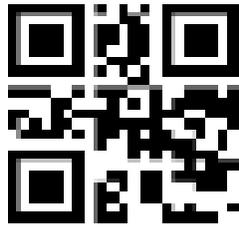


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# VOTERS GUIDE

## November 8, 2022 General Election

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# How to Vote in Missouri

## Vote in person on Election Day

- **Polls are open** from 6am to 7pm. If you are in line at 7pm, you will be allowed to vote.
- **Bring approved voter ID**
  - Non-expired driver's license or non-driver's license issued by the state of Missouri;
  - Non-expired U. S. Military or military veteran's ID;
  - Non-expired U.S. passport;
  - 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.
- **Provisional ballot** - If you do not have any of these forms of identification, but you are a registered voter and voting in person on Election Day, you can still vote by using a **provisional ballot**. To ensure your vote is counted, do the following.
  1. Fill out the provisional ballot and ballot envelope COMPLETELY.
  2. Make sure two (2) Election Judges - one Democrat and one Republican - sign your ballot.
  3. Sign your name.
- **Your vote will count** if you return to your polling location on Election Day with an approved photo ID OR the signature on your provisional ballot envelope is determined by your Local Election Authority to match the signature on your voter registration record.
- **Keep the stub** from your provisional ballot envelope. Follow the instructions on the stub to verify your vote was counted.

## Vote absentee in person

**BRING APPROVED VOTER ID IF YOU ARE VOTING IN-PERSON DURING THE ABSENTEE VOTING PERIOD. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE APPROVED VOTER ID, YOU MUST VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY.**

- **No excuse absentee voting** - Missouri voters may cast an in-person, absentee ballot without providing an excuse during the two weeks prior to Election Day. No-excuse absentee voting begins on Oct. 25, 2022.
- **Absentee voting** - Missouri voters who are not able to vote absentee during the two-week, no excuse period may still vote absentee throughout the six weeks prior to election day under the following circumstances.
  - Absence from your voting jurisdiction on Election Day;
  - Incapacitation or confinement due to illness or physical disability, or caring for an incapacitated person;
  - Religious belief or practice;
  - Employment by an election authority;
  - Incarceration if voting qualifications are retained;
  - Participation in the Missouri SAFE at home program.
- In-person absentee voting with an excuse began on Sept. 27, 2022 and ends at 5pm on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022.

## Accessible voting

The following are available for persons with limited mobility or physical or sensory disabilities.

- **Curbside Voting:** If you are unable to enter a polling location because of limited mobility, upon arrival at your polling location, you may request that an election judge bring a ballot to you.
- **Accessible Polling Places:** If you have a physical disability and your assigned polling location is not accessible to you, you may request an alternate polling location from your local election authority.
- **Accessible Voting Systems:** Every polling location must have accessible voting systems available for people with sensory disabilities.
- **Permanent Absentee Voting:** If you have a permanent disability, you may request an absentee ballot be mailed to you directly for each election. You can return your completed ballot by mail. You do not need to have your completed ballot notarized.

**Questions?** Contact your Local Election Authority or the office of the Secretary of State for more information.

- Secretary of State - [sos.mo.gov/elections](https://sos.mo.gov/elections); 573-751-2301
- Kansas City Election Board - [kceb.org](https://kceb.org); 816-842-4820
- Cass County Election Authority - [casscounty.com/2210/County-ClerkElection-Authority](https://casscounty.com/2210/County-ClerkElection-Authority); 816-380-8102
- Clay County Board of Election Commissioners - [voteclaycountymo.gov](https://voteclaycountymo.gov); 816-415-8683
- Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners - [jcebmo.org](https://jcebmo.org); 816-325-4600
- Platte County Board of Elections - [plattemovotes.org](https://plattemovotes.org); 816-858-4400

# U.S. Senate

## Candidates for U. S. Senate

**Jonathan Dine**

**Party:** Libertarian

No response

**Eric Schmitt**

**Party:** Republican

**Occupation:** Missouri Attorney General

**Campaign website:**

[schmittforsenate.com/](http://schmittforsenate.com/)

**Public elected offices held:** Missouri Attorney General, 2018-2020 (appointed) and 2020-present; Missouri Treasurer, 2016-2018; State Senator, District 15, 2008-2016

**Education:** J.D., St. Louis University

**Incumbent?:** No

**Work Phone:** 314-562-0220 (contact for Rich Chrismer, on staff)

### 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.

**Trudy Busch Valentine**

**Party:** Democratic

**Occupation:** Nurse/Philanthropist

**Campaign website:**

[www.trudybuschvalentine.com](http://www.trudybuschvalentine.com)

**Public elected offices held:** None

**Education:** B.S.N., St. Louis University, nursing

**Incumbent?:** No

**Work Phone:** 314-651-0053

### 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.

**Paul Venable**

**Party:** Constitution

**Occupation:** Semi-retired information technology consultant

**Campaign website:**

[www.youwinmissouri.org](http://www.youwinmissouri.org)

**Public elected offices held:** None

**Education:** Some college

**Incumbent?:** No

**Cellphone:** 816-379-6499

**Work Phone:** 208-550-8150

### 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.

## Missouri State Auditor

### Candidates for Missouri State Auditor

**Scott Fitzpatrick**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign website:**

[www.ScottFitzpatrick.com](http://www.ScottFitzpatrick.com)

**Public elected offices held:** State

Representative, District 158, 2013-2019; State Treasurer, 2019-2022

**Education:** B.A., University of Missouri-Columbia, business

**Incumbent?:** No

**Work phone:** 573-751-2411

**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.

**Alan Green**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign website:** [alankgreen.com](http://alankgreen.com)

**Public elected offices held:** State Representative, District 67, 2014-2021

**Education:** PhD, United Theological Seminary Survine Bible College of Saint Louis, religious education

**Incumbent?:** No

**Cellphone:** 314-568-3851

**Occupation:** Owner and president, Alan Green and Associates

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

I am the most prepared, 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.

**John A. Hartwig Jr.**

**Party:** Libertarian

**Campaign website:** [jhartwigcpa.com](http://jhartwigcpa.com)

**Public elected offices held:** None

**Education:** B.S., Washington University

**Incumbent?:** No

**Homephone:** 314-721-6743

**Cellphone:** 314-560-7707

**Work Phone:** 636-946-6743 ext. 102

**Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant

### 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 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.

# U.S. Congress

## Candidates for U.S. Representative

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments and serve on committees. The special duties of the House include the power to initiate bills to collect tax money and other revenue, the ability to impeach federal officials and the duty to elect the president if there is a tie in the electoral college. Congressmen and congresswomen serve two-year terms and are paid \$174,000 per year.

### District 4

**Mark Alford**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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**Randy Langkraehr**

**Party:** Libertarian

No response

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**Jack Truman**

**Party:** Democratic

**YouTube Message:** I'm a candidate for the people.

**Campaign Website:**

[www.facebook.com/trumanforcongress/](http://www.facebook.com/trumanforcongress/)

**Campaign Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/trumanforcongress/](http://www.facebook.com/trumanforcongress/)

**Campaign Email:**

[jacktrumancountry@gmail.com](mailto:jacktrumancountry@gmail.com)

**Campaign Phone:** 818-391-8297

**Most recent elected offices:** None. No political experience

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** MFA in Theatre, Minnesota State University; BS in Business, Missouri Southern State University

**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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### District 5

**Emanuel Cleaver, II**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

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**Robin Dominick**

**Party:** Libertarian

No response

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**Jacob Turk**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:**

[jacobturkforcongress.com](http://jacobturkforcongress.com)

**Campaign Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/JacobTurkforCongress](http://www.facebook.com/JacobTurkforCongress)

**Campaign Email:**

[jacob@jacobturkforcongress.com](mailto:jacob@jacobturkforcongress.com)

**Campaign Phone:** 816-524-6723

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** BSME

**What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our nation?** Food prices rising, soaring housing and utility costs, gasoline still up 69% since Jan 2021. Our families are in economic crisis and need common sense solutions to help see them through the coming winter. A simple solution is to cut back on government spending to take the pressure off our overheated economy.

I give the above example as a way to show I am open to solutions, even hard choices, which help the most people in the best way. Use common sense, put the American people first, utilize our own resources to help all our families in the 5th District.

Crime, our schools, the border, and many other issues need attention to give all Americans their best chance to succeed. I will work for those I represent, not a party or corporations or even the bureaucracy. I have never taken any PAC money which leaves me free to do my best for the good folks of the 5th District whether they voted for me or not.

**What bills will you prioritize to improve the lives of Missourians and all Americans?** Cutting back government spending to bring food prices, housing costs, utility and energy costs under control.

Use our American resources to ensure we have the energy needed to heat and cool our homes, provide power for where we work, to keep our factories and cars running.

Secure our border to protect our families and loved ones from the fatal effects of Fentanyl, to stop the human trafficking and exploitation of women and children, ensure criminals and terrorists cannot simply walk across our border and disappear into our country.

Ensure the VA is providing the best health care for our veterans. Monitor the new program for burn pit victims and make sure it is working for our veterans while also helping our veterans victimized by Agent Orange and Gulf War Syndrome.

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### District 6

**Sam Graves**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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**Edward A. (Andy) Maidment**

**Party:** Libertarian

**Occupation:** Network information security analyst

**Campaign website:**

[www.maidmentformissouri.com/](http://www.maidmentformissouri.com/)

**Public elected offices held:** None

**Education:** B.A., Missouri State University, history

**Incumbent?:** No

**Cellphone:** 816-745-6219

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?** I am not a politician. I am an information security professional, retired Army officer and father. I have a coherent philosophy that protecting liberty and prosecuting people who hurt others are the only legitimate duties of government. I do not believe in crimes with no victims.

**What are your top legislative priorities to improve the lives of Missourians and all Americans and how will you legislate for them effectively?**

1. Reducing the size and scope of government and taxes. 2. Maintaining individual rights, especially the right to speech, defense and to not be spied upon by your government without cause. 3. Peaceful cooperation and free trade. I can only promise to vote my conscience and attempt to prevent multi-thousand-page bills from being voted on in less than a day.

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**Henry Martin**

**Party:** Democratic

**Occupation:** Educator

**Campaign website:**

[henrymartinforcongress.com](http://henrymartinforcongress.com)

**Public elected offices held:** None

**Education:** Ed.S., Walden University

**Incumbent?:** No

**Homephone:** 816-429-6572

**Cellphone:** 816-678-3156

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office in 2022?** I have been a public servant my entire adult life and I understand what it is to be ignored. A public servant in this position needs to be willing to take accountability for the good and the bad that happens in Washington. I am willing to merge the representation of urban/suburban/rural to best serve all stakeholders not just cater to one or the other.

**What are your top legislative priorities to improve the lives of Missourians and all Americans and how will you legislate for them effectively?** My priorities are healthcare, justice and democracy. Healthcare, because no American family should go broke due to illness or injury. Justice, because the words 'equal justice under the law' need to be more than just words we say, but words with action. Democracy, because

January 6th and continuing actions have shown us that it is important to defend our votes.

# Missouri State Senate

Members of the Missouri Senate are charged with proposing, debating and voting on legislation and with representing constituents in their districts. There are 34 Senate districts in the state. State senators serve four-year terms and are paid \$35,915 per year plus a per diem.

## Candidates for Missouri State Senate

### District 8

**Mike Cierpiot**  
**Party:** Republican

No response

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**Antoine D. Jennings**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:**

**Education:** M.Ed Administration and Leadership

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** Global Montessori Academy Board of Directors

**Campaign Phone:** 269-214-0048

**Campaign Email:**

Jennings4mo@gmail.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

Facebook.com/jenningsformissouri

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I actually have policy initiatives I'd like to see implemented. Unlike my opponent, I am not going to vote a certain way because my party wants it. If it makes sense, and I believe it's going to help the people of the 8th then it will have my support. No matter the author! I will also make myself accessible to the people who allow me to serve them. Even the people who disagree with my policy will have access to me.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Increasing our educational funding and teacher pay to be competitive with the top 10 States in the country.

Securing a constitutional amendment giving women bodily autonomy.

Common sense gun safety laws to protect our schools.

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### District 34

**Tony Luetkemeyer**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:**

www.tonyformissouri.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

facebook.com/TonyForMissouri

**Campaign Email:**

Info@tonyformissouri.com

**Most recent elected offices:** Missouri Senate

**Incumbent?** YES

**Education:** Juris doctor, university of Missouri – Columbia

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My track record in the Missouri legislature is what makes me the most qualified candidate for reelection to this office. During my four years in the Senate, I have been fortunate to serve as chairman of the senate judiciary committee, which is the committee responsible for drafting the state's criminal and civil law code. In that role, I have worked to increase public safety by cracking down on violent crime through changes to the law. I've also supported our men and women in law enforcement to make sure that they have the tools to be able to recruit and retain officers to keep our community safe. I also serve on the appropriations committee, and have been able to secure funding for critical services in our region.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

With increases in violent crime, I believe Public Safety should be a major focus of the Missouri legislature going forward. The Missouri State Chamber of Commerce recently announced its own initiative to help pass public safety legislation in Jefferson City. If re-elected, I look forward to partnering with them on some of those initiatives. I believe we should also focus on providing tax relief to Missouri families, particularly in light of record inflation.

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**Sarah Shorter**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:**

shorter4statesenate.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

facebook.com/Shorter4StateSenate

**Campaign Email:**

shorter4senate@gmail.com

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** BA in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from KU

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I have been fortunate to spend the last eight years working with my community, at the library, the zoo, and a local hospital. I've seen the diversity of this community and the similarities we all share--to be safe, to have food and a home, to be productive but to not have to spend our entire lives working.

I've been through a lot of bad things in my life, but this has given me compassion for people who struggle with things I have as well as respect and the ability to listen to those with struggles different from my own.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Missouri should work to codify rights and policies that the federal government should have but didn't. Policies protecting bodily autonomy, the rights of trans people, clean energy initiatives, and common sense gun legislation. We also need to prioritize fully funding our schools and attracting/retaining teachers.

Missouri should also prioritize our young people by increasing school funding, expanding Medicaid and food stamp programs, providing mental health resources, and protecting our young people at school by implementing common-sense gun laws.

# Missouri State House

Members of the Missouri House of Representatives are charged with proposing, debating and voting on legislation and with representing constituents in their districts. There are 163 House districts in the state. State representatives serve two-year terms and are paid \$35,915 per year plus a per diem.

## Candidates for Missouri State House

### House District 8

**Alyssa Dial**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

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**Josh Hurlbert**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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### House District 12

**Tom Hutsler**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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**Jamie Johnson**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:**

www.JamieforMO.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

facebook.com/jamie4mo

**Campaign Email:**

info@JamieforMO.com

**Education:** B.S. Urban Planning & Design - University of Missouri Kansas City M.S. Organizational Development Psychology- Avila University

No response to questions

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### House District 13

**Sean Pouche**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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**Candidate forums can be viewed on the LWV KC YouTube channel. Go to [www.lwvkc.org](http://www.lwvkc.org) and scroll down to *LWV Right Now*.**

## **House District 14**

### **Ashley Aune**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:**

ashleyformissouri.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/AshleyForMissouri/

**Campaign Email:**

ashley@ashleyformissouri.com

**Education:** BA in Communication

Studies/Minor in English - The University of Kansas

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** State

Representative

**Campaign Phone:** 816-200-0659

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

As a small business owner and entrepreneur, I know what it takes to make an impact and deliver tangible results.

In my first year in office—as a member of the super minority—I worked across the aisle to pass the Missouri Cybersecurity Act. I was also appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission, working toward making Missouri the best place to live for active duty and retired military members and their families.

I believe my work in the Missouri Legislature is just beginning, and look forward to my neighbors sending me back down to Jefferson City to finish what I've started.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

In the wake of Roe being overturned, the most important thing state legislators in Missouri can do this year is reinforce social safety nets to support pregnant women and families with newborns. Beyond this, we must be forward thinking on issues like cybersecurity, economic freedom, public education, healthcare access and workforce development. Missouri has fallen woefully behind most other states in too many areas. Our elected leaders must be bold in their vision for our future.

### **Eric Holmes**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** www.ericholmes.us

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/EricholmesforMissouriDistrict14

**Campaign Email:** eric@ericholmes.us

**Education:** United States Military

Academy. Georgia Institute of Technology

**Incumbent?** No

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I have a rich diversity of life experiences on which to make sound, rational decisions. Have been married 30 years and raised two sons. Have lived in Iraq and Kuwait, and have seen first hand the effects of poverty and lawlessness. Have managed a business unit worth over \$120 million. Have spent years volunteering at federal penitentiary. Have worked with many federal agencies to fight the war on drugs.

I have a rich education background beginning with a well rounded program at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and including an analytically focused Masters of Science at Ga Tech. My education includes the challenging U. S. Army Ranger School. This rich education background enhances ability to analyze legislation.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

In the coming years, some states will succeed and others will flounder. For Missouri to thrive, we need to establish strong economic principles. We must not only lower taxes but also be good stewards of the budget. We must build for the future by re-looking at education priorities, empowering parents to be more involved, and broadening ways students can succeed with trade programs and apprenticeships. As a leading agriculture state in the world's largest producing food country, we need to ensure we are producing all we can. Fertilizer and energy sources must be harnessed efficiently. Transportation and distribution should also be optimized.

## **House District 15**

### **Maggie Nurrenbern**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Phone:** 816-289-8822

**Campaign Website:** maggieformo.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/MaggieforMO

**Campaign Email:**

maggie@maggieformo.com

**Most recent elected offices:** State

Representative

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Education:** Master of Arts in Education

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

As a mom, a teacher, and a union member, I understand well that we need legislators in Jefferson City who will advocate for our hardworking families. I am a problem solver. I'm constantly working across the aisle to find compromises and commonsense solutions to the complex issues facing our community and state.

Constituent services and communication is a top priority for me. I am always available to listen to your concerns, whether in person or by phone or email. I enjoy engaging with constituents through town halls and I send regular updates from the capitol to those who subscribe to my newsletter. My office excels at connecting constituents with state services and resources.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Missouri continues to have a regressive tax structure, where low to middle-income Missourians pay a disproportionate share of their income to sales tax and personal property tax. Addressing the cost of living for our low to middle-income Missourians must be a priority.

It is vital that schools across our state have the funding to provide quality education from early education to

post-secondary. We must end the cuts to education and invest in our students

We have far too many Missourians who are uninsured or underinsured, and high healthcare costs are a strain for Missouri families. We must fully fund Medicaid expansion and push back against any attempts to implement unnecessary bureaucratic requirements.

### **Adam Richardson**

**Party:** Republican

No response

### **Steve West**

**Party:** Independent

No response

## **House District 16**

### **Fantasia Rene Bernauer**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/fantasia4freedom/

**Campaign Email:**

info@fantasia4freedom.com

**Incumbent?** YES or NO: No

**Education:** BS Biology Education MS in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction both from The University of Central Missouri

**Campaign Website:**

www.upballot.com/fantasia-bernauer

No response to questions.

### **Chris Brown**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## **House District 17**

### **Bill Allen**

**Party:** Republican

No response

### **Mark Ellebracht**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

## House District 18

### **Eric Woods**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** University of Missouri - BA Political Science, BA History, BA Religious Studies

**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/EricWoodsMO](http://www.facebook.com/EricWoodsMO)

**Campaign Email:**

[eric@woodsformissouri.com](mailto:eric@woodsformissouri.com)

**Campaign Website:**

[www.woodsformissouri.com](http://www.woodsformissouri.com)

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I am a lifelong Missourian and Clay County resident who has been civically active for most of my life. I've spent time speaking with members of our community about what they want from their state government and I will work hard to deliver results that continue moving our region and state forward.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Economy: Cutting costs for families, creating good-pay jobs, supporting small business, empowering workers and unions, utilizing federal funds for infrastructure and green economy projects.

Education: Fully funding education, increasing teacher pay, protecting local control for school districts to innovate and make decisions for themselves rather than being subject to State mandates.

Reproductive freedom: Overturn Missouri's extreme abortion ban which provides no exceptions for rape or incest, protect and expand access to contraception, further empower women to make their own healthcare decisions without interference from the state.

## House District 19

### **Ingrid Burnett**

**Party:** Democratic

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** MO State

Representative, Jackson County Democratic Committeewoman

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**Campaign Facebook:**

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**Campaign Website:**

[www.INGRIDBURNETT.COM](http://www.INGRIDBURNETT.COM)

**Campaign Email:** [ingrid4mo@gmail.com](mailto:ingrid4mo@gmail.com)

**Education:** BS - Music Therapy/Music Education; MS Counseling Psychology

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I have been working hard for the people of District 19 to represent and address their concerns for six years. Constituents know they can count on me to help them access their government when necessary and to advocate for and promote strong education policy, public health and safety, neighborhood preservation and the Arts.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Affordable housing, Access to quality and affordable Health and Mental Health care, Support for Public Education and teachers, Worker protections, Funding for Arts and Arts education.

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### **Karen I. Spalding**

**Party:** Republican

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** Jackson County Republican Committee, Ward #15

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**Campaign Email:**

[spalding4missouri@gmail.com](mailto:spalding4missouri@gmail.com)

**Education:** Bachelor of Music Education

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I am a candidate that listens to the opinions of others and then with diplomacy states what I understand to be the law.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

In the coming years, my district will be most interested in the price of gas, personal and universal taxes, success of small businesses, and the rights stated in the Missouri and US Constitution.

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## House District 20

### **Mike Englert**

**Party:** Democratic

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** doctorate in law

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I am a lifelong resident and have over thirty years of experience practicing law and helping the community through direct action.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Missouri needs to figure out how to enhance its financial base and how to allocate better use of its monies.

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### **Aaron McMullen**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## House District 21

### **Robert Sauls**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Facebook:**

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**Campaign Website:** [Robertsauls.com](http://Robertsauls.com)

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[Robert@robertsauls.com](mailto:Robert@robertsauls.com)

**Most recent elected offices:** State House of Representatives District 21

**Education:** J.D.

**Incumbent?** Yes

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I have the heart of a public servant. I was a prosecuting attorney for 6-1/2 years, a public defender for 3-1/2 years, and an assistant staff judge advocate in the Air Force Reserves. I believe we need people in office who care, and that's what I've done my whole adult life. I have defended and spoken up for those who were afraid or unable to speak for themselves. I'm also currently the elected representative and have been representing the 21st district for four years. I'm the only democrat in the entire state of Missouri who won a district Donald Trump won and I did that by taking care of my constituents. I send surveys out every year to every single registered voter. I read each and every response, and most times I write back.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

There are so many things to prioritize. I think homelessness and the underlying problems should be addressed. Ultimately people don't wake up one morning, open up their sliding glass door, and decide to live in the woods. Often times there is trauma, mental health, PTSD, and/or drug addiction. It takes more than just throwing money at the problem, but if we don't get to the root of the problem, then we will just keep repeating the same steps and continue to have the same problems.

I think we also need to address property taxes and the growing problem that it entails. The markets have continued to rise and it is likely this will continue to be an ongoing problem.

I have far more to say on this but am limited with 750 words.

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### **Dakota Worrell**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## House District 22

### **Yolanda Young**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** Associate of Arts

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** Missouri House of Representatives

**Campaign Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/yolandayoungMOrep](http://www.facebook.com/yolandayoungMOrep)

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**Campaign Email:**

[yolandayoungMORep@gmail.com](mailto:yolandayoungMORep@gmail.com)

**Campaign Phone:** (816)200-2067

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I am the incumbent in this race. Gaining institutional knowledge and the experience of navigating through the legislative process is a plus. Despite serving the last three years in a Republican supermajority, I have strongly advocated for the underserved, the disabled, and for the women in our community by sponsoring nine bills -- three have made it to the governor's desk and one was signed into law. I have established a track record of gaining the

## **House District 22 (cont'd)**

trust of my constituents by keeping in touch with them and by doing what I say I will do.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Missouri should take the lead to expand voting rights and increase voter participation; however, the governor just signed into law an election bill that is one of the worst I've seen since serving in the House. This bill is a direct attack on our democracy and our access to the ballot. The bill attacks voter registration efforts, prevents certain votes from being counted, gives sole power to the Secretary of State to purge the voter rolls, and stops Missouri from holding presidential preference primaries. These provisions and others are regressive and make it harder for citizens to shape our government. If a citizen's constitutional right to vote is jeopardized or taken away, what other policies could we, the people, affect?

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## **House District 23**

### **Michael L. Johnson**

**Party:** Democratic

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-977-8870

**Most recent elected offices:** Missouri State Representative

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Education:** College

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

Simply will not be out worked! I love my state and the people in it!

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Stop human trafficking! Local control of the police department and gun control!

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## **House District 24**

### **Emily Weber**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Campaign Phone:** 8162818696

**Most recent elected offices:** State Representative for District 24

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/Emily4MO/

**Campaign Website:**

www.emilyformissouri.com/

**Campaign Email:**

emilyformissouri@gmail.com

**Incumbent?** Yes

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

As the incumbent, I have filed bills that help workers, reproductive healthcare, our urban farmers, common-sense gun laws, our environment, and consumers.

With my lived experiences I've been without healthcare, lived pay check to pay check, been paid less than for equal work, and I'm a minority woman in the

state of MO. I've worked in my community and seen and heard the issues our district needs and wants. I fight for that.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Due to the issues that have just happened, we need to protect our voter rights, and with Roe's overturn, we must add protections to our women and children. We also know that initiative petition is constantly being attacked and we must ensure that we protect our initiative petition process.

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## **House District 25**

### **Patty Lewis**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Campaign Website:** pattyformo.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

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**Campaign Email:** patty@pattyformo.com

**Campaign Phone:** 816-289-3321

**Most recent elected offices:** Current State Representative, District 25

**Incumbent?** Yes

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I have over 20 years of health care experience as an ICU/Critical Care nurse and as a health care Executive. I have been advocating for people my entire professional career and it has been an honor to continue doing so in Jefferson City as the current state representative for district 25. As the only registered nurse in the general assembly, I have worked across the aisle on legislation addressing health care concerns of those in district 25 and throughout the state. In my first term, I was able to pass a bill to increase access to mental health care.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Missouri needs to prioritize Missourians, not special interest groups. We need to focus on increasing access to affordable health care including reproductive health care, preventative health care, and mental health services. We need to address the gun violence that plagues our state with common sense gun legislation. We need to prioritize voting rights, equal rights, and combating climate change. We must invest in good paying jobs, infrastructure, and education.

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## **House District 26**

### **Ashley Bland Manlove**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

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## **House District 27**

### **Richard Brown**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

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## **House District 28**

### **Jerome Barnes**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

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### **Jennell Houts**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080987697719

**Campaign Phone:** 816-313-2906

**Education:** Bachelor's - Secondary Education - Major Spanish, Minor English

**Incumbent?:** No

**Campaign Website:**

www.JennellHouts.com

**Campaign Email:**

JennellHoutsForStateRep@gmail.com

### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I'm not a politician. I'm a wife, mother, and concerned Missourian. I don't like the direction our state and nation are headed, and I want to make a difference to help us get back on track. I'm not afraid of standing up to those who want to restrict our freedom, indoctrinate our kids, and violate the Constitution. I will stand up for the values that made our nation great, and I won't cave to special interest groups that don't share Missourians' values.

Missouri is a state that values both families and freedom. As the state representative for district 28, I will work to protect our families, our way of life, and our freedom.

### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Many of our schools are failing our students. Schools need to get back to education and away from political indoctrination. Schools need to be held accountable for failing their students. We can make our schools safer by ensuring funding for resource officers in every building.

We need to protect Missourians' medical freedom and the rights of doctors to treat patients as they see fit -- not as the government sees fit.

I've worked with Missouri Canvassers for the past 9 months, and we have some serious problems with our voter rolls and elections. I will work to ensure our elections are fair and accurate -- this is something we should ALL care about.

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## House District 29

### **Aaron Crossley**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** Appalachian Bible College (BA, Bible and Theology); University of Missouri - Kansas City (MSW [Master of Social Work])

**Incumbent?** No

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-585-6527

**Campaign Email:**

aaron@aaroncrossley.com

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I have a deep understanding of the struggles families in Independence are facing. I'm raising a family in Independence. As a social worker, I have fought for my clients to have what they need to contribute meaningfully in our community.

As a social policy expert, I've created robust, government grant-funded programs and am now investing in our region's future by passing my knowledge on to aspiring social workers as an adjunct professor. I believe this coupled with my experience in serving clients of all ages has prepared me to start day one in Jefferson City.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

**Education:** As a father of two children in ISD, I understand the need to fully fund public education to create lifelong learners who are prepared for the jobs of the future. • **Mental Health and Senior Services:** As a social worker, I know how vital mental health and senior services are for our community, and I fight every day to ensure individuals have the resources they need. • **Clean**

**Government:** Our elected officials must have oversight and accountability to make sure they're focusing on the needs of our residents, not lobbyists or campaign donors. • **Safe Communities:** I support policies that will protect our families by creating safer communities, with good-paying jobs and affordable, accessible healthcare.

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### **David Martin**

**Party:** Republican

**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Website:**

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**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/DavidMartinforMO

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**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** David Martin is a father, a truck driver, and a conservative running to be a voice for Central Jackson County in the Missouri state legislature. Like many Jackson Countians, David is tired of out-of-touch politicians who look the other way while ordinary Missourians struggle as a result of the problems they created. David is running to be a problem solver and a tireless conservative champion for the people of Independence

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Stop the Mandates

After two years of mandates and lockdowns destroying our freedom, enough is enough. David will work to rein in local government emergency powers and stop the mandates, so Jackson County can get back to normal.

Defend the Second Amendment

Our founders recognized that the right to keep and bear arms is essential to maintaining our freedom and safety.

David is a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and will fight back against any attempt to infringe on our rights. Fix the Economy, we have seen what lock downs, and shut downs have done to our economy, including the shut down of our energy independence.

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## House District 30

### **Sonia M Nizami**

**Party:** Democratic

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SoniaNizamiforMissouri@gmail.com

**Education:** Columbia College

**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/SoniaNizamiForMissouri

**Campaign Website:**

www.SoniaNizamiforMissouri.com

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I have extensive experience in professional politics and policy, having worked on and ran political campaigns, as well as have been employed by organized labor in both organizing and legislative action and political action capacities. I currently work in healthcare, while devoting free time to advocating for abused and neglected children in Jackson County. As a proud progressive Democrat, I am deeply devoted to moving Missouri forward and working for my constituents. I will be a constant voice for women, children, workers, and all Missourians, rather than bowing down to the interests of big business.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

I believe one of the top priorities right now should be reversing HB126, i.e. the trigger ban in Missouri. That legislation is devastating to the lives and livelihoods of women in this state, and without exceptions for rape and incest. Too often legislators make these decisions for women and their bodies, advocating for the unborn, but fail to provide resources for children once they are born. That brings me to another point, putting more funds into social services, especially children's division, and education. Missouri has to fight for its workers and combat efforts to pass so-called "right-to-work" legislation. We should ensure that workers have the right to organize, so they and their families may have a comfortable standard of living.

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### **Jon Patterson**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## House District 31

### **Robert McCourt**

**Party:** Democratic

**Most recent elected offices:** N/A

**Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/people/McCourt-For-Missouri/100080221159619/

**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Email:** info@mccourtmo.org

**Campaign Website:** www.mccourtmo.org

**Campaign Phone:** 816-237-0890

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** At this point in time, we need representatives that will fight for women's right to control their own bodies, that believe that healthcare should put people above profits, that will say no to NRA lobbyists because we have children dying in schools and a murder rate that is one of the worst in the world, people that have empathy for those that are sick and addicted to opioids, that will say that LGBTQ+ people deserve equal treatment under the law, that will fight for everyone to be able to have their vote counted, representatives that will say that "right to work" laws are a gift to corporations while hardworking people struggle to make ends meet. I am such a person.

**What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

I believe that we first need to protect womans right to control their own bodies. This is a blatant attack against an individual's right to privacy that is the basis of many of our freedoms. We need to address the cost of housing and healthcare. Many hardworking Missourians struggle with making ends meets even while working a full-time job. We must address education. Many students do not feel safe at school, come from homes of food or housing insecurity and are forced to learn in underfunded schools, with underpaid teachers, just so they can have a future where they cannot attain as much as their parents.

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### **Dan Stacy**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## House District 32

### **Janice Brill**

**Party:** Democratic

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janice\_brill1@hotmail.com

**Campaign Phone:** 816-286-0380

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** BA/history and political science MA/history

#### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I am raising no money and as a result will be beholden to no one but the people of my district. I am a retired lifetime certified public school teacher 7-12 so I am familiar with education issues. I was a beef farmer on 243 acres in Douglas County for 13 years which gives me familiarity with the challenges faced by family farmers. I have worked and volunteered with organizations helping poor and homeless citizens. As a former teacher of civics and government in high school and per course college classes, I have some understanding of our system.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

1-Properly fund and defend public education from those who would undermine our system. 2-Defend our family farms and environment from the destructive influence of big business. 3-Support low-cost housing and services for the poor. 4-Insure continued expansion of medicaid - stop turning down federal monies to fund important programs. 5-Fight efforts to undermine our democracy e.g. gerrymandering, initiative petitions, voting rights.

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### **Jeff Coleman**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## House District 33

### **Chris Sander**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## House District 34

### **J.C. Crossley**

**Party:** Republican

#### **Campaign Email:**

JC4MODistrict34@gmail.com

**Incumbent?** No

**Most recent elected offices:** none

#### **Campaign Website:**

JCCrossleyforMissouri.com

**Campaign Phone:** 816-985-8679

#### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

My business experience. I owned and operated Sharp Long 72 Degrees Heating & A/C that serves the community of Lee's Summit and Eastern Jackson County for 34 years. I know what it takes to serve people in their homes and to serve my

employees in such a way to have a stable work force to serve people so that we had a stable and growing customer base. If you treat (serve) people like you would want to be treated (served) they respond in a way that is positive. It isn't rhetoric, it is true. I know what it is like to have to make hard financial decisions , but they have to be made for the well being of the business, employees, and customers. My christian faith is what guides me In my decisions.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Being fiscally responsible, being transparent in government so the citizens can easily find out what is going on, to have a method for people to have input more than just at the ballot box and the people that are elected are able to be held accountable for their campaign promises. Of course our highway & bridges need a method of continuing maintenance , not waiting until they're in bad shape to fix them.

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### **Kemp Strickler**

**Party:** Democratic

#### **Campaign Email:**

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**Education:** BS Industrial Engineering, MS Industrial Engineering, Masters of Business Administration (University of Missouri - Columbia)

**Incumbent?** No

#### **Campaign Website:**

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-935-9248

#### **Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/KempStricklerMO

#### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I believe I'm the best candidate to represent the citizens of the 34th district because I will listen and represent you - not an agenda. I have experience working in leadership roles with diverse groups of people and viewpoints throughout my career at Hallmark Cards and serving on organizations such as the Lee's Summit Arts Council, University of Missouri advisory boards, local non-profits, and my church.

My background leading research and analytic teams has provided me the experience needed to listen to constituents and to work together to implement common-sense solutions to the challenges facing Missouri citizens.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

The policies that I believe Missouri should prioritize in the upcoming years include:

- 1) Increased support for public education, including incentives to recruit new teachers into the profession,
- 2) Investment in infrastructure across the state and building state agency workforce and capabilities,
- 3) Protecting reproductive health options,
- 4) Protecting, and not changing, Missouri's initiative petition process, and
- 5) Ensuring equal rights for all people, including finally passing the Missouri Non-Discrimination Act (MONA).

## House District 35

### **John Burrows**

**Party:** Republican

**Most recent elected offices:** Jackson County Committeeman

**Education:** BA, UMKC - Political Science; MA, Iowa State University - Applied Anthropology; ABD, University of Georgia - Ecological Anthropology

**Incumbent?** No

#### **Campaign Email:**

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#### **Campaign Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079872886405

**Campaign Website:** www.jbformo.org

#### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

I bring common sense leadership to the table. I was raised in Jackson County and have spent the last 20 years working with public entities on risk management. I have spent 8 years on the board of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association. I am self-employed and work closely with healthcare entities as well as serve on the National Headquarters Staff of Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary as the Government Relations Advisor.

I have mentored youth for the past 20 years through Civil Air Patrol and also served in local and regional leadership positions. My wife and I have two girls in the Lee's Summit School District.

I served in the US Army Reserves and I am an ardent defender of the US Constitution.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

- \* EDUCATION - Parental Rights, Curriculum Transparency, Title IX
- \* TAXES - Protect tax payers from runaway taxation both at the State and local level
- \* LIMIT FEDERAL OVERREACH - Mask mandates, mandatory vaccines, business shutdown, gun control
- \* FUND THE POLICE - Enforce laws on the books, Prosecute violent crimes
- \* MISCELLANEOUS - Border control, Energy independence, Limit the Fed/Reduce inflation

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### **Keri Ingle**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

## **House District 36**

### **Anthony Ealy**

**Party:** Democratic

#### **Campaign Email:**

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**Most recent elected offices:** MO Bar Young Lawyer Section District 3

**Education:** JD - Mizzou Law; BS - Political Science - Northwest Missouri State University

#### **Campaign Website:**

voteanthonyealy.com

#### **Campaign Facebook:**

facebook.com/EalyforMOHouse/

**Campaign Phone:** 816-876-9494

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I am the son of a letter carriers union leader, graduate of Grandview High School, Northwest Missouri State University and the University of Missouri Columbia Law School, and a practicing attorney. I grew up in Grandview's Second Missionary Baptist Church and was raised to serve others and give back to the community which I have always tried to do through my volunteer service on numerous boards and committees.

If elected, unlike my opponent, I will email a Weekly Capitol Report to interested district residents and host periodic town hall meetings to keep residents up to date about important state government news and community events.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Increase Missouri's woefully inadequate state funding for public schools and revise the formula for distributing state aid to education so it is fairer for districts like Grandview and Hickman Mills that are currently being shortchanged.

Strengthen public safety by enacting legislation to make sometimes deadly celebratory and indiscriminate gunfire within cities a serious state offense instead of just a city ordinance violation.

Improve maintenance and frequently neglected litter control along the highways in our area.

Protecting woman's right to choose.

Expanding voter protections and supporting a National Popular vote.

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### **Kurt Lauvstad**

**Party:** Republican

**Most recent elected offices:** City council member/Mayor Pro Tem Raymore, MO 2000-2006

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** BS Geology Iowa State University. BS Telecommunications Mgmt DeVry KC

#### **What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

Age and experience. It is time to replace career politicians with regular people who are in tune with real life.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Our top priority should be our children.

From the yet to be born til they are adults. These children are our future.

We need to teach them to read and write and not to hate themselves as CRT in our schools is trying to do. We also need to protect young women atheletes from biological males competing against them. Anyone remember Title 9?

We also need a Parents' Bill of Rights so our school boards cannot and will not label us as terrorists.

We need to protect our Second Amendment rights. I believe there should be work incentives for government benefits. There are too many people receiving benefits that are fully capable of working. It's YOUR money.

Our roads are among the worst in the nation. I see no problem with tolls on I-70.

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## **House District 37**

### **Mark A. Sharp**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

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## **House District 38**

### **Chris Lonsdale**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## **House District 39**

### **Doug Richey**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## **House District 55**

### **Mike Haffner**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## **House District 56**

### **Michael Davis**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** www.davis.gop

**Campaign Phone:** 815-388-0680

**Education:** JD

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** State Representative

**Campaign Email:** davis.gop@mail.com

**Campaign Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/RepMichaelDavis](http://www.facebook.com/RepMichaelDavis)

No response to questions

### **Patty Johnson**

**Party:** Democratic

#### **Campaign Website:**

www.upballot.com/Patty-Johnson

**Campaign Phone:** 816-806-3669

**Education:** BA University of Missouri, JD University of Missouri Kansas City

**Incumbent?** No

Most recent elected offices: None

#### **Campaign Email:**

pattyjohnson4staterep@outlook.com

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I have been actively involved in the community for the 19 years I have lived in Cass County. I am a practicing attorney working with children and families in Cass County. I will listen to the people of the 56th District and represent their values and interests in Jefferson City.

#### **What policies do you think Missouri should prioritize in the coming years?**

Missouri should ensure that all citizens have access to affordable health care. Public education and teachers should be fully supported. Restore the ability of women to make their own health care decisions. Allow local law enforcement to work with federal agencies to enforce federal gun law and enact gun safety legislation such as universal background checks.

## House District 62

**Sherri Gallick**

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** BS Education - University of Missouri, MBA emphasis Marketing - Webster University

**Campaign Facebook:**

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**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Email:**

sherri4missouri@gmail.com

**Most recent elected offices:** N/A

**Campaign Website:**

SherriGallick4Missouri.com

**What makes you the best qualified**

**candidate for this office?** The Missouri

House needs experienced and effective

leaders. I am a professional

businesswoman with an agriculture

background, and I am running for the

right reasons. That is to give back. My

experience with multiple organizations

offers a commonsense voice with proven,

responsible stewardship of money. I am

logical, ethical, and level headed. I listen

to understand, not to respond. I am a

servant leader that has spent my life

working with others, listening, and having

constructive conversations reaching

consensus. The same skills needed to

serve in the Missouri House. My

endorsements - Missouri Chamber of

Commerce, Missouri Cattlemen's

Association, Missouri Right to Life, KC

BizPAC, University of Missouri Flagship

Council, and top NRA rating

**What policies do you think Missouri**

**should prioritize in the coming years?**

As the Missouri State Representative for

district 62, I will be the voice and

advocate for the citizens within the

district. I have knocked on thousands of

doors across multiple communities to

understand concerns. I will work diligently

to ensure that the priorities of the

citizens, are my priorities: quality public

education, election integrity, pro law

enforcement, pro 2nd amendment, prolife

policies, pro-family farms, agriculture,

pro-business and crime prevention. Many

people are hurting financially due to

economic uncertainly. In addition,

excessive taxes and mandates hurt small

business. It will be of prime concern to

review how current programs are funded

and measured. Every penny government

spends, comes from the citizens'

pockets.

**Jim Hogan**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** MS Ed.

**Campaign Facebook:**

Facebook.com/JimHogan4MO

**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Email:**

ejames.hogan@gmail.com

**Campaign Phone:** 816-255-8302

**Most recent elected offices:** N/A

**Campaign Website:** www.JimHogan.info

**What makes you the best qualified**  
**candidate for this office?**

I have lived in rural Missouri my entire life

and understand the issues the people in

my district have. All Missourians must

have the same rights regardless of race,

creed, or sexual orientation. As a retired

teacher, I see the needs for our children,

teachers, and schools. Living in the

country, I see the need for rural

broadband access and better

infrastructure funding for our roads and

bridges. I also see the need for our

farmers to obtain the Right to Repair. We

must also continue to provide our young

people with access to both college and

good, well-paying blue collar jobs.

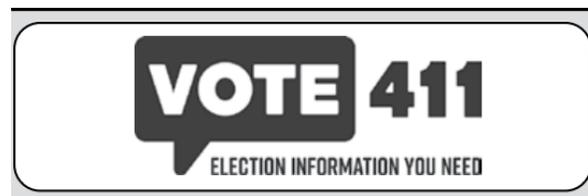
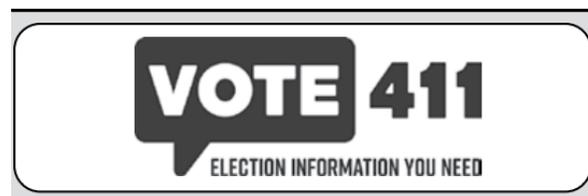
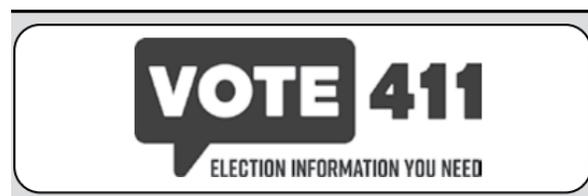
**What policies do you think Missouri**  
**should prioritize in the coming years?**

1. Educational funding

2. Equal rights for all

3. Infrastructure updates including rural  
broadband

4. Opportunities for business growth



*“The right to vote  
is the crown jewel  
of American  
liberties, and we  
will not see its  
luster diminished.”*

*Ronald Reagan  
40th President of the United States  
November 6, 1981*

*“Nobody will ever  
deprive the  
American people of  
the right to vote  
except the  
American people  
themselves - and  
the only way they  
could do that is by  
not voting at all.”*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt  
32nd President of the United States  
Radio Address October 5, 1944*

# Cass County

## Candidates for Cass County Presiding Commissioner

**Bob Huston**

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** Longview Community College - Associate Degree - Business Management

**Incumbent?** YES

**Most recent elected offices:** Cass County Presiding Commissioner

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**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My major goal as Presiding Commissioner is to work on getting the county out of debt and continuing the effort of promoting Cass County as a great place to work, live, and to raise a family. My ability to bring people together, discuss difficult topics, and work out agreements are one of my biggest strengths. As Presiding Commissioner, I have worked hard to communicate and listen to what the needs and wants are in Cass County. Being fiscally responsible and budgeting conservatively has placed the county on solid financial ground.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** I will continue the effort of promoting Cass County as a great place to work, live, and to raise a family.

**Barbara Robertson**

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** M.S. Social Gerontology, University of Central Missouri; B.S. Journalism, University of Kansas

**Incumbent?** No

**Most recent elected offices:** None

**Campaign Email:**

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**Campaign Facebook:**

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**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** The citizens of Cass County deserve someone who listens, responds, believes in transparency and non-partisanship in county government.

Cass County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, largely due to the suburban expansion of the Kansas City area. Our county's future depends on leaders who can adapt and build upon change, working with new and seasoned stakeholders to realize the full potential of our suburban/rural community.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** The needs of ALL citizens need to be addressed, not just the vocal few. This includes our deteriorating infrastructure (an ongoing problem), universal access to broadband,

full support of our professionals on the front lines, including the health department, educators and librarians, first responders, and effective social service providers. We need to find solutions to transportation issues, transitional housing needs, and support systems for citizens who need a hand up. One person cannot do all of this; it takes planning and commitment from citizens, business and government for long lasting change and progress. I believe I am the person that can encourage those partnerships.

## Candidates for Cass County Auditor

**Jack Bondon**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Cass County Circuit Court Clerk

**Kim York**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Cass County Collector of Revenue

**Chris Molendorp**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Cass County Prosecuting Attorney

**Ben Butler**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Cass County Recorder of Deeds

**Mike Medsker**

**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Cass County Clerk

**Jeff Fletcher**

**Party:** Republican

**Incumbent?** Yea

**Most recent elected offices:** Cass County Clerk

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**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I am honored to have served in this capacity for over 3 years now. I feel that I have built a great team to keep the county progressing in a positive manner on all aspects of what we provide all of Cass County constituents.

**What are your plans to improve efficiency and meet current logistical challenges?** I am looking to buy new equipment. I'm hoping it will make the polling location move the lines faster, safer and secure.

**Cynthia Voss**

**Party:** Democratic

No response

## Candidate for Circuit Judge Circuit 17 Div. 2

**Mike Wagner**

**Party:** Republican

## Candidate for Associate Circuit Judge Div. 3

**Stacey J. Lett**

**Party:** Republican

## Candidate for Associate Circuit Judge Div. 4

**Mike Rumley**

**Party:** Republican

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-309-8700

**Most recent elected offices:** Associate Circuit Judge Division 4

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Education:** Juris Doctorate. UMKC School of Law

**What steps will you take to ensure fairness and efficiency in your courtroom?** It is important to keep the operation of court and court proceedings open and transparent. I will continue to follow the law as written and the Constitution in every case as I have done for the past eleven years. I will also continue to make sure that everyone who appears in court has an opportunity to be heard and be treated in a fair and impartial way.

**Describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the bench.** I've been in the bench for over 11 years and have learned it is vitally important to allow those appearing to be heard in a respectful and meaningful way and to listen to what they have to say so that decisions made in every case are fair and impartial and ultimately the right decision following law. There is nothing better than experience gained from doing the job every day to prepare one to do this type of work. Every case no matter how small or large is important to those people directly involved in the case. Every case and every decision made in that case has an impact on one or more persons lives.

## Candidate for Associate Circuit Judge Div. 5

**Jeff Cox**  
Party: Republican

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## Candidate for Associate Circuit Judge Div. 6

**Jason M. Howell**  
Party: Republican

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# Clay County

## Candidates of Clay County Presiding Commissioner

**Jerry Nolte**  
Party: Nonpartisan

No response

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**Dan Troutz**  
Party: Nonpartisan

No response

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## Candidates for Clay County Commissioner Eastern At Large

**JoAnn Lawson**  
Party: Nonpartisan

**Most recent elected offices:** Have never held office  
**Incumbent?** no  
**Education:** Wyandotte High School KCK  
JUCO Donnelly College  
**Campaign Facebook:**  
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**Campaign Phone:** 816-615-9908

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I worked in telecommunications for 40 years. Handled a four state multimillion dollar market. I had to deal with many different staff and customer personalities and did so successfully. I feel it is imperative any qualified candidate have the ability to work well with others.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** Until I can look at the budget and become familiar with office holders needs it is hard to be accurate about county needs. A few things I feel we need to focus on are school security, properly fund law enforcement and upgrade our roads and bridges. Above all work within our budget. Our citizens have to live within a budget so why should the county be any different. The commission will need to work very hard to prioritize projects and services that will best serve our residents.

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**Steve Wolcott**  
Party: Nonpartisan

**Most recent elected offices:** Smithville, Missouri, Board of Education (12 years total)  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Juris Doctrate (law degree)  
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[wolcottforclaycounty@gmail.com](mailto:wolcottforclaycounty@gmail.com)  
**Campaign Phone:** 816-809-4967

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I am an attorney and have been involved in many aspects of Clay County government over the past 40 years. My experience in evaluating and approving budgets should benefit the taxpayers of Clay County. I have no hidden agendas or certain friends or business associates for which I am trying to get employed. I want the new appointed positions in our Charter Government to be over-qualified if possible for those positions to assure a smooth transition to our new Charter Government.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** I would be evaluating the current budgets of all departments within the County to see if there are ways to provide those services to our residents that are more efficient and cost effective. Based on my experiences as an attorney and member of a school board, I will be asking regular questions as to why we are providing services in a certain manner and as to how we can do it better. If duplication of services are found, there must be found ways to combine the efforts of various departments

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## Candidates for Clay County Commissioner Western At Large

**Kenneth Jamison**  
Party: Nonpartisan

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-838-6264  
**Most recent elected offices:** None.  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** University of Missouri School of Journalism; University of Missouri School of Law  
**Campaign Website:**  
[www.kenjamison.com](http://www.kenjamison.com)

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** United States Marine, Afghanistan veteran and Teacher in Africa. I served on the Clay County Constitution Committee. I helped write the Clay County Constitution, which reformed our county government. In 2020, Clay County voters approved the Clay County Constitution with 81 percent of the vote.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS: As county commissioner, I will ensure our sheriff's department has the resources it needs.

My main focus will be more cops on the streets, replace aging equipment, increase training and ensure better wages and retention for our sheriff's office. NO NEW TAXES / BALANCED BUDGET. The government is not better than us. The government should live within its means just like us. Clay County pays too many taxes to Kansas City, yet what do we get in return? I will fight to ensure that our tax dollars stay in the Northland. Clay County is rapidly growing. As a small business owner, I will ensure Clay County is accountable to taxpayers and creates an environment where small businesses can prosper.

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**Jason Withington**  
Party: Nonpartisan

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-352-1455  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** BS Public Administration, Park University  
**Campaign Website:**  
[jasonwithington.com](http://jasonwithington.com)

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I am the only candidate in my race who actively fought the corruption of the last county administration. I've also spend the last several months meeting with department heads and other County Administration leaders to understand the needs of the county so I can hit the ground running once elected. I've also be meeting with civic leaders, elected officials, and citizens all over the county to understand what their needs from the county are and what services they would like to see from the county.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** Roads/Bridges. Clay County has had more than a handful of bridges that were structurally deficient and closed down for 5 to 10 years at a time. We need to implement an asset management approach to managing our infrastructure and create a 10 year road and bridge plan.

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# Candidates for Clay County Commissioner Eastern Seat 2

**Sherry C. Duffett**  
**Party:** Nonpartisan

Most recent elected offices: **N/A**

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-507-2337

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** Park University: Parkville, MO, Graduate with honors, summa cum laude (GPA 4.0) Bachelor of Science Degrees: Human Resource Management and Social Psychology

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My qualifications for this office are experience, education and integrity. The focus of my campaign is to ensure communication, transparency, and accountability to the taxpayers of Clay County. This would include smart economic growth, improved infrastructure, and safe neighborhoods. I believe I would bring a level of excellence, professionalism, and ethics to the Clay County Commission. This would include improved communication with fellow commissioners, Office Holders, department heads, governmental jurisdictions, employees, and most importantly, the taxpayers of Clay County.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** Clay County has experienced a lack of communication, transparency, and accountability in the past. I believe I would bring a level of excellence, professionalism, and ethics to the Clay County Commission. This would include improved communication with fellow commissioners, Office Holders, department heads, governmental jurisdictions, employees, and most importantly, the taxpayers of Clay County.

**Jay R. Johnson**  
**Party:** Nonpartisan

**Most recent elected offices:** High School Class President - 1981

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ChiefJayJohnson@gmail.com

**Campaign Phone:** 949-500-3797

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** Masters Degree in Public Administration, California State University, Long Beach / FBI National Academy Graduate -Quantico Virginia / Bachelors of Science Degree in Occupational Studies / Associate of Science Degree in Administration of Justice /Thousands of hours of education, professional training, and experience in leadership, management, public sector finance, and contract negotiations.

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?**

With a graduate degree in public administration, I spent nearly 30 years in government, having been a chief of police and acting city manager. I am a fiscal conservative with years of experience managing hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars, making me more qualified than candidates without such financial management experience. County Commissioners are responsible for managing over a half billion tax dollars during their term. I have a track record of creating government efficiencies - a more effective government using less taxpayer dollars. My first few months as police chief, I created over \$2 million in structural savings (meaning \$2 mil saved each year) while increasing effectiveness - lowest crime rate in city's history.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** As a retired county resident, father of three teens, and husband, like most of you I want a safe and prosperous community. I want my property values to rise and taxes to stay low. I did not enter this race as a politician, but as a resident with proven experience and a desire to help make this community a better place to live, work, and play.

My platform is simple:

-Make Public Safety a Priority and Fully Fund Law Enforcement

-Responsible Fiscal Stewardship and Low Taxes

-Maintaining and Improving Infrastructure

-Support Local Businesses

-Return Commonsense and

Accountability in Government.

Please make it a priority to get out and vote on August 2nd and again in November. These elections are won by a very small margin.

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## Jackson County

### Candidates for Jackson County Executive

Description: The County Executive acts as Jackson County's chief administrative officer. Elected by a County-wide vote, the Executive serves four-year terms and appoints the directors of the County's departments, excluding the County Auditor and County Clerk. As part of Jackson County's system of checks and balances, the Legislature appoints both the Clerk and Auditor.

**Teresa Cass Galvin**

**Party:** Republican

No response

**Frank White Jr**  
**Party:** Democratic

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** Jackson County Legislature- 2014, Jackson County Executive 2016, 2018

**Campaign Website:**

secure.actblue.com/entity/fundraisers/124824

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** When I took office many of our facilities, including the county jail, had suffered from years of neglect. County staff were underpaid, some as low as \$7-8 an hour, and our pension fund was significantly underfunded.

In the past few years, we have been able to make huge progress on these, and many other issues. For example, we are now building a state of the art jail, renovating a new health department building, and recently purchased a new administrative building. We have also fully implemented a compensation study that ensures all county associates are making a fair wage and no one in the county is paid less than \$15 an hr. Finally, we have made wise investments in our pension plan, taking it from 74% to 93% funded in only 5 yrs.

**What are your plans to improve efficiency and meet current logistical challenges?** The county has made significant investments in technology, facilities, and most importantly our associates. These investments have allowed us to deliver a more efficient and reliable product to the public. For example, when I took office the county did not accept credit or debit cards in person and charged high fees to do so online. So many people paid in person with cash. This led to long lines, more work for our staff, and security issues. Now, we accept all payment options, waive fees, and have an app. We are also investing in our facilities so we can consolidate departments that have been split for decades and giving customers a better experience. Finally, we are investing in the education and training of our staff.

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**Candidate forums can be viewed on the LWVKC YouTube channel.**

**Go to [www.lwvkc.org](http://www.lwvkc.org) and scroll down to *LWV Right Now.***

# Jackson County Legislators

Description: Three Legislators are elected from larger at-large districts, while six are elected to represent smaller districts. The Legislative branch's duties include introducing and enacting all County ordinances and resolutions, subject to the approval of the County Executive.

## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 1st District

**Manuel (Manny) Abarca IV**  
**Party:** Democratic

**YouTube Message:**  
[www.facebook.com/MannyforJacksonCounty/videos/4857305247683868](https://www.facebook.com/MannyforJacksonCounty/videos/4857305247683868)

**Campaign Website::**  
[www.mannyabarca.com](http://www.mannyabarca.com)

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-499-1155

**Most recent elected offices:** Kansas City Public School Board of Directors-re-elected; Secretary of the Missouri Democratic Party; Jackson County Democratic Committeeman-12th Ward (3rd Term)

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** B.A. Political Science, M.S.-Environmental Sustainability, Doctoral Candidate-Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I have direct experience serving constituents, in multiple aspects of my professional experience. From my eight years of service and mentorship as a staff member for the 5th Congressional District, working for Rev. Emanuel Cleaver; to my service as a neighborhood leader for over a decade and finally my service as the treasurer of one of the County's largest taxing jurisdictions, the Kansas City Missouri Public School Board-I have learned, grown and developed as a leader. Academically, I have been afforded the opportunity to learn and working to complete a doctoral program in educational leadership. My continual service to the Democratic party led me to serve the State Party after many years of local volunteerism.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** We must address the challenges of our property tax assessments, balancing the needs of residence with the future investments in our schools. We can not but the brunt of that burden on our seniors and homeowners, without creating a better system and release valves like senior caps on taxation, changing the date of collection away from the holiday season, greater transparency around where our tax dollars are being invested and stronger predictability so we aren't surprised by our tax bill. Everyone must pay their fair share, but no one should be forced out of their homes to keep up with their property taxes. There are many other ideas and goals listed on my website that I hope folks visit to learn more.

**Christina McDonough Hunt**  
**Party:** Republican

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**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** BS in Public Relations with a Minor degree in Psychology and BFA in Interior Design

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I am a NEW voice for Jackson County. I believe that Jackson County deserves a new voice. It's time for us to have a voice of reason who is willing to stand up for what is right for ALL residents. I am a wife and a mom, not a politician. And I have the courage to be the voice of the people, not a servant to "special interests". I vow to stand firm to my traditional values and to do my best to improve Jackson County and make it an amazing and safe place to live.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** I believe that the best way to meet the needs of the Jackson County residents is to give them more of a voice. The way that our current system is set up, the County Executive has most of the decision power with no oversight. I will sponsor legislation that will give voters a voice and secure accountability and transparency in the county. I propose that the County Legislature have oversight of the County Executive. There are 9 legislators and giving the county legislature the ability to override the County Executive and County Assessor on important issues will create a more even distribution of power, checks and balances, and allow for more discussion on issues before a final decision is made giving you, the voter, a voice.

## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 2nd District

**Venessa Huskey**  
**Party:** Democratic

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-419-2072

**Most recent elected offices:** Jackson County 23rd Ward Democratic Committee Woman

**Incumbent?** yes

**Education:** UMKC - B.A. & M.A.

**YouTube Message:** NA

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I believe that I am the best candidate to represent the 2nd district of Jackson County Legislature because I have 8 years' experience serving the Kansas City, Missouri area as a neighborhood and community liaison. Although community involvement was my job; I built relationships with the community and the neighborhoods I served. I provided neighborhood services and resources to

all. I also was a partner with KCPD and trained Block Watch Training in all the patrol divisions. I will continue to identify best practices for Jackson County to adopt policies that ensure all residents belong and may thrive.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** I will continue to attend community &/or neighborhood meetings. In addition I will host at least 1 district meeting per year.

## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 3rd District

**Charlie Franklin**  
**Party:** Democratic

No response

**April LaJune McGill**  
**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 4th District

**DaRon McGee**  
**Party:** Democratic

No response

## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 5th District

**Jeanie Lauer**  
**Party:** Republican

No response

## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 6th District

**Sean Smith**  
**Party:** Republican

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**Campaign Facebook:**  
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**Campaign Email:**  
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**Campaign Phone:** 816-200-2419

**Most recent elected offices:** Committeeman

**Incumbent?** NO

**Education:** Degrees is Accounting & Management

## 6th District (cont'd)

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My experience in leading massive projects, helping the worlds largest enterprises to improve makes me unique among my completion. I've signed both sides of a paycheck - so I'm understand how to help both small and large businesses and I've assisted some the most vulnerable populations to Improve. I have a real vision for improving Jackson County for all its Citizens.

In addition, I want to draw in the community to keep You informed so our elected and appointed personnel have full accountability to the public.

As a candidate who is primarily self-funded I remain above the need to respond to special interests that try to gain favor for their own benefit.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** First, a comprehensive policy to reduce unfair increases in tax assessments. By driving property taxes higher, we often cause properties to become unaffordable. This can result in property abandonment and then ultimately neglect. I've personally revamped homes that followed this cycle to improve small areas of the community. Improvements in how we handle assessments and their consequences are needed NOW.

Additionally. I will bring more attention to the great work various county agencies perform. From social services to the sheriffs office and parks, libraries etc, I want to highlight for the public the good, positive things and the tough decisions the legislature makes. Also I want to provide more oversight of the County Executive

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**Amanda Toomey**  
**Party:** Democratic

**Most recent elected offices:** N/A  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** BS - Physics; MA - Teaching; PhD (in progress) - Human Computer Interaction

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My background has taken me from rural to urban, across diverse fields of industry from farming and HVAC to education and healthcare. My entire career is focused on the communication between and within groups from disparate backgrounds whom all seek to solve the issues of the day. Jackson County, and District 6 in particular, is a widely varied region whose residents deserve a representative that looks at both the big and small picture to find solutions that work for everyone. I am a moderate and a pragmatist. Our county faces many difficult questions of how to move forward in the best way for both today and the future in a rapidly changing world.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** I will seek to meet with representatives of all the various demographics in my district, and the public at large, to gather feedback on

finding solutions that leave no one behind. The decisions Jackson County makes affect all its residents and it's important we ensure they do so in a positive manner.

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## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 1st District-At-Large

**Jalen Anderson**  
**Party:** Democratic

**Incumbent?** Yes  
**Most recent elected offices:** Jackson County Legislator 1st district at-large  
**Campaign Email:** andersonforjackson@gmail.com

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** Over the past 4 years, I have had the opportunity to serve our community. Fighting for civil rights, access to healthcare, investment into local organizations, and investment to rebuild our infrastructure throughout Jackson County. My record of fiscal responsibility and questioning the status quo has resulted in real change and new oversight in county government. If re-elected I will continue to make Jackson County government work for its people and not against them.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** I will be working to find solutions to stop the dramatic increase in property taxes. Just because past county governments, did not do their job to increase taxes and a steady rate for decades, does not mean that the current government must punish the taxpayer. My priority is to protect the taxpayers property. Jackson county residents need infrastructure investment. From broadband access to roads and bridges. I will fight for to get these things accomplished. For too long county government has sat idle to the challenges we face as a society.

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**Bill E. Kidd**  
**Party:** Republican

**Education:** BS Electrical Engineering Technology Okla State University  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Most recent elected offices:** State Representative District 20  
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No response to questions

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## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 2nd District-At-Large

**John J. Murphy**  
**Party:** Republican

No response

**Donna Peyton**  
**Party:** Democratic

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**Campaign Phone:** 816-405-6701  
**Most recent elected offices:** Board of Directors, Raytown C-2 School District  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** B.A., Biblical Studies  
**YouTube Message:** n/a  
**Campaign Website:** peytonforjackson.com

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** As a single mother, raised by a single mother, I have a perspective often not heard in our local government. As a career long union member, I have a deep understanding of, and perspective on, policies that would help every day, working families and the working poor. As a school board member for the Raytown Quality Schools Board of Education, I have experience dealing with complex issues of local government, and bringing diverse groups of people together in coalitions to solve problems. I have experience as a servant leader. As our Jackson County Legislator, I will put all of those perspectives and skills to use in serving all residents of Jackson County.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** In 2023, we will have an assessment of our personal property. I want to be proactive in educating residents and publicizing information about the assessment prior to and after. It is important to me to have intergovernmental cooperation in regards to our roads and addressing criminal activity. With the construction of a new detention center, budget oversight will be important. Additionally, I will work to ensure we have and/or maintain diversion programs with funding and ongoing accountability. Those current diversion programs are Drug, Mental Health and Veterans.

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## Candidates for Jackson County Legislator 3rd District-At-Large

**Lance Dillenschneider**  
**Party:** Republican

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**Campaign Email:** Lanceatlarged3@gmail.com

**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** I had to attend night classes while I worked a full time job!

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I grew up here. I'm a business owner and real estate land developer with experience in construction project management that would equip me to oversee projects like the proposed jail and courthouse renovations. I've proven my commitment to the residents of the county with my 6 yrs on the Jackson Co. Board of Equalization. I've seen how the county favors the county coffers over their own

residents, and actively worked with businesses to get reasonable assessments that would allow them to keep their doors open. With a legislator that has the knowledge to oversee these major County development projects (as I do), we can cut waste. By making the county govt. more fiscally responsible, we can let the residents keep more of their hard earned \$\$.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** Property owners should never have the massive tax increases like the ones that are coming our way. I'd propose a cap of 4% in any given assessment year. I'd cut waste and reduce County costs, while continuing to be a resource to support small businesses. Having relationships with citizens from both sides of the political aisle, my track record demonstrates that I can maintain the role with professionalism while meeting the needs of all citizens. I'd encourage strong and swift punishment for criminals that are harming our community. Crime that is fueled by drugs like Fentanyl ravages our streets. I know more than I should about Fentanyl, it took the life of our 33 year old son. I don't want anyone else to have to suffer a similar loss.

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**Megan Marshall**  
**Party:** Democratic

**YouTube Message:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F2rnEeSwnw>

**Campaign Website:**  
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**Campaign Email:**  
[megan@meganforthree.com](mailto:megan@meganforthree.com)

**Campaign Phone:** 816-200-1310  
**Most recent elected offices:** Lee's Summit Board of Education

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** Bachelors of Business Administration / Master of Public Administration

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I am committed to constituent engagement and being the most accessible legislator in county government. My experience on the Lee's Summit Board of Education has proven my willingness to listen to constituents and work towards addressing their concerns, even in difficult moments. My work to keep kids and teachers safely in the classroom during the pandemic is one example of this.

The leadership training received during my 20 years in the United States Marine Corps provided me with experience collaborating with diverse colleagues to achieve goals. I believe the 3rd District At-Large legislator should reflect the growing diversity across Jackson County and have experience advocating for people of all races, ages, and cultural backgrounds.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** The current 3rd District At-Large legislator, Tony Miller, has had limited engagement with residents during his two terms. Very few

residents know who he is. His disconnect with residents was never more glaring than last year, when he reversed course, voting against mask mandates when hospitals were bursting at the seams with COVID patients. These votes negatively impacted low-income communities, seniors, and communities of color, who experienced the worst health outcomes.

I commit to robust constituent engagement and creating platforms to listen to the concerns of residents across Jackson County. The most effective representatives are those who seek to know what residents care about and use this knowledge to create meaningful change.

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## Candidates for Independence City Council At-Large

**Mike Huff**  
**Party:** Nonpartisan

No response

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**Bridget McCandless**  
**Party:** Nonpartisan

**Campaign Website:**  
[www.mccandless2022.org](http://www.mccandless2022.org)  
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[www.facebook.com/mccandless2022](http://www.facebook.com/mccandless2022)  
**Campaign Email:**  
[info@mccandless2022.org](mailto:info@mccandless2022.org)  
**Most recent elected offices:** None  
**Incumbent?** No  
**Education:** University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Medicine - MD 1988-1992 | University of Virginia School of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency 1992 - 1995 | Rockhurst University Master of Business Administration - MBA, Health Care Leadership 2004-2007

**What is the most important issue facing your community? How do you intend to address it?** Addressing the growing number of homeless/unhoused in Independence needs a coordinated effort among the organizations and people who are affected by and working on this issue. This requires a locally focused coalition to address outreach, mental health services, substance use treatment, and housing. Independence must coordinate with surrounding cities to avoid just pushing people back and forth. We must have shared approaches to grant seeking and broad community buy in to make progress.

**Why are you running for this office, and what are your qualifications?** I want to provide good stewardship, personal integrity, and long term planning to help my City through its challenges. We will have difficult financial decisions in the near future that require courageous community conversations and careful planning.

I worked at a small stand alone medical practice with the associated small business challenges. I ran a volunteer-based free clinic for the uninsured for 15 years and later

managed a health care foundation with a \$30 million operating budget.

I worked with Republicans and Democrats to advance practical policies related to health.

Conducted six county listening sessions to help craft priorities for the foundation.

Took a leadership role in advancing Medicaid expansion for Missouri.

Have served on local and state boards and commissions to meet their various missions.

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## Platte County

### Candidates for Platte County Presiding Commissioner

**John DeFoor, Sr.**  
**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Website:** [ElectDeFoor.com](http://ElectDeFoor.com)  
**Education:** Master Degree Public Administration / Public policy - Bachelor's degree Business Administration / Social Psychology

**Incumbent?** No

**Most recent elected offices:** None

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[Staff@ElectDeFoor.com](mailto:Staff@ElectDeFoor.com)

**Campaign Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/john.defoor.33/](http://www.facebook.com/john.defoor.33/)

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My education is directed toward public service and public policy. Also, having worked for the City of Kansas City for a number of years I have had the opportunity to see government agencies at work from the inside and the inner workings of government agencies.

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** We need to have interaction with the residents of our county and we need to listen to the people we represent. We can only achieve this through transparency and open communication between our government and the people we represent.

## Platte County Presiding Commissioner (cont'd)

**Scott Fricker**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Website:** ElectFricker.com

**Education:** BS Agricultural Economics from UC Davis

**Incumbent?** No

**Campaign Phone:** 816-533-5808

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**Campaign Facebook:**

Facebook.com/ElectFricker

**YouTube Message:**

<https://youtu.be/h1sOvcCjN-c>

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** Platte County is the fastest growing county in the state and the challenges that come with that growth are complicated, so we need a Presiding Commissioner with a track record of proven success to lead us into the future.

With 4 years of public service at the county level and over 20 years as a small business owner, I've shown that I can lead others, solve problems, and make ends meet.

As your Presiding Commissioner, I'll prioritize Public Safety, Economic Prosperity, and Fiscal Responsibility. If these are important to you, I hope you'll vote for me on August 2nd and support our campaign at [ElectFricker.com/donate](http://ElectFricker.com/donate).

**What would you do to better meet the needs of county residents?** Public safety is a County Commissioner's number one responsibility. Number two would be to foster an economic environment that enhances economic prosperity for all Platte County residents. And finally, Platte County residents want to know that the hard-earned dollars that go to fund local government are not wasted.

These are my top three priorities: Public Safety, Economic Prosperity, and Fiscal Responsibility.

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## Candidates for Platte County Clerk

**Jera Pruitt**

**Party:** Republican

**Campaign Facebook:**

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**Most recent elected offices:** Platte County Public Administrator

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** Master's in Public

Administration from Park University

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I have a deep understanding of county government and a successful record of managing a county office. I'm committed to serving the citizens of Platte County and look forward to returning to public service. I am fortunate to have the endorsement of the incumbent, Nancy Armstrong.

**What are your plans to improve efficiency and meet current logistical challenges?** I'm committed to maintaining the current organized flow of the office and will work to find ways to improve the office's ability to serve the public. I will maintain and preserve official records of the minutes, contracts and legal documents of the County Commission. Additionally, I will work with other county offices to be an active participant in many county processes such as processing and dispersing accounts payable, issuing permits and licenses, and correct reporting of taxing jurisdictions' Pro-Formas.

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**Rebecca Nafzinger**

**Party:** Democratic

**Campaign Email:**

[rebeccaforpcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaforpcclerk@gmail.com)

**Campaign Phone:** 816-517-5386

**Incumbent?** No

**Education:** B.S. in Psychology with Distinction

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** My years of experience in Administration positions, social services background, and client services provided as a Realtor demonstrates my success in getting things accomplished. My demeanor allowed me to retain dozens of volunteers at Red Cross. I have live in Platte County for over 18 years and know and love the area very well. I also possess a key eye for details.

**What are your plans to improve efficiency and meet current logistical challenges?** Initial plans are to meet with current staff and involve them in making improvements toward efficiency. With their ideas and input, as well as my own determinations, making necessary changes that are possible is my goal.

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## Candidates for Platte County Auditor

**Kevin Robinson**

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** Masters Degree

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Most recent elected offices:** Platte County Auditor

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Platte County Auditor for three terms. I will continue to serve the Citizens of Platte County and ensure good stewardship of their tax dollars.

**What are your plans to improve efficiency and meet current logistical challenges?**

No response

## Candidates for Platte County Recorder of Deeds

**Christopher L. Wright**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## Candidates for Platte County Collector

**Sheila L. Palmer**

**Party:** Republican

No response

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## Candidates for Platte County Prosecuting Attorney

**Eric Zahnd**

**Party:** Republican

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**Most recent elected offices:** Platte County Prosecuting Attorney

**Incumbent?** Yes

**Education:** Duke University, JD, MA; William Jewell College, B.A.

**What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?** I was originally elected in 2002 and am now the longest-serving prosecutor in Platte County history.

My top priorities are protecting children, prosecuting sex offenders, and cracking down on career criminals. Our Cyber Crimes Unit was one of the first in Missouri to hunt down Internet predators.

In 2006, I successfully pushed the Missouri legislature to pass Jessica's Law to put child rapists in prison for life and enact tough mandatory sentences for Internet predators. In 2012, I wrote a Missouri constitutional amendment to allow juries to know about prior prior criminal acts of repeat child sex offenders.

I was recognized as Missouri's Prosecutor of the Year in 2014 for my work to create best practices for prosecutors.

**What are your plans to improve efficiency and meet current logistical challenges?**

No response

# Judicial Retentions

## Missouri Supreme Court

Shall Judge ZEL M FISCHER of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office? Judge Fischer substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Shall Judge ROBIN RANSOM of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office? Judge Ransom substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District

Shall Judge ALOK AHUJA of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? Judge Ahuja substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

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Shall Judge MARK D. PFEIFFER of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? Judge Pfeiffer substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

Shall Judge DOUG THOMSON of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? Judge Thomson substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Circuit Judges, 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County)

*Division 1* - Shall Judge SARAH A. CASTLE, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Castle substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 3* - Shall Judge JERRI J. ZHANG, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Zhang substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 6* - Shall Judge J. DALE YOUNGS, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Youngs substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 7* - Shall Judge S. MARGENE BURNETT, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Burnett substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 8* - Shall Judge BRYAN E. ROUND, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Round substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 9* - Shall Judge JOEL P. FAHNESTOCK, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Fahnestock substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 11* - Shall Judge ADAM CAINE, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Caine substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 12* - Shall Judge JENNIFER M. PHILLIPS, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Phillips substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Associate Circuit Judges, 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County)

*Division 25* - Shall Judge JESSICA AGNELLY KRAWCZYK, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Krawczyk substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 26* - Shall Judge R. TRAVIS WILLINGHAM, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Willingham substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 27* - Shall Judge KEA S. BIRD-RILEY, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Bird-Riley substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 30* - Shall Judge TWILA KAY RIGBY, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Rigby substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 31* - Shall Judge MARY FRANCES WEIR, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Weir substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 33* - Shall Judge JEFFREY L. BUSHUR, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Bushur substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 34* - Shall Judge SUSAN LONG, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office? Judge Long substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Circuit Judges, 6th Judicial Circuit (Platte County)

*Division 1* - Shall Judge THOMAS C. FINCHAM, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? Judge Fincham substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

*Division 2* - Shall Judge ANN HANSBROUGH, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? Judge Hansbrough substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Associate Circuit Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit (Platte County)

*Division 4* - Shall Judge MEGAN BLAIR BENTON, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? Judge Benton substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit (Clay County)

*Division 1* - Shall Judge SHANE T. ALEXANDER, Circuit Judge of the Judicial Circuit No. 7, be retained in office? Judge Alexander substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

## Associate Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit (Clay County)

*Division 6* - Shall Judge KAREN LEE KRAUSER, Associate circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 7, be retained in office? Judge Krauser substantially MEETS overall judicial performance standards.

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# Ballot Measures

**All ballot measures require a simple majority vote unless otherwise stated.**

## Statewide

### Missouri Constitutional Amendment 1

**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.

### Missouri Constitutional Amendment 3

**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 data bases are hard to access, delaying prison release and expungement.

### Missouri Constitutional Amendment 4

**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.

### Missouri Constitutional Amendment 5

**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.

### Missouri Constitutional Convention Question

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

**Summary:** The Constitution requires that voters be asked every 20 years whether they want to call a constitutional convention. In 2002, voters rejected the call for the convention by a 2-1 margin. If passed, the governor is required to call an election of delegates to serve at a convention charged with the purpose of revising or amending the Missouri Constitution. Any revisions or amendments will then be put to a vote of the people. If passed, there would be no impact on taxes. Delegates would be chosen in each of Missouri’s State Senate districts, by the five political parties, and at-large by Missouri voters. The convention session will be held with “open doors” per the Constitution.

**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.

# County and Municipal

## Jackson County

### Jackson County Question 1

Shall Jackson County, solely for the purpose of continuing its Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, be authorized to extend its countywide sales tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent?

This Fund will continue to be transparently administered in a manner independent of Jackson County government, by a diverse, geographically representative, nine-member citizen board appointed by the County Executive, with at least one member residing in each County legislative district. Revenues will be solely used to benefit the residents of Jackson County.

## City of Kansas City

### City of Kansas City Question 1

Shall the City of Kansas City, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$125,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, equipping, and furnishing of City parks, recreation, and entertainment facilities?

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

### City of Kansas City Question 2

Shall the City of Kansas City, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000.00 for the purpose of affordable housing through the rehabilitation, renovation, and construction of houses and buildings, including blight removal, to provide affordable housing for very low- to moderate-income households?

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

### City of Kansas City Question 3

Should the City of Kansas City remove two tracts of land totaling approximately 11.858 acres from the parks system consisting of the right of way for the proposed Tiffany Springs Parkway between NW Prairie View Road to Amity Avenue for the purpose of realignment of the proposed Tiffany Springs Parkway and authorize the City to convey said property for such terms and consideration including accepting new right of way as the City may determine acceptable.

## City of Oak Grove Question

For the purpose of street maintenance and repair, shall the City of Oak Grove, Missouri impose local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate in order to provide revenues for street maintenance and repair activities, 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?

### City of Raytown Question 1

Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the City's streets, roads, bridges and sidewalks?The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

### City of Raytown Question 2

Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$7,200,000.00 to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the City's storm sewer system?The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

## Clay County

### Clay County Proposition A

Shall Clay County, Missouri reduce the commercial property surtax levy on all property in Subclass 3 of Class 1, from \$1 . 59 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.44 per \$100 assessed valuation effective July 1, 2023?

### Village of Oakwood Park Question 1

Shall a special tax be assessed annually against each resident household of the Village of Oakwood Park in the sum of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$300.00) for a period of ten years?

### Village of Oakwood Park Question 2

Shall a special tax be assessed annually against each resident household of the Village of Oakwood Park in the sum of FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) for a period of ten years?

## Platte County

### Platte County Question No. 1

Shall the County of Platte renew the countywide sales tax for the use of transportation related projects, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, drainage structures, and sidewalks, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent for a period of ten years from the date on which such tax will expire?

## Clay and Platte Counties

### City of Smithville Question 1

Shall the Board of Aldermen of the City of Smithville, Missouri provide by ordinance that all mayors elected from this point forward serve a four-year term as provided for by the Statutes of the State of Missouri?

### City of Smithville Question 2

Shall the Board of Aldermen of the City of Smithville, Missouri provide by ordinance that person(s) elected as aldermen from this point forward serve a four-year term as provided for by the Statutes of the State of Missouri?

## Cass County

### City of Creighton Question

Shall the City of Creighton, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently two and one quarter percent (2.25%), 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?

A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year.

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