

How are you involved in your community?

Having served as State Representative of the 134th District for the past two years, I work with residents and businesses to advocate for them, connect them with answers, and solve problems. I attend as many community meetings and events as possible and have spoken at numerous memorial services. My family and I are active in our church, and I have been a longtime member of The Network (a Chamber of Commerce organization for young professionals) and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.

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Missouri House District 134

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NAME Samantha Deaton
POLITICAL PARTY Democrat

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri House District 135



NAME Betsy Fogle
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Age: 32
Education: High School - Parkview, Springfield Public Schools; Bachelor's Degree from Missouri State University; Master's Degree from University of Arkansas

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

After 6 years working at a community health center in Springfield connecting low-income neighbors to healthcare, I decided to run for office to advocate for public policy that invests in Missourians and moves our state forward. I am deeply passionate about increasing access to healthcare, including mental health services, and fought for Medicaid Expansion - which brought healthcare coverage to over 200,000 people. I am very passionate about ensuring all children have access to free and quality education and that we continue to work to attract and retain quality educators. I am also personally passionate about ensuring a strong workforce and focus on policy that helps our economy - good paying jobs, childcare access, and higher education.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

In Jefferson City, I focus on commonsense policy. For example, I was able to create funding for childcare for small businesses and first responders to help address the workforce shortage. I bring a balanced perspective to the Capitol and am always looking at policy through a different lens than my colleagues. I work across the aisle with members of the Republican supermajority to pass legislation that benefits Missourians, and I am not afraid to stand up and say no when legislation is too extreme for our state.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

The last two years, I focused on the issues important to the people of my district - strong schools, access to healthcare, and a strong economy. I know what issues are important to the people I serve because I have knocked their doors and have learned about the issues impacting their families. I am focused on policy that benefits all Missourians. I use my office to help resolve issues my constituents face with state government. I work hard for the people of the 135th House District.

How are you involved in your community?

Springfield has been home to me my entire life. I am a proud product of Springfield Public Schools and Missouri State University. Before becoming a State representative, I had the pleasure of spending my career working at a community health center connecting neighbors to affordable and quality healthcare services. I have had the honor of sitting on Boards of several nonprofits in the Springfield area. I enjoy attending all of the events that make Springfield a great place to live.

Missouri House District 135



NAME A. J. Exner

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Education: B.S. in Biology from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri; M.S. in Plant Science from Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I am specifically passionate about policies pertaining to education, the economy, and public safety. As a father to two young boys, I am very interested in making sure that they get the best education, and so I want to create policies that help them and all the parents and their kids in Springfield to have the best opportunities. I want to ensure that families in Springfield keep more of their hard-earned paycheck and that they are not further burdened by economic policies that keep the price of groceries and gas at levels that make it tough to live. Last, I am passionate about public safety. As a former employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, I believe that families thrive when they feel safe and I want to make sure that they do.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

I believe that it is essential to represent the people that elect you. It is my hope to focus on each issue that comes across my desk and ensure that I am doing my best to help the people of my district and my region as I make decisions for them. Whether that decision is economic, social, safety, or otherwise, I think it is essential that I am thinking about the people of my area as I represent them in Jefferson City.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I am a hard worker with a wide variety of backgrounds and skills. I have first hand experience with nonprofits, for-profits, science, education (both private and public), faith communities, agriculture, technology and manufacturing. These experiences and many others will help me to bring a vast array of skills to my decision making process. I can think critically about a variety of topics and work well under pressure to achieve the things that need to get done.

How are you involved in your community?

I am active in a variety of non-profit and for-profit arenas throughout Springfield. I have served on the board of the Discovery Center as well as the Springfield Chamber of Commerce through their board for young professionals called The Network. I worked with a number of clients helping with Covid testing which allowed me to interact with a number of government and non-government entities. I am active in my church here in town and continue to find ways to better help Springfield thrive.



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NAME Craig Fishel

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.



NAME Stephanie Hein

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Age: 48

Education: Missouri State University, B.S. - Hospitality &

Restaurant Administration / Missouri State University, MBA / University of Missouri-Columbia, EdD - Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis

Education: Drury University AB, Graduate School of Banking University of Wisconsin

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

My policy interests focus in three key areas. One, I want economic policy that allows you to earn a good living and retire in dignity after a lifetime of work. When you grow household income and reduce the poverty level, you can begin to solve some of the critical challenges facing our community. Two, I want policies that create a safe, healthy community where we take care of our neighbors, live free of violence, and respect personal decisions made with our healthcare providers.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

Balance is key. Extreme perspectives do little for the well-being of our citizens. Instead, our strength is in our shared values, and right now our politics seem to be operating with a "my way or the highway" approach that is not working. If you have ever been in a partnership of any significance, you know there must be some give and take to be successful. It is more advantageous to use a balanced approach where we can find common ground on issues that matter to our constituents. Restoring respect, civility, and integrity is essential if we want our government to truly work for the people. I am committed to being a leader who can work across the aisle to deliver results on priorities that impact our community.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I have spent a lifetime honing my problem-solving and collaboration skills to achieve results. Diverse professional experiences have allowed me to work with people from different backgrounds and perspectives. I have worked closely with both educators and businesses, which helps me understand the challenges facing our community. I know when to listen and when to lead. Most importantly, I enjoy working alongside others, even those I may not agree with, to achieve the highest-value results for all.

How are you involved in your community?

Community engagement is an important aspect of my life. I am a past chair of the Springfield Convention and Visitor Bureau Board of Directors, served on Springfield's Airport Task Force, and was named one of Springfield's Influential Women in 2014. During my career, I secured grant funding to provide financial resources and mentorship to first generation high school students in our area. Additionally, I am an active member of Springfield's Downtown Rotary Club, which values service above self.

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Missouri House District 137

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NAME Darin Chappell
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri House District 139

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NAME Bob Titus
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri House District 138

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NAME Brad Hudson
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri House District 140

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NAME Jamie Ray Gragg
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.



The League contacted each candidate by email and two follow-up contacts. When a candidate did not respond, that is noted next to their name.

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Missouri House District 140



NAME Amy Freeland

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

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Age: 69

Education: Drury University AB, Graduate School of
Banking University of Wisconsin

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

Public education - Public education is under attack in my district, from book banning to the "school choice" movement (funneling public tax dollars into private schools). I support fully funding public schools and trusting locally-elected school boards to mandate curricula.

Healthcare - Everyone deserves access to quality, affordable healthcare, and it should not be a for-profit industry. I support lowering health insurance and prescription drug costs, expanding employer-provided health coverage, funding local hospitals, and expanding Medicaid enrollment.

Accountability in government - Our elected officials tend to ignore or overturn the will of the voters (e.g., Medicaid expansion, Clean MO) and pass policies that hurt us.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

I would involve relevant experts and stakeholders in the legislative process: public teachers must have a say in education laws, healthcare providers in healthcare laws, etc. I would prioritize people over profit and people over corporations at every chance. Some universal principles: public taxpayer dollars should always go to services benefiting the public, and locally-spent money should stay in the local economy. Some specific challenges: Protect and affirm all LGBTQ+ identities including transgender people, restore abortion access/rebuild reproductive rights, stop anti-CRT hysteria/encourage teaching true American history through a racial justice lens, enforce the separation of church and state, and enact common-sense gun laws.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

My volunteer activism means I'm experienced at talking to voters and finding common ground with people of many diverse perspectives. I'm a working-class millennial who understands modern economic struggles. I understand the importance of public education as a public school student (K-12) who benefited from an IEP. As a quality assurance analyst, I am adept at understanding a process from start to finish and identifying gaps or opportunities anywhere along the way.

How are you involved in your community?

I volunteer for social justice organizations including Planned Parenthood, Jobs with Justice, the NAACP, Moms Demand Action, and Promo. I have canvassed for progressive candidates and ballot initiatives including Clean MO, Medicaid expansion, raising the minimum wage, and medical marijuana (Amendment 2). I have canvassed against anti-union legislation ("Right to Work") and Springfield's proposed pit bull ban. I'm a member of the Ozark Chamber of Commerce.

Missouri Senate District 20

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NAME Curtis Trent
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri Senate District 30

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NAME Lincoln Hough
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri Senate District 30



NAME
Raymond Lampert
POLITICAL PARTY
Democratic
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Education: JD, University of Missouri - School of Law, 2005

people, and we do that by assuring that workers are paid fair wages and are free of discrimination, that they have access to quality and affordable healthcare, and the opportunity for good public education, so they can improve their lives and the lives of fellow members in the community.

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

Workers' rights, access to healthcare and public education, because I believe that the government should act to improve the lives of ordinary

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state?

Our public policies should be based on sound facts and evidence, and oriented towards improving the lives of everyday Missourians. Our legislature should not be up for purchase by wealthy donors.

What strengths will you bring to this office?

I have owned my own law practice for nearly 14 years. During that time I have represented working Missourians who have been the target of unlawful workplace practices, including wrongful termination, nonpayment of wages and overtime, and retaliatory discharge. I believe I have a strong understanding of how our laws affect the lives of our citizens and businesses and what elected representatives should do for the people.

How are you involved in your community?

I have run for elected office twice before, and volunteered on multiple political campaigns. I have been an active member of the Greene County Democratic Party for several years. I am currently serving on the City of Springfield's Citizens Tax Oversight Committee.

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STATEWIDE OFFICES

Missouri State Auditor



NAME Scott Fitzpatrick
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
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Phone: 573-751-2411
Age: 34
Education: B.A., University of Missouri-Columbia, business
Occupation: State Treasurer and business owner

What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?

My time as Budget Chairman and State Treasurer and my experience starting a business in high school and growing it to a 70-person nationwide company has prepared me to be State Auditor. I understand the state budget better than anyone running. As Treasurer I am the only state office that is audited every year and have never had a single audit finding on my office.

What are your plans to better serve Missouri and help the state recover from the challenges of COVID-19?

COVID has resulted in massive levels of government spending. The state budget has nearly doubled in the last four years from \$28 billion to \$49 billion. Every local government in our state has stimulus funding to deploy. As Auditor I will work to ensure this money is used effectively, and when it is wasted or fraud occurs, I will hold those responsible accountable.



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NAME Alan Green
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Occupation: Owner and president, Alan Green and Associates
Age: 61
Education: PhD, United Theological Seminary Survive
Bible College of Saint Louis, religious education

What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?

I am the most experienced and educated candidate running for this office. I have served as an elected official, run a state agency, served as an advisor to a governor and two St. Louis County executives, and served as a police officer. My record in these roles plus my role as an officer of the law has prepared me for this position.

What are your plans to better serve Missouri and help the state recover from the challenges of COVID-19?

This office serves as the state's watchdog. Its sole function is to protect the public's fiscal interest by making sure tax dollars are spent on programing where intended, that those funds are used efficiently and maximized, which should result in enhanced functions and savings.



NAME John A. Hartwig Jr.
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Age: 80
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant
Education: B.S., Washington University

What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?

Voters must remember that the Auditor's office is NOT a legislative position and as such cannot create legislation or take a position on legislation. As a current Missouri Certified Public Accountant in practice, I would be uniquely qualified to serve as State Auditor. No other competing candidate can offer these qualifications.

What are your plans to better serve Missouri and help the state recover from the challenges of COVID-19?

If elected, I will review the audit priorities of the office and will also make a reassessment of the recruiting efforts of the Auditor's office to attract qualified auditors for the staff.

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District 4NO PHOTO
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NAME Mark Alford
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

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NAME Jack Truman
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
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 Facebook: www.facebook.com/trumanforcongress/
 YouTube Message: I'm a candidate for the people.
 Education: MFA in Theatre, Minnesota State University; BS
 in Business, Missouri Southern State University
 Most recent elected offices: None. No political experience
 Incumbent? YES or NO: No

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our nation?

Being for the people. My number one priority is protecting and serving our children.

What bills will you prioritize to improve the lives of Missourians and all Americans?

Health, education, economy, protecting a woman's right to choose, protecting our veterans, and more. Representing the regular person.

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NAME Randy Langkraehr
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri US Representative
District 7NO PHOTO
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NAME Eric Burlison
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.

Missouri US Representative
District 7

NAME Kristen Radaker-Sheafer
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 Age: 34

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our nation?

Partisanship is one of the biggest challenges we are currently facing. I will address this by listening to and working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address the problems that the American people face today. Providing small, incremental improvements in the daily lives of the American people can only be accomplished when we are willing to listen to and accept various points of view and work together to find a compromise that will produce real benefits for the constituents. I am not interested in blaming the "other side," I'm interested in working WITH them to make long overdue reforms to make our government work With, By, and For The People.

What bills will you prioritize to improve the lives of Missourians and all Americans?

1. I would prioritize bills that ensure access to healthcare, quality public education, and high-speed internet access, especially in rural areas where these resources are often lacking. 2. I would work for solutions to address rising prices and to protect the most vulnerable from the worst impacts of inflation.



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 Age: 64

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our nation?

My campaign theme is "Liberty Under God." "Liberty": I reject violence or the initiation of force as a solution to any problem. "Under God": I believe America was originally a Christian nation. Every government is a "monopoly of violence." Taxation is theft. My opposition to violence makes me a pacifist and an "anarcho-capitalist." Anyone taking an oath to "support the Constitution" is swearing to oppose that which is un-constitutional. All unconstitutional programs, such as the "war on drugs" and the Dept. of Education should be abolished. Every member of Congress who spends a penny of taxpayer money unconstitutionally takes the Lord's name in vain. The Federal Government has murdered millions of innocent civilians around the world.

What bills will you prioritize to improve the lives of Missourians and all Americans?

I will sponsor legislation to abolish the Dept of Education, Energy, Commerce, HUD, and all other unconstitutional programs. These unconstitutional bureaucracies cost at least \$3 Trillion a year. That's about \$10,000 for every man, woman, and small child in America every year. Your standard of living would improve if you don't have to pay for wasteful, harmful, and unconstitutional government programs.

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Missouri US Senator



NAME Eric Schmitt
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?
Missouri needs a proven conservative fighter in the U.S. Senate. As attorney general, I've fought and won for Missouri. I've beat back this White House's radical open-border policies, stopped attempts to stifle free speech, sued to end COVID mandates, fought for election integrity, stood up to China and much more.

What is your top legislative priority, and would you advocate changes to Senate rules or procedures to make it happen?
We need fighters in the U.S. Senate who prioritize reversing radical Democrat policies so we can get our country back. This White House's economic policies have crippled our economy -- giving us record-high gas prices and runaway inflation. As attorney general, I've fought their disastrous energy policies. In the Senate, I'll fight to restore American energy dominance.



NAME Paul Venable
POLITICAL PARTY Constitution
What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?
I can read! I have read the Constitution and I know what it means. Violations of the Constitution are so rampant and longstanding that We the People no longer recognize what is and is not constitutional. The Constitution is the miracle that saved the Republic after the Revolutionary War. The root solution to our national maladies is full compliance with the constitution.

What is your top legislative priority, and would you advocate changes to Senate rules or procedures to make it happen?
My top legislative priority will be to resolve the constitutional crisis which has been plaguing the United States since January 6, 2021. On that day, Congress, errantly and in violation of the elector's clause, among others, of the Constitution, seated in the offices of President and Vice President, individuals who were chosen by constitutionally unqualified electors.



NAME Trudy Busch Valentine
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?
We need the heart of a nurse in Washington. A nurse who cares about people, advocates for our democracy including our sacred voting rights, stands up for women and their right to choose, cares about every child, sees climate change as a scientific fact and celebrates diversity. I have a lifetime record of service and I will be focused on delivering real results for MO.

What is your top legislative priority, and would you advocate changes to Senate rules or procedures to make it happen?
Broadly my priority will be to make things better for MO: lowering the cost of basic necessities, expanding access to quality, affordable health care, making it easier on parents to raise children, and ending the opioid epidemic in MO and bringing hope to families struggling with addiction. One of my first specific legislative goals will be codifying Roe into federal law.



NAME Jonathan Dine
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian

Candidate was contacted but did not provide information.



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AMENDMENT 1: Simple majority required.

Ballot wording: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to: allow the General Assembly to override the current constitutional restrictions of state investments by the state treasurer; and allow state investments in municipal securities possessing one of the top five highest long term ratings or the highest short term rating? State governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of \$2 million per year. Local governmental entities estimate no costs and increased interest revenue of at least \$34,000 per year.

Summary: This amendment was put on the ballot by a vote of the Missouri Legislature. Currently the Missouri Constitution gives the General Assembly no statutory investment authority and limits the treasurer's investment options. If approved, it would authorize the General Assembly to determine investment options for the state treasurer to invest state funds as well as allow investment in highly related municipal securities. It would have no impact on taxes.

Proponents say that this change would give the state treasurer greater flexibility to invest the state's funds

Opponents say this change would give the Missouri Legislature too much power over investment decisions.

AMENDMENT 3: Simple majority required.

Ballot wording: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to: remove state prohibitions on purchasing, possessing, consuming, using, delivering, manufacturing, and selling marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of twenty-one; require a registration card for personal cultivation with prescribed limits; allow persons with certain marijuana-related non-violent offenses to petition for release from incarceration or parole and probation and have records expunged; establish a lottery selection process to award licenses and certificates; issue equally distributed licenses to each congressional district; and impose a six percent tax on the retail price of marijuana to benefit various programs? State governmental entities estimate initial costs of \$3.1 million, initial revenues of at least \$7.9 million, annual costs of \$5.5 million, and annual revenues of at least \$40.8 million. Local governments are estimated to have annual costs of at least \$35,000 and annual revenues of at least \$13.8 million.

Summary: This amendment was put on the ballot by citizen-initiated petition. Missouri voters approved the constitutional amendment on medical marijuana in 2018. If approved, it would legalize recreational marijuana use by those 21 and older and create and regulate a marijuana industry. The state would establish a lottery process to award licenses and certificates and equally distribute licenses to each congressional district. It would impose a six percent tax on the retail price of marijuana to benefit state programs. In addition, it would remove non-violent marijuana related convictions from public record; and allow persons presently incarcerated or on parole for these offenses to petition for release. The state estimates that it would receive \$40.8 million annually and local governments \$13.8 million collectively.

Proponents say the public wants a safe and legal market for marijuana. They want to decriminalize recreational marijuana, expunge criminal records for non-violent offenses, and release offenders from incarceration and parole.

Opponents say the granting of licenses would favor those already in the market and that it would discriminate against minorities and low income people. They also say negative health effects would result from more widespread use and that drug crime databases are hard to access, delaying prison release and expungement.

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AMENDMENT 4: Simple majority required.

Ballot wording: Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to authorize laws, passed before December 31, 2026, that increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners to ensure such police force has additional resources to serve its communities? State and local governmental entities estimate no additional costs or savings related to this proposal.

Summary: This amendment was placed on the ballot by the legislature. If passed, it would allow the general assembly to increase the minimum funding of a police board from 20 to 25%. This change has no fiscal impact but requires a constitutional amendment. Currently, Kansas City is the only police force controlled by a state board of police commissioners rather than locally elected control. In 2021, the City Council attempted to allocate part of the police budget to separate crime prevention measures in the budget.

Proponents say approval would prevent the Kansas City Council from reducing police funding and keep Kansas City safe.

Opponents say Kansas City citizens should control how tax revenue is spent and how to fight crime. They also say this amendment could cause budget cuts in other city services.

AMENDMENT 5: Simple majority required.

Ballot wording: Shall the Missouri National Guard currently under the Missouri Department of Public Safety be its own department, known as the Missouri Department of the National Guard, which shall be required to protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of Missourians? State governmental entities estimate no savings and ongoing costs of \$132,000 annually. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Summary: This amendment was placed on the ballot by the legislature. If passed, it would create an executive department for the National Guard reporting directly to the governor, rather than the Missouri Department of Public Safety. It is estimated to cost the state \$132,000 annually.

Proponents say the National Guard will be more responsive if it reports directly to the governor.

Opponents say it would give the governor too much power over the Guard and would create a chain of command problem.

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Ballot wording: Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the Constitution?

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Proponents say a convention would allow changes made in the last twenty years to be eliminated. They also say citizens would be able to enact new reforms without the approval of the governor or the legislature.

Opponents say the present political climate is not right for a convention and would attract ideological extremes across the political spectrum. They also say that special interests would attempt to control changes through financial support.



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