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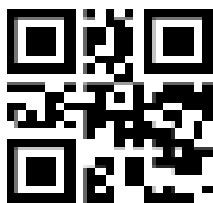
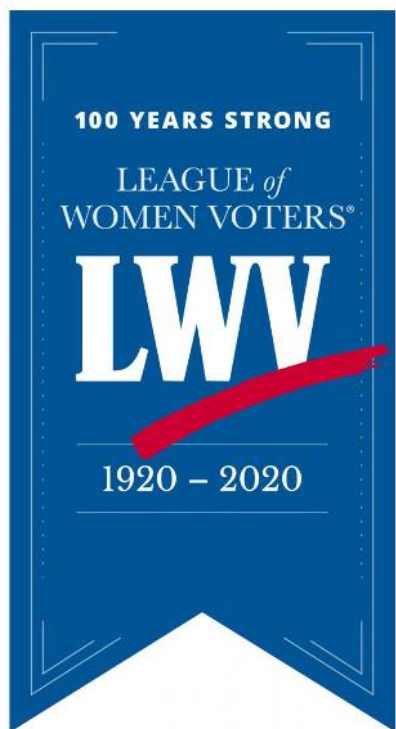
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VOTERS GUIDE

November 3, 2020

General Election

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Voting Options for 2020

In response to public health concerns related to COVID-19, Missouri voters have new options for voting on November 3.

- All Missouri voters may cast a **MAIL-IN BALLOT** with notarization of the ballot envelope.
- Missouri voters in at-risk categories for contracting or transmitting COVID-19 are eligible to vote **ABSENTEE BY MAIL** or **in-person** without obtaining notarization.

DOES MY BALLOT NEED TO BE NOTARIZED?

- * **NO, if you are voting ABSENTEE IN-PERSON for any approved reason.** Visit your local election authority by 5pm on Monday, Nov. 2.
- * **NO, if you are voting ABSENTEE BY MAIL for one of the following reasons**
 - You are incapacitated or confined due to illness.
 - You have contracted coronavirus or are at risk due to the following.
 - You are age 65 or older.
 - You live in a long term care facility.
 - You have been diagnosed with chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, a serious heart condition, an immunocompromised condition, diabetes, or liver disease.
- * **YES, your ballot must be notarized if ...**
 - You are casting a **MAIL-IN BALLOT**;
 - You are voting **ABSENTEE BY MAIL** for any reason other than the ones listed above.

MAIL-IN BALLOT	Request mail-in ballot in person or by mail no later than 5pm on Oct. 21.	Complete ballot promptly when it arrives.	Have the ballot envelope notarized.	Return ballot by U.S. Mail only. Must be received by local election authority by 7pm on Nov. 3.
ABSENTEE BY MAIL	Request mail-in ballot in person, by mail, fax, or email no later than 5pm on Oct. 21.	Complete ballot promptly when it arrives.	If necessary, have the ballot envelope notarized.	Return ballot by U.S. Mail or in person. Must be received by local election authority by 7pm on Nov. 3.

IF YOU DECIDE TO VOTE IN PERSON AFTER RECEIVING YOUR BALLOT, BE SURE TO BRING THAT BALLOT WITH YOU WHEN YOU VOTE

Election 2020 Checklist

- ***Make a plan to vote.***
- ***Vote as soon as you are ready.***
- ***If you vote on Election Day, wear a mask and stay physically distant from other voters and poll workers.***

Polls are open from 6am to 7pm on Nov. 3.

For more information on voting options and free notary services, visit www.lwvkc.org.

For your personalized sample ballot, go to www.vote411.org/ballot

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* All presidential candidates who will appear on your state's ballot are listed on page 4 but only those that met the following criteria were invited to respond to the League's questions in this guide.

1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his to run for President intention.
2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the Federal Election Commission website.
3. The candidate must qualify for the ballot in enough states to win a majority of electoral votes.

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Candidates for U.S. President (*see page 3)

The President is: the head of state of the United States of America; the Chief Executive Officer; and, the Commander in Chief of all military forces. The powers of the President are prescribed in the Constitution and federal law. The President appoints the members of the Cabinet, ambassadors to other nations and the United Nations, Supreme Court Justices, and federal judges, subject to Senate approval. The President, along with the Cabinet and its agencies, is responsible for carrying out and enforcing the laws of the United States. The President may also recommend legislation to the United States Congress. Term: Four years. Limit of two terms. Base Salary: \$400,000 per year.



NAME: Donald J. Trump

PARTY: Republican

Campaign Website:

<http://www.donaldjtrump.com/>

Campaign Email: info@donaldtrump.com

Campaign Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump/>

Campaign Twitter @realDonaldTrump

Campaign Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/teamtrump/>

Campaign YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAqI2DyGU2un1Ei2nMYsqOA>

As of the printing of this Voter Guide: Candidate had not yet responded.



NAME: Joe Biden

PARTY: Democratic

Campaign Website: <http://www.joebiden.com/>

Campaign email address: info@joebiden.com

Campaign Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/joebiden>

Campaign Twitter: @joebiden

Campaign Instagram:

<http://www.instagram.com/joebiden/>

Campaign YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWNPxItY8eJ-ku6M-v25MKw>

Campaign Mailing Address: Biden for President, PO Box 58174, Philadelphia, PA 19102

What actions would you take to balance public health and economic recovery in the US, both in light of COVID-19 and for the long term?

It's a false choice to think we have to choose between our public health and economy; they're linked. On Day One, I'll implement the COVID strategy I've laid out since March – surging testing and protective gear; distributing vaccines safely and free of politics; helping schools and small businesses cover costs; and getting state and local governments resources to keep educators, cops, and firefighters on the job. I'll respect science and tell the truth, period. And I'll build our economy back better, creating millions of good-paying jobs. I'll revitalize manufacturing, build a clean energy economy, and boost caregiving – easing the squeeze on working families, providing paid leave, and getting caregivers the respect and pay they deserve.

What is the most important issue facing our country and how do you plan to address it during your first 100 days in office?

Pandemic. Recession. Racial injustice. Climate change. We're facing historic crises; we have to tackle them all at once. Character and experience count. I'll listen to scientists, tell the truth, and make sure we're never so unprepared for a pandemic again. I'll expand the Affordable Care Act, lowering costs and making health care a right for all. I'll build our economy back better, and make

racial equity central to recovery. In these crises, we have an enormous opportunity, if we come together. As President, I'll draw on the best of us, not the worst. I'll work as hard for those who don't support me as for those who do. That's a president's job: to represent us all. To take responsibility. To protect the nation. To unite and to heal.

How will you address racial injustice in our country on day one of your administration?

America is at an inflection point. It's past time to end our inequities and deal with the denial of our nation's promise to too many for too long. I'll fight to end the health inequities that COVID-19 amplifies; and give every child the same strong start in life by offering universal Pre-K, tripling funding for Title I schools, and making public college debt-free for most families. I'll make racial equity central to our recovery, closing the racial wealth and income gaps, boosting home ownership, and investing in communities and entrepreneurs of color – building a stronger, more inclusive middle class for the future. And, I'll work for real police reform and invest in shifting our criminal justice focus from incarceration to prevention.

What aspects of our current immigration policy will your administration address first?

My immigration policy is built around keeping families together. It's past time to reform our broken system, restoring family unification and diversity as its core pillars. As President, I'll reverse Trump's assault on our values on Day One, ending his cruel border policies that rip children from their mothers' arms. I'll act immediately to protect Dreamers and their families, and invest real political capital in finally delivering legislative immigration reform, with a roadmap to citizenship for the nearly 11 million undocumented people who already do so much to make our communities strong. We have to enforce our laws, but in a way that's humane, respects due process, honors our values, and sees the big picture.

What will you do over the long term to ensure access to quality healthcare for all?

This pandemic makes clear: All Americans need access to quality, affordable health insurance. That's why I'll protect and build on the Affordable Care Act. I helped to secure the final key votes to pass that landmark law, protecting 100 million Americans who can no longer be turned away or denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, and bringing coverage to 20 million more. As President, I'll build on that progress with a public option and lower health care and prescription drug costs. I'll make all COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines free; double funding for community health centers that are so often on the frontlines of care; and much more.

Candidates below did not meet the criteria noted on TOC page

NAME: Jo Jorgensen

PARTY: Libertarian

NAME: Howie Hawkins

PARTY: Green

NAME: Don Blankenship

PARTY: Constitution

Statewide Offices

Candidates for Governor



NAME: Mike Parson

PARTY: Republican

Campaign website: <http://mikeparson.com>

Public elected offices held: Governor, 2018-2020; lieutenant governor, 2016-2018; state senator, District 28, 2010-2016; state representative, 2004-2010; Polk County sheriff, 1992-2004

Incumbent?: Yes

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

The COVID-19 crisis brought financial burdens to our state and has had severe impacts on our anticipated economic growth. My administration is working hard to make sure Missourians can return to work safely to be financially stable again. This will and has already presented challenges to managing a balanced state budget, and it's why having experienced leadership matters.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

From day one as governor, my administration has been focused on improving our state's economy, workforce development and infrastructure. Expanding workforce development programs will not only help get more Missourians working, but also boost our economy. Infrastructure projects are needed throughout the state and will contribute to Missourians getting back to work.



NAME: Nicole Galloway

PARTY: Democratic

Campaign website: <http://NicoleGalloway.com>

Public elected offices held: State auditor, 2015-2016 (appointed) and 2016-present; treasurer, Boone County, 2011-2015

Highest post-secondary education: MBA, University of Missouri, certified public

accountant, certified fraud examiner

Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

Our recovery from COVID will be the defining issue of our time. We can't go back to where we were on the eve of this crisis because that wasn't good enough for too many people. The priorities in Jefferson City have been wrong on health care, education and economic opportunity. Missourians need a governor who will put working families first instead of special interests.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

Health care: I support making health care more affordable and expanding Medicaid so a quarter million working Missourians can have health insurance. Economic opportunity: I'll implement an agenda that supports working families, small businesses, education and good-paying jobs. Gun violence: We need common sense gun safety measures to address the crisis of gun violence.



NAME: Rik Combs

PARTY: Libertarian

Campaign website: <http://combsformissouri.org>

Highest post-secondary education: Ph.D., University of Texas-Austin, physics

Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

The state's budget and going forward with runaway spending and potential tax increases. We must cut spending where we can, reduce taxes on working Missourians and small businesses, and protect personal property at every opportunity.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

Slash taxes. Cut spending. Protect personal property.

NAME: Jerome Howard Bauer

PARTY: Green

Campaign website: <http://www.facebook.com/Jerome-Bauer-Green-for-Missouri-Governor-354827564704728/>

Public elected offices held: Green Party committeeman, 28th Ward, 2014-2016 (appointed) and 2016-present

Highest post-secondary education: Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Sanskrit religious literature

Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

The big problem is wealth inequality. If elected, I would work cooperatively to build worker- and consumer-owned coops and a universal basic income in exchange for universal basic service. Let's bring back the Civilian Conservation Corps and establish affordable education and vocational training for all, student loan debt forgiveness and money-back tuition guarantees.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

1. Universal health care, funded by a Wall Street transaction tax and sin tax. We can do better than Medicaid expansion. 2. Disability rights and universal design. 3. Transportation equity and accessibility.

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor



NAME: Mike Kehoe
PARTY: Republican

Campaign website: <http://mikekehoe.com>
Public elected offices held: State senator, District 6, 2010-2018; Missouri lieutenant governor, 2018-present
Incumbent?: Yes

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

The global pandemic is a health and economic crisis that will create challenges for Missourians for a long time. To overcome these challenges we need leadership experience as it relates to job creation and economic opportunities. I've managed and led many businesses and hundreds of employees throughout my career, and I will continue to use that experience to lead Missouri.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

Missourians want to see common-sense leaders who share their values and will work together to get real results. I want to protect the American Dream for future generations of Missourians, and I will continue working to bring companies to the state, advocating for pro-family, pro-jobs policies and helping our entrepreneurs create opportunities for working Missourians.

NAME: Alissia Canady
PARTY: Democratic

Campaign website:
<http://www.canadyformissouri.com>
Public elected offices held: City Council member, Kansas City, District 5, 2015-2019
Highest post-secondary education: J.D., University of South Dakota
Incumbent?: No

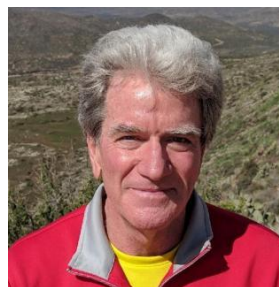


What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

The most compelling policy challenges will be addressing gun violence and re-evaluating the children's division of the Department of Family Services and whether they are effectively working together to stabilize families. I will address both issues holistically by asking how do our current policies protect children, and what can we do to improve those outcomes.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

The health of Missourians. The health of our economy. Reducing the number of gun-related deaths of children and Black men.



NAME: Bill Slantz
PARTY: Libertarian

Campaign website: <http://billslantz.com>
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

If you think we need a lieutenant governor, then maybe you don't want to vote for me. But you should know that it is possible to get by without one. In these times, we're learning to get by without lots of things.

There are several states that don't have lieutenant governors. What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

I tell people that if they want a smaller government, get on board with us. If we start getting government too small, then hop off. Our train won't be moving fast. It's very hard to undo the government. That's a train that just won't stop.

NAME: Kelley Drago
PARTY: Green

Campaign website:
http://www.missourigreenparty.org/vote_for_kelley_drago
Highest post-secondary education: B.S., University of Central Missouri, psychology
Incumbent?: No



What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

We need to continue to defend Missourians against the gerrymandering and voter suppression people are experiencing throughout the state and to begin taking the climate crisis seriously through aggressive protections against flooding and investment in more sustainable energies. The lieutenant governor is uniquely positioned to work alongside the legislature to enact policy.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

Worker's rights. Medicare for all. Public transportation.

Candidates for Secretary of State



NAME: John R. (Jay) Ashcroft
PARTY: Republican

Campaign website:
<http://AshcroftforMissouri.com>
Public elected offices held: Secretary of State, Missouri, 2016-present
Highest post-secondary education: J.D., St. Louis University
Incumbent?: Yes

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

I will continue working with local election authorities to ensure the security of and confidence in our elections. This is critical in an environment of foreign cyberthreats and COVID-19. I will continue to lead nationally on cyber-security issues, bringing other secretaries of state together as we did in 2018 for the National Election Security Summit in St. Louis.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

1. Continue enhancing the safety and security of our elections, while ensuring that every registered voter can vote. 2. Continue to grow support for our state and public library system, including better broadband support, job training and educational support services. 3. Continue making it easier for individuals to start new businesses and for current companies to grow.



NAME: Yinka Faleti
PARTY: Democratic

Campaign website: <http://yinkafaleti.com>
Highest post-secondary education: J.D., Washington University
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

In Missouri, eligible voters face unnecessary obstacles when attempting to cast a ballot, including notary requirements, confusing ballot language and limited times and polling locations. I would work to ensure that these cumbersome and unnecessary hurdles are eliminated so that eligible Missouri voters can easily and efficiently exercise their right to vote.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

My priorities are: 1. Ensuring that all elections in Missouri are safe, secure and accessible for all eligible voters. 2. Guaranteeing that the ballot initiative process is protected and Missouri voices are heard. 3. Removing unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles that get in the way of entrepreneurial spirit in our state.



NAME: Carl Herman Freese
PARTY: Libertarian

Highest post-secondary education: Some college.
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

A. Faith in elections is a big deal, executive policies that help rather than let people take part and access their chosen local party activities.
B. With so many people looking for a party that actually represents them, and not all finding it in the Libertarian Party, it is my future job to help the people of Missouri find a home they feel meets their political needs.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

1. Election policy reform for people and all parties of Missouri to take their place in the political debates that form and guide government policy. 2. Libertarians' lack of trust in government binds actions of government in properly documented red tape. 3. "Red Tape" the reins for governor and private citizens to control the government to keep it from the people's way.



NAME: Paul Lehmann
PARTY: Green

Highest post-secondary education: M.Div., Eden Theological Seminary
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

Our electoral system was never democratic in the history of our country. After 230 years, we still have obstacles to voting. I propose making voting universal for all citizens with one lifetime registration at the age of 18. Every citizen would receive a coded ballot by mail at every election to be returned to the county clerk. True democracy at work.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

1. Make voting universal and accessible for all citizens by mail, and dismantling the current disenfranchising voting structure and practice, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars. 2. Audit and reform the secretary of state's office to eliminate waste and discriminatory rules and procedures. 3. Lobby the General Assembly to adopt one time zone year-round.



NAME: Paul Venable
PARTY: Constitution

Campaign website: <http://youwin.paulvenable.org>
Highest post-secondary education: Some college
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

The most compelling policy challenge we are facing today is how to address the attacks on the liberty of my fellow Missourians. Not since the founding of the republic have the citizens faced such a challenge. We will address them primarily by educating the citizens on the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the United States and Missouri Constitutions.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

1. I propose that the Missouri Constitution be amended to provide for statewide recall of all elected officials. 2. I propose that elections in Missouri be conducted by the use of hand-counted paper ballots. 3. I propose that the state of Missouri discontinue the practice of primary elections and utilize the caucus system.

Candidates for Treasurer



NAME: Scott Fitzpatrick
PARTY: Republican

Campaign website: <http://ScottFitzpatrick.com>
Public elected offices held: State representative, District 158, 2013-2019; State treasurer, 2019-present (appointed)
Highest post-secondary education: B.A. University of Missouri-Columbia, business
Incumbent?: Yes

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

A big challenge for the state will be achieving a reasonable rate of return on pension investments during this period of very low interest rates. I will work with our staff to ensure we are assuming a reasonable rate of return when calculating the pension funding requirements for the Legislature and will avoid excess portfolio risk while working to maximize returns.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

Working with the governor and the Legislature to balance the budget and hold bureaucrats accountable for their use of taxpayer money. Ensuring that every child has access to a quality education regardless of their economic or demographic circumstances by using need-based scholarships for students in underperforming schools. Manage our pension obligations responsibly.



NAME: Vicki Lorenz Englund
PARTY: Democratic

Campaign website: <http://www.vickienglund.com>
Public elected offices held: State representative, District 85, 2009-2010; state representative, District 94, 2013-2014; Lindbergh School Board, 2011-2017
Highest post-secondary education: M.A.,

American University, political science
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

Following our current public health crisis, the state treasurer will have greater responsibility than it has in over a decade. I will be responsible for leading the way in getting our economy back on track - investing the people's money, providing resources to small businesses and offering information and services to citizens through statewide programs and initiatives.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

My top three priorities for Missouri are spearheading our state's economic recovery, bringing diversity and representation to the treasurer's office and implementing programs that will make it easier for everyday Missourians to start a small business, save for retirement and invest in their children's education.



NAME: Nicholas (Nick) Kasoff
PARTY: Libertarian

Campaign website: <http://www.facebook.com/vote4kasoff/>
Public elected offices held:
Highest post-secondary education: BA, State University of New York, economics and computer science
Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

I'll make the state treasurer's office a well-managed business instead of a partisan plum. Independent oversight of state spending by somebody not part of the incumbent parties will bring greater accountability.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

The treasurer has a narrow focus, so I'll stick to my priorities for that office: 1. Technology for better service, e.g. crossing unclaimed property with other state databases to get people what they are owed. 2. Independence - as a Libertarian, I won't serve the Republican majority, nor will I be out to get them. 3. No more gimmicks like the annual 529 sweepstakes.

NAME: Joseph Civettini
PARTY: Green

No response

Candidates for Attorney General



NAME: Eric Schmitt

PARTY: Republican

Campaign website:

<http://schmittformissouri.com>

Public elected offices held: Missouri attorney general, 2019-present; Missouri treasurer, 2017-2019; State senator, District 15, 2009-2017; councilman, Glendale, Ward 3, 2005-2008

Highest post-secondary education: J.D., St. Louis University

Incumbent?: Yes

NAME: Kevin C Babcock

PARTY: Libertarian

No response

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

Public safety and making our communities, neighborhoods and streets safer are some of our greatest challenges. We will accomplish this by building on successful initiatives like Safer Streets. This initiative brings together the Missouri attorney general's office, U.S. attorney's office and local law enforcement units to help fight and prosecute violent crimes.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

I am committed to protecting citizens from violent crime, helping victims of sexual assault get justice by eliminating the backlog of untested sexual assault kits with my SAFE Kits Initiative and doing everything we can to stop human trafficking. Our initiatives in these areas are some of the reasons I was endorsed by the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police.



NAME: Rich Finneran

PARTY: Democratic

Campaign website: <http://richfinneran.com>

Highest post-secondary education: J.D., Washington University

Incumbent?: No

What are the most compelling policy challenges you expect to face if elected and how do you propose to address them?

My biggest challenge as attorney general will be rooting out the political bias that has infected the current administration. I will enhance the AG's conflict of interest policies, end the political crusade against the Affordable Care Act, protect Clean Missouri and stop wasting taxpayer dollars in hopeless, politically motivated lawsuits.

What are your top three priorities for Missouri?

My first priority is protecting health care, including coverage for pre-existing conditions. Second is criminal justice: I will address the inequities of our system head-on and ensure the law is enforced fairly for all. Third, I'll take on corruption to make sure the AG's office benefits the people, not politicians or the well-connected.

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

NAME: Vicky Hartzler
PARTY: Republican

No response



NAME: Lindsey Simmons
PARTY: Democratic

Campaign Website:

<http://www.lindseysimmons.com>

Campaign Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/lindseyforcongress>

Campaign email address:

together@lindseysimmons.com

Campaign Phone: (660) 631-7464

Public Elected Offices Held: None.

Incumbent?: No

Education: Missouri Valley College, B.S. 2010 University of South Dakota, M.A. 2012 Harvard Law School, J.D. 2015

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

We are in the midst of a global pandemic and one of the worst economic crises we've seen in three generations. Every institution in our government is in need of serious reform. We cannot simply "return to normal," we must build back better than we previously were. Three values that guide my policy making are families, fairness, and freedom. We need to put working families, military families, and farming families first. Each of our policies needs to be fair--no carve outs for special interests or the wealthy. Each of our policies must support the freedoms our Constitution provides. As an Army wife of a currently deployed soldier, I think a lot about why our family makes the sacrifices it does---and it's certainly not so healthcare companies can profit off of the sick or so corporations can get away not paying their fair share. We need policies like universal healthcare, fully funded schools, economic and infrastructure investments, and a living wage that lifts all people up.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021? Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

My number one focus is families. Period. I am part of a working family that works hard to make ends meet. I am part of a military family that knows what it's like to have our needs passed over and delivered to

defense contractors. I am part of a farming family that knows how hard it is to stay in business when BigAg forms a monopoly, pays politicians to end Country of Origin Labeling, and drives our prices down. My priority piece of legislation will put families first. This will be a new deal for all of our families--one ensuring that every family can afford healthcare and prescriptions, one that prioritizes family farmers over BigAg by removing tariffs, reinstating COOL, prohibiting the sale of our land to foreign owners, and opening new markets, one that prioritizes decontaminating drinking water and removing asbestos from military housing, one that demands people be paid a living wage and incentivizes economic and infrastructure investment in rural areas.



NAME: Steven K. Koonse
PARTY: Libertarian

Campaign email address:

prairies74@hotmail.com

Public Elected Offices Held: None

Incumbent?: No

Education: Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration

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

I would take back the Constitutional powers of Congress that have been usurped by the Executive Branch. Article One, Section 8 of the Constitution says Congress shall have the power to Declare war. Anybody heard of the Sahel region, much less why there are 1000 American troops fighting there? I will work with the Executive Branch to ensure there is a thought out end to contemplated wars before I consider giving a vote to Declare War. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 says that Congress shall have power to regulate Commerce with foreign nations. So I will work with all foreign nations to eliminate trade barriers to ensure free trading of the 4th District's production of goods and services. Well it's in the Constitution that Congress has the power of the purse. I Will work to ensure contemplated appropriations are thought out and have clear purposes. It is wrong for a Congress-person to await for the passage of their appropriations to then see what's in it for the first time.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021? Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

My 2021 immediate legislative action would be to facilitate spending on infrastructure. The infrastructure needs sorely to be upgraded and the unemployed need sorely to be employed on these projects. The Federal Reserve printed money to support the stock market. I would initiate legislation to have the Federal Reserve liquidate its stocks and use the proceeds to fund the infrastructure. In addition I would initiate legislation to make the Federal Reserve an advisory body to Congress. Article I, Section 8, Clause 5, provides for Congress to coin money and regulate the value thereof. The Federal Reserve's regulation of the value of money usurp the Constitutional role of Congress.

District 5

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No response



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Incumbent?: Yes

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

As with all of my work in Congress, I reach across the aisle to forge bipartisan support for consensus driven policy.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021?

Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

I will continue to work with my colleagues to address the needs and challenges we are facing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Congress' attention needs to remain on the recovery of our health and economy as these challenges are addressed.



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Incumbent?: No

Education: Lone Star College Cochise College Certificate programs

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

End the wars. Both the wars over seas, and the drug war at home. Then start repealing laws that infringe on our civil liberties.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021? Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

Ending the war on drugs. The drug war has not only failed, it has ruined lives and families and the biggest reason for police raids and violence against citizens. It has packed our prisons and cost taxpayers billions.

District 6



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Public Elected Offices Held: U.S.

Representative State Senator State

Representative

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: University of Missouri-Columbia, Bachelors Degree – Agronomy

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

Good things get accomplished when we work together. In order to effectively tackle issues like recovering from the pandemic, passing an infrastructure package, fixing our healthcare system or getting our national debt under control, we must find common ground on sensible, responsible legislation that attempts to solve these issues as opposed to grandstanding on bills filled with partisan wish list items that have no chance of being signed into law.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021? Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

My top priority is to ensure that a bipartisan long-term transportation bill is passed. Almost everything we do in North Missouri is affected by transportation and infrastructure. Through my position as Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I will continue to work towards solutions to solve our transportation funding problem so we can repair and replace more roads and bridges throughout North Missouri. I've been able to successfully advocate for many important transportation projects in North Missouri and I will continue to do that in Congress.

District 6 (Con't)



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Incumbent?: No

Education: PhD in Public Policy and Administration Master's degree in Public Administration Bachelor's degree in Business Administration Associate's degree in Urban Ministries

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

Talking about it, addressing my concerns and reasons why to the appropriate party as well as the constituents to understand their needs and concerns and then take necessary actions to get the job done. Example, fighting for everyone to have health care.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021? Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

Access to healthcare, Education, and increase in federal minimum wage so that every working person can provide for their family. It is not just a want, it is a need, a necessity to improve the quality of life for every human being. No one should have to choose between paying their rent or paying for their prescription medication. Education should be quality and equal for all loans and student loan debt shouldn't have you one step away from homelessness because once again you have to choose or be penalized in some type of way. It is hard for anyone to get ahead in life and provide for their family only making \$8.00 an hour. Sustainability is needed. We the people should be the #1 priority that's who should be served first. Nothing before their needs to live a better life.



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Incumbent?: no

Education: BSCE Civil Engineering

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

I will not play party politics. To many of our representatives serve their party above american citizens. Too often they are willing to expand their own power and control. The best approach to legislating is that less is more. We need creative solutions rather than simply throwing money at problems. Government spending is inefficient and wasteful and often is only directed at the politically connected.

What would be your top priority for congressional action in 2021? Briefly explain why and how you would address this priority.

The National debt in my opinion is the most troubling and perhaps most comprehensive problem facing The US Government. Every president promises to curtail the deficits but always increases them at an accelerated pace. This is short sighted. This is politically motivated to make things look good in the present simply to increase the chances for reelection. Sooner or later this is going to catch up with us. Every citizen's share of the national debt is \$80,000. There is an economic collapse waiting if we do not take action. Families must balance their budget. The government must do the same. We have to get on a pay as you go basis. In peacetime there is no moral justification to make future taxpayers pay for our current expenditures. It makes no sense fiscally either. We must make the hard choices to curtail spending and make the government fiscally responsible.

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.

Senate District 7



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Public Elected Offices Held: Missouri State

Representative, District 25

Incumbent?: No

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

1. We must invest in our state's future by properly investing in education at all levels. Over the past 20 years we have seen leadership in the Missouri General Assembly reduce funding to K-12 education, leaving many of our young people behind. Higher education is receiving an equivalent of state funding that it did more than 20 years ago. This leads to a lower educational standards, and a raise in tuition/fees which can be prohibitive for many Missourians. 2. If voters approve Medicaid expansion (which I strongly support), then we must ensure that it is rolled out and funded correctly. Investing in the health of our citizens is an investment in the state as a whole. 3. We must protect the rights of all our citizen. We must fight against the continued attack on women. We must work toward criminal justice and police reform. And, if elected, I am likely to be the only openly LGBTQ member of the Senate. I will continue to lead on that front as well.

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

First, we must do all we can to elect the right people to office. That starts this August and continues in November. Vote. Secondly, after the election we must work with those in office to move the needle forward where we can, and stop it from regressing when we must. If elected I will almost certainly be serving in the minority party. It will be incumbent upon me to build relationships on both sides of the aisle to work to make Missouri better tomorrow than it is today. Lastly, we must begin to invest in ourselves and our future. For far too long we have not appropriately funded the education of our young people, the healthcare of our most vulnerable, or in so many aspects of our state's infrastructure. We are trying to run a state in the 21st century on 20th century funding. This cannot last.



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Public Elected Offices Held: None

Incumbent?: No

Education: BFA

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

Top Three Priorities: 1. Addressing the existential crisis of global climate change. If we don't rapidly bring all human activity into balance with the natural environment, human civilization will collapse this century. All other priorities become irrelevant if we fail here. 2. Corruption. The complete capture of the corporate parties by rich campaign donors and corporations has been completed years ago. The current status quo of environmental degradation, profound income inequality, forever war, and broken regulatory oversight can only be tackled by a trailblazing party that is not for sale. The Green Party therefore is the only option for change. 3. Income/Power Imbalances. When the richest three Americans have more wealth than the bottom 50% of Americans, it is way past due for a coordinated wealth redistribution program to transfer these hoarded resources to those most in need in the form of healthcare, education, basic income support, and other necessities of life.

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

Unlike elected representatives of the two corporate parties, I as an elected Green Party candidate would serve citizens, voters, and local communities as opposed to wealthy campaign contributors. Unlike the two corporate parties and their candidates, Green Party candidates never take money from wealthy campaign donors and therefore are not for sale. This liberates us from the golden shackles that have solidified a status quo that continues to benefit the wealthiest to the detriment to the overwhelming majority of us that are left fighting for scraps. As an elected Green Party state official I would be in the position to serve voters & communities to a much greater degree than the officials of the two corporate parties that must serve primarily their wealthy campaign donors. I would also be in a unique position to report honestly to the public and the media on the corrupt and often secretive practices in Jefferson City, which would have a significant effect on keeping them honest.

Senate District 9



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Public Elected Offices Held: 15th Ward
Republican Committeeman

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

Equal Shared Parenting. I went thru a difficult custody case and understand the problems that unwed parents face in these situations. the financial hardship and unnecessary burdens placed on parents and children.

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

School Choice: I am a firm believer that a child's ZIP code should not determine the quality of their future. As a father, I know firsthand the frustration many people in our community feel with the lack of options for their children's education. As Senator, I will work to empower parents to make decisions to ensure their children have access to a decent education, regardless of their financial ability. Equal Shared Parenting: Our children are more likely to succeed when they are raised by both parents. As Senator, I am prepared to sponsor legislation that would guarantee equality in custody proceedings, while also ensuring that children are not placed in potentially dangerous or abusive homes. Support Small Businesses: As Senator, I will fight to protect small, locally-owned businesses's ability to compete on a level playing field. I will not vote for corporate handouts that give out-of-state megacorporations an unfair advantage and put Kansas City entrepreneurs out of business.



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Public Elected Offices Held: Trustee; Metropolitan Community College; Missouri State Representative, District 23

Incumbent?: No

Education: JD, University of Missouri-KC BJ, University of Missouri - Columbia MBA, Avila University

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

I am passionate about public education, economic development, juvenile justice, criminal justice reform, and neighborhood development in terms of small business improvement, affordable health care and affordable housing

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

1. Hold town halls/listening sessions to hear directly from the public to identify those issues most important to my district. Our state has many issues but it is important to hear directly from my constituency. 2. File bills that seek to resolve those challenges. 3. Fight against bills that are detrimental to my constituency. 4. Work with colleagues in both the House and the Senate that are members of all parties.

Senate District 11

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No response

Senate District 17

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Incumbent?: No

Education: Some college

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

Law and order, Safety and security for the citizens of Clay Country.

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

To meet with community leadership around the different areas of the State for open and Transparent talks Effecting the people.

Senate District 17



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Public Elected Offices Held: Missouri State Senator, representing District 17; former member of the Missouri House of Representatives, representing District 18.

Incumbent?: Yes.

Education: University of Missouri - Saint Louis, Masters in Education; Smith College, graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in History; North Kansas City High School

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

I deeply believe that every Missourian should have access to a good job, a safe community, affordable health care, and a great public education for their children. As a teacher, I saw first-hand the problems challenging teachers, students, and staff. Frequently, I found that my students' basic needs went unmet and that our school lacked needed resources. My experience as a teacher informed my decision to run for office, and my greatest commitment as a public servant is to advocate for kids. Affordable health care remains another priority. I believe that an unexpected trip to the emergency room should not result in crippling debt, and one should not be denied access to affordable care based on income or a pre-existing condition. Among many proposals, I've sponsored legislation to cap the cost of insulin and make prescription drugs more affordable.

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

To set students up for success, we must prioritize investments in early childhood education and universal pre-K in Missouri, recruitment and retention of high-quality educators, a focus on early literacy, and student-centered instruction that excites students' curiosities and passions. To improve the accessibility and affordability of health care, I will continue to fight to successfully implement and fund Medicaid expansion and improve access to care for those that need it, including access to primary care, and battle the opioid drug crisis. We must rebuild Missouri's economy, making it a modern economy that supports good-paying jobs, funds infrastructure projects that create jobs, makes college and vocational schools affordable, and puts investing in people, not corporations, first.

Senate District 31

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No response

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Public Elected Offices Held: Mayor of Sweet Springs Mo

Education: Associates degree

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

Working class Americans have not been represented well in Missouri.

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

Work with communities with their struggles.

Missouri State House

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Candidates for Missouri State House

House District 8



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Public Elected Offices Held: none
Incumbent?: no

Education: High School graduate of Penney High School-Hamilton, MO

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

Economic Development, Workforce Development, Public Administration and Agriculture are my main areas of expertise and where I believe I can make the biggest contributions. But I am also passionate about education and healthcare. I have family that work in both of those fields and rely on their knowledge to advise me on the issues that are most pressing.

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

Missouri is such a diverse state that we have to stop treating it like "one-size-fits-all." Urban issues are not rural issues and vice versa. And given the burden the pandemic has placed on our economy, we will need to prioritize our needs in these different areas until the economy recovers sufficiently to fund all programs as they should be funded.

House District 11



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Public Elected Offices Held: Missouri State

Representative Dist 11
Incumbent?: yes

Education: Bachelor Degree in Logistics from the University of Missouri Alternative Certified in Education Northwest Missouri State University

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

I continue to work in the area of Early Childhood Development and Education. I believe focusing state resources in this area will pay great returns in the future. I also focus my time on K-12 Education because I believe education increases opportunities for wealth, which in turn provides opportunities to improve the health of all Missourians. In addition, as a member of the House Budget committee I work to prioritize the use of our state resources.

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

I believe we need to focus on those areas that will have the maximum long term benefit. Examples would be Early Childhood Education, K-12 Education and Workforce Development. Also, I believe we need to take advantage of the internet sales tax issue to increase state revenues. I also believe we need to provide the opportunity for Missouri voters to vote on a fuel tax to improve the transportation infrastructure of our state. Last, this pandemic has truly magnified the need for Broadband for all Missourians and I will continue to work with other legislators to find a solution to this problem.



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

Healthcare, workers rights, and education are the basic necessities that every American needs access too in order to have a successful pursuit of the American dream. And our state and federal government is failing us in that goal.

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

My approach would be unrelenting in getting results from everyone working in the state capitol. If you are unwavering and persistent everyday then people get tired of saying "no" over and over again. And that is the biggest challenge in our capitol. Getting anything of substance accomplished.

House District 12

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No response



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Public Elected Offices Held: Smithville Board

of Education

Incumbent?: No

Education: University of Missouri-Columbia (2015) NJATC (2020)

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

I am running on a platform of three main issues: Worker's Rights , Education, and Healthcare. As an IBEW electrician, I believe that working families should not struggle to make ends meet and I will fight for fair wages and more local jobs. As a school board member, I have fought to make the best of a budget that hasn't been properly funded by the state in decades. When it comes to healthcare, families should not have to worry about going into debt just to get medical care. Quality and affordable healthcare is a right that every citizen deserves.

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

There are many challenges currently facing the state and it will take a lot of time to fix them. That is why it is important to collaborate with all stakeholders in making our great state even better. Being open-minded and reaching across the aisle are critical because one legislator can't solve the challenges we face on their own. It takes a majority of people to be interested in bettering our state for progress to be made. There are a few ways we could approach the challenges facing our state and I will consider all reasonable proposals as a state legislator. To start with, though, we must re-examine the budget we pass every year and make tough decisions about the way we distribute tax relief. Too many working families find themselves struggling to make ends meet while out-of-state corporations receive tax break after tax break that never makes it back around to families in our state. Starting here would mean we can have the resources to help working families first.

House District 13



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Incumbent?: NO

Education: St. Therese Parish School-Parkville,

MO Rockhurst H.S. (Kansas City) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point)

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

The current state of incivility, violence and attacks upon our culture is disturbing and must be addressed immediately. Public policy dealing with these issues is critical to restoring law and order in our society. Policies dealing with COVID-19 and the impact it has had upon our economy, education system, and daily lives requires immediate sound policies from all levels of government, particularly state government. These areas of public policy are my most immediate concerns.

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

Challenges facing our state are many due to the impact of COVID-19. It has affected our lives in ways never before experienced by most of us. This is a time for leadership and compromise in addressing such issues and I welcome the opportunity to work with others for the benefit of the people.

House District 13 (con't)



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Public Elected Offices Held: None

Incumbent?: No

Education: BA: Middlebury College, Vermont

Classical Studies MA: St. John's College, New Mexico Philosophy

M.Ed: Rockhurst University, Missouri Secondary Education

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

EDUCATION As a teacher, I believe college may not be for all children. We must invest in vocational tech education for students who want to develop skills. The dignity of work that our electricians, mechanics, welders, HVAC workers, and plumbers should be celebrated. We are missing a whole generation of students who are taught to undervalue these skills. I also believe in the power of public service which is why I have been a tireless advocate for our teachers. Our teachers make our schools the best in Missouri. We should pass pro teacher and pro education policies that support our front-line educators and that give them the tools to continue impact the lives of our children. **HEALTH CARE** The most critical issue facing our communities in Missouri is access to healthcare. We need to continue to expand medicare to our vulnerable populations while allowing everyone the choice and flexibility to determine their best care.

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

The time for party politics is over! Compromise used to define politics, but our country and state remain polarized while our constituents suffer. While I'm a Democratic candidate for office, I pledge to work with Republican counterparts to pass legislation that directly helps the working poor, working families, seniors, veterans, and those who believe the political system is not working for them.

House District 14



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Public Elected Offices Held: NA

Incumbent?: No

Education: Bachelors of Science (Engineering): United States Military Academy. Masters of Science (Operations Research): Georgia Institute of Technology

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

I care deeply about preserving and defending the quality of life we all enjoy in the Northland. We are blessed to live in an area with some of the best schools in Missouri, an expansive park system, a first rate hospital, low crime rate, well established highways, first class shopping and thousands of friendly people. This is a great place to raise a family. My two sons graduated from Park Hill High School and had a rich experience with many activities they were involved in. My wife is an ICU Nurse at St. Luke's Hospital. We enjoy our church and all those who attend. There is so much to be thankful for and appreciate in this area. It's time to keep all this in perspective and realize we must defend our quality of life or we could lose it.

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

There is a tremendous amount of responsibility of serving in the state government. The average citizen can hear a sound bite on the news but may not have the time to research and analyze the consequences and effects. The people's representatives must dedicate their time to understanding all the details, and not be swayed by special interest groups and the soundbites of the nightly news. A guiding principle I was taught years ago is to do the "harder right rather than the easier wrong."



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Incumbent?: No

Education: The University of Kansas, 2007 Communication Studies, English minor

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

One of the reasons I'm running for office is because it's become clear to me that our democracy simply doesn't work for everyone, and I want a seat at the table to address issues like corruption and lack of transparency in government; healthcare costs; gun violence; workers rights; and inequality. My biggest focus, however, is education. As the product of a public school education and stepmom to a 5th grader, I care deeply about supporting public education in my community and across Missouri. I believe we have a responsibility to our children to set them up for success at every opportunity, and we're falling short of that responsibility by constantly cutting education funding and under-paying educators.

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

As a Democrat running for State House in a legislature with a Republican supermajority, I hope to lean on the power of diplomacy—a lot. In my experience, two-way conversations, empathy, and a willingness to share and learn are the best ways to solve problems and make positive progress with folks who may not agree with you. I genuinely look forward to building and leveraging new relationships in Jefferson City, and collaborating to address the issues facing Missouri families.

House District 15



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

Education Reform! Schools aren't teaching critical, logical thinking skills. Kids are being indoctrinated, told what to think, group think, divided by race & sexual preference. Public education is about money & politics now, YOUR MONEY AND THEIR POLITICS. Schools have become recruiting grounds to advance their political agenda, challenging parental authority, separating parents from their children. Unions protect underperforming, negligent & iniquitous teachers,

keeping them in the classroom to affect your children! Alternative sex ed, LGBT clubs and staff. At the most critical and vulnerable time of kids lives, when they can be confused, and are flooded with hormones, the last thing our kids need is gender confusion taught in public schools. Public schools do have outstanding HS sports, for one reason, competition. Educators blame parents for their failures in the classroom. Coaches routinely take kids from difficult situations who excel as a result of their involvement in HS sports.

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

Re-assessing our priorities and advocating solutions: IE: We have a huge problem with substance abuse. There is a causal link to porn addiction. Studies have conclusively proven structural and chemical brain changes from porn addiction are identical to those of drug addicts. Porn is extremely addictive, especially to adolescent boys, leaving them more vulnerable to drug addiction. Furthermore there is a causal link to sexual predation. Every sexual predator began their obsession with porn and graduated to sexual predation. It is no different then drug addicts seeking a greater high experimenting with hard core drugs. Every hard core drug addict smoked pot, just as every sexual predator began with porn. Internet and print porn needs to be strictly regulated and kept away from our vulnerable youth. Other countries have done it. We can do it here. Porn and drug addiction is a primary causal link to the victimization and increased sexual predation of women and children.



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Public Elected Offices Held: N/A

Incumbent?: N/A

Education: Bachelor of Arts- Truman State University Master's in Education- University of Missouri- Kansas City

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

My students and my own children have given me a renewed purpose to advocate for bright futures for kids all across Missouri. I'm running for state representative to champion public education, to fight for quality, affordable healthcare, to defend our workers' rights, and to secure funding to fix our crumbling infrastructure.

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

It's time to work together to find commonsense solutions for all Missourians. I understand the importance of compromise and I will work across the aisle to get things done for my constituents.

House District 16



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Public Elected Offices Held: none

Incumbent?: No incumbent, termed out

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

First would be education. It would be my goal to make sure k-12 education is fully funded. I would also like to explore more vocational education opportunities. I talk with employers consistently and a message they have is finding workers. There has been such an emphasis on pre college education I think some of the trades have been marginalized. Also, the public education system in the United States has lifted more people out of poverty than any other collective institution in the world, a solid education like a rising tide will lift all boats. A quality, world class, public education system in the state of Missouri should always be a top priority of all Missouri lawmakers. Second, I believe one of the main goals of government is providing basic services. Now everything I'm about to say must be paid for, however, I would be a huge advocate for putting money into infrastructure, such as road and bridge repair, money into our state parks, aviation, energy development, levee development

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

I ran out of space on above question. Nevertheless on all those items, I get it, it comes with a huge price tag. That brings me to my last priority and that is the budget. I would really like to be on the budget committee because that is what dictates spending priorities. I want to be involved in the conversation that, hopefully spends taxpayer money in as cost effective way as possible. Right now I would say the most pressing current challenge is dealing with the ongoing effects of Covid.

Businesses, families, schools, all are going to be impacted to varying degrees. As a legislative body we need to do all we can to help deal with the negative impacts, how best to do that could be difficult. Low interest loans to small business, local flexibility to schools, various tax rebates to individuals & families, not sure, but Covid could be headed in the wrong direction and being proactive is probably better than being reactive.



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Incumbent?: No.

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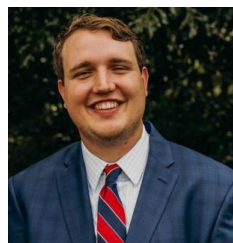
What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I am personally passionate about several key areas of public policy. First and foremost, I am passionate about our democratic processes, making them as easy and accessible to all Missourians, and in having a government that puts the people first. Missouri deserves a fair and balanced democracy where all sides can be voiced, and all stories can be heard. In District 16, my neighbors and I are passionate about our public schools, health care, and supporting union members and small business owners. I am also very passionate about being an ally and furthering equality for all Missourians, addressing racial equity and finding solutions that will bring much-needed change, and supporting every measure to combat climate change while also investing in renewable energy opportunities. Lastly, an issue that all Missourians are passionate every year; infrastructure. We must make our Missouri roads, highways, and bridges a priority by developing new investment strategies to address this issue.

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

I believe that one of the biggest challenges facing our state today is the current supermajority in our legislature, and the partisan gridlock that goes with it. No matter which party is in control, when there is a supermajority in the legislature, there are one or more sides not being fairly represented and heard. To me, this is not the way our government was intended to function. I believe all Missourians deserve a fair and balanced democracy, where all sides can be represented, and all stories can be heard. For over a decade our state has been subject to a supermajority, and for over a decade we have seen the priority given to one political party. I am approaching this challenge head on by running in a red district, striving to flip it blue. We only need eight House districts to flip blue in 2020 to end the supermajority. If we are successful, then Missouri will be one step closer to having a government that puts the people first.

House District 17



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

The areas of which I am most passionate about are outlined in both the Constitution of the United States and Missouri's Constitution: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. I believe that these inalienable rights cannot be denied to any person, and thus must be areas of emphasis for any legislator. Life must come first, for without it can no other quality matter. For liberty, each of us has been granted the gift of agency, and thus we must be able to exercise that right and that privilege. And for the pursuit of happiness, all Missourians should have the ability to advance their education, earn gainful employment, or create their own opportunities for success. My passion is to make sure we all have that opportunity to succeed, and to partake in the American Dream.

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

As we look to help Missouri regain its strength from the COVID-19 pandemic, I will be focusing on both the short-term recovery and begin steps towards long-term preparation. Looking to the short term, my main keys will be to make sure that our students have the necessary resources and are receiving the proper education to prepare them for tomorrow. Additionally, I will be making sure that our small businesses have every opportunity to be able to operate, so that they can continue providing to both their communities as well as their employees. Looking to the long-term, this pandemic has demonstrated the need for saving towards the future. As families may have an emergency fund, one of my key goals is to set aside part of the state's budget to be saved towards times of need. In the event that state revenues are down, this fund will make sure that Missouri can continue to operate without hindrance, thus reducing the negative consequences of any future pandemics or economic recessions.



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative Mo Dist. 17

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Juris Doctorate

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

Economic Development, Civil Justice, Criminal Justice, Ethics. I am an attorney, and I come from a district that has a lot of economic development opportunity, so I hew towards topics that I have some familiarity with; job creation and development is important to my constituents and therefore important to me. I am very familiar with the Civil and Criminal Justice fields, therefore I am very personally connected to those areas, and finally I think that much of the current political discord might be better resolved with clearer and more effective ethics reform.

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

I approach each issue presented as a unique opportunity to address a problem with practical but creative solutions. I work toward compromise where possible, and I believe that it is important for policy makers to learn to disagree without being disagreeable. Too many of the issues that we face as a state are parsed out into partisan positions, or viewed as topics that divide us rather than as opportunities to come together and work together on our common ground to achieve our goals.

House District 18



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Rep, 18th District

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: HS, Platte County R-3 BA, University of Missouri JD, University of Missouri MBA, Washington University in St Louis

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

No response

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

No response

House District 19



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Public Elected Offices Held: Democratic County Committeewoman
KCPS School Board MO House of Representatives

Incumbent?: yes

Education: Avila, MS Counseling Psychology UMKC, School
Counselor Certification UMKC, Bachelor of Music Therapy/Music
Education

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

Access to quality public education & protecting children and their rights;
Access to affordable housing, utilities, transportation and dependable
infrastructure; Access to affordable health care and protections for
workers.

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

Serving on the House Budget Committee and the Fiscal Review
Committee, have given me a perspective of how all legislation is
connected. I believe we need to take a look at the consequences -
financial and social - of prior policy decisions that are a drain on our
revenue and resources. Then, we need to work together with political
groups, state bureaucrats, and citizens to craft policies that direct the
resources we have to assure that things like housing, healthcare and
education are affordable, and that jobs, recreation and justice are
accessible. I approach this by working collaboratively with other
stakeholders to build on our experience and past work.

House District 20

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No response

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Incumbent?: no
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What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

the virus

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

follow health care directive.

House District 21



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Public Elected Offices Held: Committee Women,
Blue Sub-District 8

Incumbent?: No

Education: BA Education/ Master's Level Certification in Reading
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God Theological Seminary

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

Education is top of my list, not only because I have 44 years of
experience, but also because COVID-19 has greatly affected how we
educate. Schools are now required to offer online classes at all grade
levels and still hold in-class sessions. Classrooms and lesson plans
teachers had worked on for hours, weeks, months, and even years to
organize were suddenly unusable. Even though teachers are expected
to think on their feet, be flexible, extremely adaptable to change and
highly creative this has been the biggest educational challenge of the
21st century! I plan to do all within my power to help them and offer
their students an excellent education.

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

The most current challenge facing our state is how we move forward
during and after a pandemic. What we put into place now will build our
tomorrows. The best way to approach rebuilding Missouri's economy,
public safety, health care, education, senior care, agriculture and so
much more is to communicate with those in the field. As state
representative, I will bring the creative ideas and any concerns from my
district to the floor of the house. Team effort using state resources will
be the best way to get us all back on our feet quickly.



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative, District 21

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Thomas M Cooley Law School, J.D., law. William Jewell College, B.A., international business

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

There are several areas of public policy that I am committed to working on as State Representative. One of the most pressing issues that our state faces today is COVID-19 and providing relief. The wellbeing of our citizens should be a top priority in the legislature, because COVID-19 is not going to be something that the state can bounce back from without meaningful steps being taken. Another issue that I am passionate about is labor. As a pro-union legislator, I am ready to take all necessary actions to oppose Right-to-Work legislation. RTW will destroy collective bargaining, lower wages, and ultimately prioritize corporations over hard-working union members. Criminal justice reform is another critical policy issue for me. As a former prosecutor and public defender, I have sadly seen firsthand how the justice system can be stacked against people of color. Justice should be served in a balanced and fair way, not with racial bias and prejudice of a with racial bias and prejudice of any

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

There are many issues that need to be addressed right now in the state of Missouri. With COVID-19, I am in favor of a statewide mask mandate in order to keep the virus from worsening. Also, with the pandemic, testing needs to be more widely accessible for everyone. Public health officials' advice should be #1, because believing public health experts is not a political statement. The challenge of healthcare is also very important. Healthcare is a right, and I believe it should be approached that way in the state government. Medicare and Medicaid are a vital part of so many Missourians' lives. It is crucial that we look at healthcare from a standpoint where everyone deserves it, and no one should struggle or suffer because they cannot afford it. Cheaper Prescription drug costs for seniors is also very important. For criminal justice reform, I believe that in order to achieve true reform, we must address the individual problems directly, not just "crime" as a whole, but what leads to it

House District 22



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Public Elected Offices Held: MO House of

Representatives

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Associate of Arts

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

The working middle class have not been able to keep up with the cost of living, thus placing on them an undue burden of trying to make ends meet. Many must work second jobs; many can't find work at all. We need to create jobs that allow them to earn a livable wage. Additionally, those worker's rights need to be protected. Missourians should have access to quality, affordable healthcare -- including mental healthcare. This has been unreachable for many Missouri families even for those who have insurance. We need ways to remove barriers, we need to improve our mental health services, and we need to find a way to address the rising cost of prescription drugs. Missourians want a safe place to live, but with our high crime rate, residents don't feel protected. In order to combat our high crime rate, we need to seek ways to reform our criminal justice system by providing alternatives to penalties, prosecution, and prison. I keep this at the forefront when I sponsor or vote on bills.

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

Our current challenges are multi-faceted; accordingly, the approach to addressing them will need to reflect that because I don't believe there is a "one-size-fits-all" solution. We are facing a crisis like none other (primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects) and it is unclear when we will recover. When facing a challenge or a crisis, I have been taught to first recognize that you have one, describe it and define it. The next step in this approach is to prioritize and address the immediate concern(s). With that in mind, I believe the immediate concern right now is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 -- which is a public health threat. Addressing this immediate concern should be followed by creating a plan for long term solutions. Finally, I am fully aware that what you anticipate needs to be done can change at any moment. We have seen evidence of this throughout the pandemic. Therefore, my approach is to be flexible, redirect, and adjust plans as needed.

House District 23



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Incumbent?: N/A

Education: Philnder Smith College

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

A: Education and the equal disbursement of funds for all levels of education. Also public safety is of much importance in helping improve the blighted neighborhoods in my district! Where there is safety there is security and stability.

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

A: Our current situation is of vast importance. We are now faced with a pandemic that must be addressed with a state coming together for the greater good of all Missourians. We should be a staple of showing solidarity in such tumultuous times!

House District 24



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Incumbent?: No

Education: Associates in Marketing at Butler County Community College Bachelors degree in Graphic Design at Kanas City Art Institute

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

I am interested in health, energy, and environmental policy, promoting child and family well-being, and developing economic opportunity and effective public finance policy. A lot of these areas overlap and connect to one another. We need to make sure everyone has access to affordable health insurance in order to have a productive economy for businesses. Our climate plays a major part in keeping our environment clean for our health, and we need to make sure people have the ability to make the right choices for their families.

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

I would start by building relationships with the other party. We all have seen what COVID-19 has done to our state. Our leaders need to help the people of Missouri by increasing access to affordable healthcare, rebuilding the economy, supporting public education and working for racial justice. I will focus on what's right for Missouri, fixing our broken system and working through difficult issues rather than protecting special interests.

NAME: Andrew Miller

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No response

House District 25



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Public Elected Offices Held: First time

candidate

Incumbent?: No

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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

Health care is one of my top priorities and also a concern I am hearing when I speak with folks in the district. I believe health care is a right not a privilege. The state has failed to expand medicaid and hospitals are closing. People have to choose between buying groceries for their families or paying for their prescription medication. I have been advocating for people my entire professional career. I have 20 years of health care experience as an ICU/Critical Care nurse as well as a health care Executive. I believe my experienced leadership and proven track record set me apart and will prove valuable in Jefferson City.

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

My approach is to listen to the concerns of my constituents and represent them. I will also rely on data and facts. As a leader, I know how to work together and find common ground.

House District 26



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Rep HD 26 2018-2020

Incumbent?: yes

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

Although raised in a 2-parent home, one of my major and most consistent influences was my grandmother, former Senator Mary Groves Bland. I was her running buddy; always at grandmother's side; learning how to interact with people and serve the community. Since my youth, summer months were spent working actively in voter registration drives, knocking on doors, encouraging adults to vote, and various election activities. This was integral to learning how to become effectively engaged in my community. The Army National Guard allowed me an opportunity to assist in recruiting high school students; listening to their concerns about their future, causing me concern about their educational preparedness. I stand ready to serve and engage in the hard work of addressing the critical issues that are creating crises in this community. Specifically I am working on addressing; the criminal justice system, voter rights, and education of young people in the urban core with an eye on Job Development.

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state? No response

House District 27

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PARTY: Democratic

No response

House District 28

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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative

Incumbent?: yes

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

Healthcare - implement medicaid expansion Education - more funding for early childhood Economic Development - more money for small businesses

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

Stop the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing, washing hands and wearing a mask. Get everyone out to vote and I support the current strategy of the local leaders because they are knowledgeable.

House District 29



NAME: Rory Rowland

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Public Elected Offices Held: State Rep.District 29

Incumbent?: yes

Education: University of Missouri-Kansas City Degree MBA Graduation1983 – 1986 BS Degree Economics University of Central Missouri graduation1977 – 1981

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why? No response

What would be your approach to addressing the current challenges facing our state? No response

House District 30



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Blue Springs High School B.S., M.D. University of Missouri

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

I am passionate about health care. As a physician, making sure people are healthy and that they have access to medical care is why I went into medicine. I am also passionate about reducing the rate of violent crime, especially in our inner cities. We need our cities to be safe, vibrant places where people want to live and work.

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

My approach would be to focus on getting through the pandemic as safely as possible. This will require statewide testing, social distancing, and vaccine administration when it becomes available. I also feel we need to do everything we can to allow businesses to be open safely and get our citizens back to work.

House District 30 (con't)



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Incumbent?: No
Education: Masters degree in Management

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

Healthcare: We can do so much better than we are currently. Without a comprehensive plan taxpayers will continue to pay exorbitant bills for the uninsured. I want to help build a better system that includes preventative care. **Fiscal:** Spend what we need to spend openly, so all voters have the opportunity to be informed and give input. **Education:** Saddling our students with huge student loans does not work. Talk to the people doing the job of educating and doing the job of learning, then move forward. **Voting:** In accordance with the constitution, one person one vote. **Infrastructure:** Invest in us. **Inclusion:** It does not make sense to limit the potential of anyone regardless of Sex, Orientation, Race, Disability, Religion, Age or Opinion. There is common ground and we can find it and by doing so, we set our nation free.

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

By focusing on District 30 first, lets fix what we can here at home. Limiting public subsidization of private investments. Invest in business development instead by preparing our residents to be the best trained employees in the state, enabling them to earn a living wage. Fixing the current property appraisal/tax system. Adequately maintain existing infrastructure equally with initiating new projects. Mutual respect. I am a public servant representing you. By inviting you to my garage one sunday a month from 2 - 4 PM for popsicles or hot cocoa so you can tell me what you think. By listening to you first, by asking questions of each other and finally by telling you what I think.

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

Integrity in voting, with protection for the Right of Freedom of Association. Currently Missouri law does not protect the Right of Freedom of Association in political party primaries. Protect the Founding Fathers governmental structure of separation of powers. The first separation of powers starts with citizens voting for elected officials who are then tasked with creating legislation. Improve education. Bring market forces into education by empowering parents to have educational dollars follow their student to their choice of education. This approach would level the playing field especially for lower income families. Tax policy should be applied equally. Government should not be picking winners and losers. Protect individual rights, property and opportunity. Government overreach generally looks for ways to limit our freedom through regulation and claims our property through taxes. Government should be limited.

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

There should be checks and balances on every aspect of government. The current COVID-19 challenge has shown that it may be prudent to place limits on the duration of any "executive order" at any level of government without the corresponding "legislative body" weighing in on extending the duration. This could help insure that there is broad support and need for that "executive order". Although no one would condone Police brutality, we need to provide the best policies, training and oversight possible to those who protect our communities. Police, Citizens, and Community Leaders need to come together to address these challenges. Violent crime should be a focus of our law enforcement. The State needs to provide the legislation that gives law enforcement informational resources to address these challenges. Furthermore, the State should address perverse incentives in "social programs" that discourages two parent homes.

House District 31



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Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Bachelor of Biblical Literature & Bachelor of Music Education



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Incumbent?: No
Education: BS English Education MA Not-for-Profit Management

House District 31

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

Our top priority should be to ensure an ethical and transparent government that represents and upholds the will of the people. Without this in place, our limited resources are wasted and the government cannot efficiently or effectively do the job of the people. Ensure and support a quality public education for all, which includes Pre-K, Elementary and Secondary, Higher Education and workforce development, regardless of zip code. Strong, safe and free education is the bedrock of a vibrant thriving community and economy. Sound infrastructure and safe and effective transportation coupled with sound fiscal policy are essential to ensure good paying jobs, diverse revenue streams that provide for our needs today and plans for the tomorrow we want. Fair and equitable tax policy that promotes not only large corporate interests but supports small business growth and positions the state for health in both times of prosperity and during downturns.

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

A: Decisions and legislative actions must be data and science driven and we must have open and honest discourse in leadership regardless of party affiliation. Representation must begin and end with listening to those we represent and must always utilize open lines of communication. Solutions to problems happen when we look at issues from the "both / and" perspective rather than through an "either / or" approach. Seek to understand the source of a problem and repair it at the source. In seeking, for example, to reduce violent crime, we mustn't search for only "after-the-fact" actions, but understand the true causes of violence and seek to stop it before it happens. Solution to any problem comes only when there is a willingness to improve current systems when they have become antiquated or unintentionally part of the problem.

House District 32

NAME: Jeff Coleman

PARTY: Democratic

No response

House District 33



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Public Elected Offices Held: County Republican

Central Committeeman

Incumbent?: None

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at University of Missouri Columbia

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

A: School choice, low taxes, job growth, and historic preservation all for making Missouri a competitive environment for business economy and affordable living for residents.

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

A: I would budget the state revenues and expenses with great detail to meet all priorities and current or lower tax rates. Reopen businesses, schools, and government offices for the economy to return to an all time high.

House District 34



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Public Elected Offices Held: None

Incumbent?: No

Education: Masters in Chaplaincy

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

A: I am passionate about civil liberties and ensuring that every Missourian is respected regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. I am an advocate for our 2nd Amendment rights and a voice for the unborn because they are persons who deserve the same protections as any other Missourian.

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

A: I believe the rule of law is important. Legislators write and uphold legislation, not arbitrarily, but with a view toward the greater good. I will seek to listen to all my constituents and make decisions based on our Missouri Constitution and what will be best for the majority.

House District 34 (con't)



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Public Elected Offices Held: N/A

Incumbent?: N/A

Education: BA - Texas A&M University

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

The areas I'm most passionate about include: - ensuring adequate support for our public schools, especially teachers; - making access to quality, affordable healthcare a reality for all Missourians, starting with medicaid expansion - advocating for safer neighborhoods and communities by supporting law enforcement through funding and accountability measures that will help restore and maintain trust between them and the public. As a gun owner I'm also passionate about common sense gun measures including background checks, training and safety education; - ensuring that Jefferson City honors the will of the voters by bringing more transparency to government and fairness to our electoral process, something legislators are trying to roll back right now.

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

I would encourage a dialogue centered around a focus on a common goal: helping our communities succeed and thrive. I would develop and support measures that enable our state government to--through funding, policy, or other appropriate means--empower our communities to put their resources to the best use. I would support measures addressing Missouri's infrastructure to keep the travel and communication between our communities swift and safe.

House District 35

NAME: Sean Smith
PARTY: Republican

No response



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative District 35

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: BA in Criminal Justice, University of Central Oklahoma
Master of Social Work, University of Kansas

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

I am passionate about child welfare policy, criminal justice reform, mental health and healthcare policy, and educational policy. I have spent my career as a Licensed Master Social Worker working with individuals and families across Jackson County, often while they are in crisis. I've worked in child welfare to help ensure the safety of children, and to assist and empower families to improve their lives. I've also worked in mental health facilities, hospitals, and schools. I've seen where gaps in bureaucracy and services fail to serve our families, and I ran for office to ensure all Missourians have access to quality healthcare, education, and emergency services; particularly our most vulnerable neighbors.

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

We are living in unprecedented times. We are facing uncertainty regarding healthcare, education, and employment due to the pandemic, as well as from poor planning by our officials to prepare for times such as these. I believe that our budget is a moral document where we place priority on what we value the most. I would propose placing priority--both financially and policy-wise--on ensuring our public health departments and hospitals have what they need to test efficiently and accurately, by providing guidance and financial support to our education systems and ensuring the safety of both students and teachers, and by ensuring the safety of our elections and democracy by providing accessible and safe alternatives to voting in-person for all Missourians-- and not requiring notaries in order to vote by mail. I also propose extending unemployment benefits at a time where our neighbors are struggling the most- this is not just an empathetic choice, but an economic one as well.

House District 36

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Public Elected Offices Held: Jackson County Republican Committeewoman
Incumbent?: No
Education: Professional Insurance education

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

I will work hard to support public safety, restore healthcare freedom, support educational freedom, protect private property rights by helping solve the Jackson County tax assessment fiasco, and protect innocent life.

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

As the next representative of the 36th district I will bring specific knowledge of the current health insurance dilemmas people face, to restore healthcare freedom for individuals, families, and businesses. I will also draw on my background in real estate to restore reason to the Jackson County tax assessment problems. I will advocate for better solutions for the mentally ill, their families, and the community, to promote public safety and common sense treatment and support for those dealing with these heartbreaking issues, too often currently resulting in homelessness, crime, and incarceration.



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Public Elected Offices Held: Missouri State Rep. D-36

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Hickman Mills High School-04, Clark Atlanta University, Business Marketing, 09

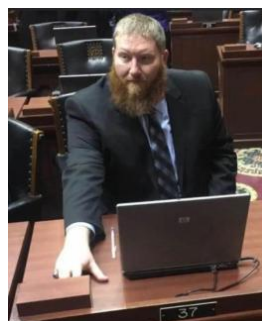
Q: What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

A: I'm extremely passionate about reducing the violent crimes and homicides in this state and in my city as well as increasing the funding for the foundation formula which truly isn't fully funded. My sister who was a college senior at MU was a murder victim to domestic violence and my best friend who was attending UMKC was a murder victim to gun violence. Last session, I was the only freshman and only Democrat to have a gun sense bill heard and voted out of committee. This bill would make a state offense to unlawfully discharge a firearm in city limits, and this bill is named after Blair Shanahan Lane. Also, last session I introduced a bill to make it easier for graduating high school seniors to access the A+ Schools Scholarship program to ease the transition from high school to community college.

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

A: The way things are set up currently in Jefferson City, the only way we stand a chance to have our bills heard in committee or on the floor in the House Chamber is to have good working relationships with Republican leadership. What that means is, not attacking the other side of the aisle every chance you get like many Democrats often do. There are some things many of us disagree on, but showing respect to other members and finding common ground is the best approach when trying to address our biggest challenges.

House District 37



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Public Elected Offices Held: None, i'm not a career politician

Incumbent?: No

Education: Completed educational training in the Air Force, Kansas City Community College, and Avila University. My fields of study included mathematics, computer science, and business.

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

Overall I wish to decrease government overreach and regulations. Too many inappropriate regulations and mandates put a stranglehold on our economy and stifle small businesses. On a more local effort, I'm working to rebuild effective neighborhood watch programs that will unite our community while decreasing the burden on law-enforcement for frivolous calls.

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

The biggest challenge right now is keeping the economy open while allowing people the personal freedom to choose how they protect the health and welfare of themselves and their families. Our responsibility is not to issue unlimited executive orders and mandates based on ever-changing conflicting data. Our responsibility is to protect and ensure personal freedoms and liberties are not trampled on.

House District 37 (con't)



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Public Elected Offices Held: Grandview Alderman Ward 2

Incumbent?: No

Education: Grandview High School Longview Community College

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

I'm concerned for the health and welfare of senior services. I have a great many residents in my district over 65 who rely on senior services daily in life. I'm concerned about the quality of transportation in Missouri, the condition of our highways and bridges. Because education is also very important to me, I am a strong supporter of public schools.

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

As a Democrat in the state legislature, there is a possibility that my party would be in the minority. In order to accomplish things for my constituents, I will need to work across party lines to get things done. I have done this as an Alderman for the past ten years and I am confident that I can build working coalitions that will allow our district to move forward.



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Incumbent?: No.

Education: Some College

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

Taxes. I don't see why schools are funded by local property taxes. I believe all schools should be funded equally through out the State. Youth especially should be given equal opportunity to develop and progress.

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

One of the main considerations politicians should be addressing is health care. When every citizen is guaranteed the ability to have their health concerns taken care of that does not weaken our state but strengthens our state.

House District 38

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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative
Incumbent?: Yes
Education: B.S.B.A. (Fin. & Econ); M.A.; M.Div.; Th.M.; D.Min.

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

Public Safety; Education; State Budget... 1) I've served as a law enforcement chaplain for many years (currently with the Highway Patrol & Clay County Sheriff's Office). In that role, I've seen the desperate situation people face when in need of public safety. 2) I'm a firm believer in the essential role that education plays in a free society. I've also seen the devastating affects that exist when one lacks a good education. 3). Our state's priorities are tied directly to the limited funds that are available within our state budget. We must steward those dollars effectively to provide the services required.

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

I will continue asking important, hard questions; I will continue to listen to the various voices of those involved/affected; I will continue to think through the available options; I will continue striving for the best decisions; and, I will continue communicating with my constituents to keep them informed.

House District 53

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No response



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Public Elected Offices Held: none

Incumbent?: no

Education: BSE Vocational Home Economics, Business Ed and Elementary Education. MS School Counseling

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

As a retired educator and school counselor I am passionate about our public schools. I feel very adamant that we are not fully funding the educational formula for our schools sufficiently. Years ago we voted to allow gambling in our state with the promise that the money would be spent to enhance our public schools. This money did and does go toward our schools but our state legislature has used that money to replace their funding responsibility. So essentially the money that was meant to enhance our public schools was used to replace the state funding. I believe that more people need to know this and it needs to be changed to what we, as voters, were promised. Our teachers and schools are not being funded as they should be and our teachers are among the lowest paid in the country.

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

I am tired of our elected officials being tied to their party and their own agenda. I do not need the position of representative to gain money, fame or a pension as others honestly do. Being able to make decisions based on the residents of Lafayette, Johnson and Jackson county would be my first and foremost priority in facing any challenge in our state. I would constantly seek out the desires and needs of my neighbors and constituents and make decisions based on those desires. I would be an actual representative and not an agent for my own desires. I am a Democrat but believe that both Democrats and Republicans have good and bad ideas. They need to work together for the good of Missouri and not walk a line dictated by a national affiliation. We in Missouri are the only ones who know what is good and needed for us in Missouri. I would seek out advice from my constituents on all decisions made.

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PARTY: Libertarian

No response



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Education: Lafayette Co. C-1 Graduate, Sheet Metal Workers 5-year Apprenticeship program

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

A: 1. Funding for public education and infrastructure: I believe that in the State of Missouri the budget is being manipulated so that funds intended for bettering our children's education and maintaining safe roadways for rural Missouri are being used incorrectly. 2. Citizens' rights: I believe in the Constitution. The citizens of the State of Missouri deserve to keep their rights. I do not believe that the government should encroach on citizens' rights in any form. We have the right to Free Speech and the right to keep and bear arms. 3. Unions: I am a proud union member! I support unions because they provide a decent living for my family and many others in our area. Unions have been supporting labor laws for over 100 years that provide the American worker with things like the weekend, health benefits, the 40-hour work week, and better working conditions. These are the values that I believe in and support.

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

A: First, I would approach the challenges our State faces in regards to the funding for public education and infrastructure. I will research the current budget and find the inappropriate use of funds surrounding these issues and see that they are redirected in an appropriate manner. There is more funding for public education than the State of Missouri is using at the present time. I will work to make the changes needed to represent the People of District 53 and their tax dollars. Secondly, in regards to citizens' rights; It is simple. Our rights are clearly written in the Constitution and should not be changed or infringed upon. If elected, I will work to protect our rights during my term. I will do my part to see that the already voted down Right to Work bill does not come back into and pass through the house. I will work to represent the citizens of District 53 and their values.

House District 55

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PARTY: Republican

No response

House District 56



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Public Elected Offices Held: None

Incumbent?: No

Education: B.S. in Education, Juris Doctor

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

Protect the right to life of the unborn, preserve our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, defend our Judeo-Christian values from liberal attack, cut wasteful spending and burdensome regulations, implement President Trump's agenda at the state level.

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

Eliminate Missouri's budget deficit by cutting government bureaucracy, preventing the state from borrowing so much money which accrues enormous interest, and reviewing the budget for government waste.



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Incumbent?: No

Education: Belton High School, Longview community college

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

A: Workers Rights - Right to Work has been defeated by the voter's multiple times, yet they keep trying to override the will of the people. Gerrymandering and dark money in politics and Super PACS. Another area is education. Let us fund our schools properly, so that the rural and inner-city schools are as high a quality education as the more affluent school districts. I think this will help with our high crime situation in the long run, by providing a better future and opportunities for our youth. Infrastructure is a major issue. Our roads and bridges are crumbling around the state. As well as our water and sewer systems in the big cities and rural areas.

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

A: I would try to build a coalition with like-minded representatives from both sides of the isle and actually accomplish something without having stalemate after stalemate. I feel like we need to work together in Jefferson City instead of constantly bickering over party lines. I will find ways to call out corruption in our State Legislature. Cut wasteful spending and fund our state government properly. The government should be more for the people not for big business, corporations and lobbyists to use as they see fit.

House District 57

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Public Elected Offices Held: Denton County Assessor, House of Representatives District 57

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Lincoln High School, graduated 1979.

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

Agriculture, local government, and children and education.

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

Use a common sense, cooperative approach to solving problems.

Cass County

Candidates for Cass County Associate Commissioner District 1

Name: Monty Kisner

Party: Republican

No response



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Party: Democratic

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Public Elected Offices Held: Cass County Clerk, Appointed-City Clerk for City of Peculiar, Appointed-City Administrator for City of Garden City

Incumbent?: No

Education: Sherwood High School Graduate

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have 38 years of experience working with State, County, and Local government; along with a working knowledge of the various functions of Cass County and its policies; experience in managing balanced budgets and grant monies, and years of proven integrity and honest leadership. I have served with the Missouri County Clerks / Election Authorities Association, Missouri City Clerks Association and Legislative and Resolutions Committees.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

Cass County faces many challenges. I would prioritize funding for road and bridge improvements, infrastructure, and safety for our citizens, control spending and will ensure to adopt a comprehensive balanced budget. I would support ethics reform and campaign contribution limits for Cass County government officials. I believe citizens deserve to know how their hard earned dollars are spent. As your Commissioner I will ensure to maintain the highest level of transparency to make sure citizen's interest are prioritized. I have the ability and experience to work together with the other Commissioners and Elected Officials to address those challenges that our County will face.

Candidate for Cass County Associate Commissioner District 2

Name: Ryan Johnson

Party: Republican

No response

Candidate for Cass County Sheriff



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Public Elected Offices Held: Sheriff of Cass County, Cass County Emergency Services Board

Incumbent?: YES

Education: Belton High School graduate, 5 years college

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I was born in this county and for my entire adult life, the last 29 years, I have worked for the citizens at the Sheriff's Office. I have dedicated my life to protecting this county and the people that live here. I began my career with the Sheriff's Office in 1991, serving my entire career at this office. I started as an entry level deputy, and during my career I have been promoted to every rank and worked at every job description within the office. No other person has the experience, institutional knowledge, or tenure that I have.

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

I have invested heavily in technology that makes my staff more efficient and safer. We are a service driven agency and strive to make access to this public office as easy as possible. We offer a citizen's academy, an 8 week program that allows citizens to have an extensive internal view of all aspects of my office. We publish a weekly crime blotter that is shared with the 5 newspapers in our county as well as publishing it on our web-page. We provide regular press releases and work with the media daily. On our web-page, we provide a list of "in-custody" inmates, calls for service within the last 72 hours, crime statistics, registered sex offenders and a host of other information. We are one of the most transparent public offices you will find, and yet we strive to improve constantly.

Candidate for Cass County Assessor



Name: Roger Rafferty
Party: Republican
Incumbent?: Yes

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

Roger began his tenure with Cass County government in 2005 when he became an appraiser within the real estate division of the Assessor's office. Eventually, he rose to the rank of Chief Appraiser, a position he was holding when current Missouri Governor Mike Parsons appointed him in January 2019 as Cass County Assessor. Roger's notable professional qualifications include specialized coursework through the Missouri State Assessors Association, the International Association of Assessing Officers, and numerous real estate appraiser schools such as Lowman & Co. National and Bobbitt & Co. "As your Assessor, it is my job to assess the value of all real and tangible personal property in Cass County, fairly and in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri. My staff and I are committed to treating all taxpayers with respect, and to providing the highest level of service."

What steps would you take to improve the office's efficiency and transparency? no response

Candidate for Cass County Treasurer



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Public Elected Offices Held: Cass County Treasurer
Incumbent?: yes
Education: Masters Degree in Education

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have been blessed to be the Cass County Treasurer for the past 20 years. I served as the president of the Missouri County Treasurers' Association for two years and was on the board for 8 years. I have worked with numerous office holders in Cass County and have helped guide the county through both thick and thin times. My background as a math educator at Ray-Pec has been helpful in understanding, as well as helping others understand, the complexities and details of the county budget. I thank God often for the honor and privilege of serving the citizens of Cass County.

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

My office door is always open to any citizen with questions about the county budget and the particulars of county spending. In conjunction with the Cass County Auditor, we will continue to improve the new accountability portal that we set up as a link on the Cass County website (see casscounty.com). Among other things, on this portal citizens can see how their tax dollars are being spent and how much bonded debt the county has. In my opinion, improving efficiency depends on open and honest communication with the other 12 office holders in Cass County. Deciding what protocol will best protect the county tax dollars while accomplishing the tasks of county government is essential. Finally, keeping the commissioners informed of the financial status of the county will help them determine spending priorities.

Candidate for Cass County Public Administrator

Name: Randy Jones
Party: Republican
Education: Bachelor's Degree

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have 17 years of government experience as well as 17 years in the banking industry. These combined will help to do the position of public administrator effectively.

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

I want to get to know my people as we take care of their needs through the administrator office.

Clay County

Candidates for Clay County Commissioner Eastern



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Public Elected Offices Held: Clay County Clerk
Incumbent?: No.
Education: Associate Degree, MCC

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have a proven track record of holding corrupt commissioners accountable by reporting their misconduct to law enforcement and opposing their big pay increases. I am a wife, a mother, and a conservative and I will restore our values to county government.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

As a conservative, I believe government should live within its means. By ending wasteful spending, we can fully fund the men and women of law enforcement who put themselves on the line for our safety.

Name: Dustin Bell
Party: Democratic

No response

Candidates for Clay County Commissioner Western

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Party: Republican

No response



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Public Elected Offices Held: State Representative
Incumbent?: No

Education: North Kansas City HS; University of Southern California

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I'm a lifelong Clay Countian and love this community. I have been proud to serve my fellow Northlanders in the Missouri House of Representatives these past four terms. I've taken on many of the challenges now facing our county - openness and transparency in government, finding smarter and more efficient ways to spend taxpayer dollars, and redirecting our priorities so that we're not focused on serving the connected few, but instead are serving the interests of everyday people and the community as a whole. I believe in working hard and learning the issues using common sense and the best available facts. My experience dealing with challenging issues like balancing budgets, expanding health care, supporting workers, and opposing special interests have prepared me to take on the significant challenges that are facing Clay County government.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

I think it's extremely unwise to borrow tens of millions of dollars for unnecessary projects during a time of unprecedented economic challenge. Revenues to local governments are down, and balancing the budget will already be difficult enough. A public vote should be required before the county takes on significant debt. I signed the audit petition and strongly believe an outside, neutral audit is critical for our county. It's the best way to get factual information that can help guide us into the future. I trust Auditor Galloway's team and oppose the lawsuits that have delayed this process at significant cost to all of us as taxpayers. Funding going forward must focus on things that will improve the lives of everyday Clay Countians - Save and thriving neighborhoods, maintaining and modernizing our infrastructure, and vital social services for our most vulnerable citizens.

Candidates for Clay County Sheriff



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Incumbent?: Incumbent is retiring and has endorsed me to be his successor.

Education: General Education Diploma (G.E.D.) from Bakersfield Adult School (1994), A.S. in Behavioral Science from Georgia Military College (1998, Graduate of Distinction), B.S. in Criminal Justice from California Coast University (2011, Summa Cum Laude), M.B.A. in Management from California Coast University (2013, Summa Cum Laude), Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia (2016), Ed.D. in Ethical Leadership from Olivet Nazarene University (2020, Dissertation of Distinction).

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

Serving over eight years in the U.S. Army, I built a solid foundation of leadership experience. In 17 years of law enforcement, I have worked in positions from patrol to command. I have held progressive responsibilities in the ranks of lieutenant and captain. From Unit Commander to Division Commander, I worked on budgets, managed million-dollar projects, and helped city and county leaders respond and recover from natural disasters. I graduated from the 264th session of the FBI National Academy, am a Missouri certified Emergency Manager Level 2, and am certified in Disaster Preparedness through the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security. My professional associations are with the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, International Association of Emergency Managers, Fraternal Order of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Missouri Sheriffs 'Association, the National Sheriffs 'Association, and the FBI National Academy Associates.

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

I would like to create a Citizen Action Committee comprised of community leaders throughout Clay County. The goal for this committee will be to provide us insight regarding our service to the community from the citizen perspective. Additionally, I would like to create a Community Action Unit that will specifically address current issues within our communities and work with outside organizations to find the most effective and appropriate solution for identified issues. I will continue to foster the working relationships I have established over the years with all disciplines of public safety, the mental health community, elected officials, and community leaders throughout our

county and region. We will continue to work together to achieve common goals that benefit our communities. Additionally, I will continue to make myself and the Sheriff's Office accessible to all our community partners to ensure maximum collaboration, efficiency, and transparency.

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Party: Democratic

No response

Candidates Clay County Assessor



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Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

11 years in Clay County Assessors office and the past 3 years Deputy Assessor

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

Provide more and easier to use information to the taxpayers.

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Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

My continue dedication to wanting to serve the citizens of Clay County.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

no response

Candidate for Clay County Treasurer



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Public Elected Offices Held: Clay County

Treasurer 2019- State Representative 36th District 2005-2013

Incumbent?: Yes I was appointed one year ago

Education: Attended John F Kennedy College and Finley Engineering College

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am the County Treasurer. With over 40+ years 'experience in the private and public sector, I believe I am uniquely qualified. The county treasurer is responsible for all banking functions, (receiving, disbursing, and investing funds). As treasurer I comply with state statues and establish and maintain procedures to properly segregate monies into separate funds as required by law. I have created/approved budgets for small and large entities ranging from \$50,000 to \$25 billion. I have handled payroll for small and large organizations and have participated in developing Strategic Planning for Government and Non-Government entities. I have a working knowledge of the state statues as they pertain to county government and the treasurer's office. Whether a business owner, board member, committee member or state representative, I have always made customer satisfaction my highest priority. I will always work hard and conduct myself professionally.

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

Efficiency Over the last 11 months, I have made improvements in internal controls over check disbursements, worked with the auditor and finance to transition away from manual checks, reduced transfer cost for payroll, and negotiated favorable rates for investments. I will continue to look for cost savings and improvements. I have consulted with the State Treasurer on statutory compliance issues and other county treasurers on best practices. Transparency I will continue to reach out to Clay County residents to help them understand the office of the treasurer. Before the shutdown, I attended city council meetings, civic meetings, and spoke to several community organizations about the treasurer's office. The county has a transparency portal, officeholders have a web page, and the state treasurer's office shares county data on their website. In addition, I have a social media page. I attend all commission meetings to be available for citizens and the commission. I humbly ask for your vote

Candidates for Clay County Public Administrator



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Public Elected Offices Held: Clay County

Public Administrator

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Vanderbilt University, B.A. with honors, magna cum laude; Oak Park High School

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

First and foremost, I have served as the Clay County Public Administrator for the past four years. I am well prepared for another term in office. I know how to serve our wards to the fullest extent possible, and I am always looking for more ways or programs to serve their needs. Prior to my current term, my career included stints in both large legal and government offices. I have an understanding of how these institutions work, which is helpful because the Public Administrator works with these types of entities each and every day. Additionally, I look forward to serving all Clay County citizens, and I am always available to citizens. My telephone number is 816-407-3250.

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

When I was elected to office in January 2017, I pledged to run a more efficient office. I have met these goals by updating the office into the 21st Century. I saved money and resources by utilizing technology already available to the county. I will continue to improve what needs to be improved, and to work with fellow officeholders to correct the current struggles Clay County is encountering. In terms of transparency, my office has to balance the security of our wards against that principle. The Public Administrator is charged with handling protected and sensitive health, personal, and financial information for a vulnerable population; however, in terms of accountability, my office is audited regularly by the Circuit Court and several other governmental institutions, such as the Social Security Administration.

Candidates for Clay County Public Administrator (con't)



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Incumbent?: No

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

For the past 20 years, I have worked for Life Unlimited, a local agency providing home and community services for adults with IDD (intellectual and developmental disabilities). During that time, I have worked and continue to work with many government agencies as related to services being provided. As a result, I have an in depth understanding of the needs of the individuals under the care to the PA's office.. The nature of the PA's office requires you to hold certain core values. Having an unselfish concern for others, being authentic and truthful and respecting everyone. Being willing and able to recognize mistakes, take responsibility and act with humility These are the values that I have lived by and will bring with me to the PA's office. The training and experiences I have had over the past 2 decades make me uniquely qualified to serve as the Clay County Public Administrator.

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

As a service provider for adults with IDD, Life Unlimited is required to maintain transparency. We are subject to continuous oversight from service coordinators with agencies like the Center for Human Services and the Kansas City Regional Office. We are required to maintain accreditation in the state of Missouri and are subject to audits in order to maintain that accreditation. I am fully prepared to take these experiences into the PA's office and continue with those same standards to maintain accountability to the courts and the citizens of Clay County. In regards to efficiency, we have been trained to utilize technology and available resources in order to provide the best quality services. As the PA, I will bring in those standards to ensure that the office and those who work within the office maintain the quality and efficiency that is expected by the courts, government agencies and by the residents of Clay County.

Jackson County

Candidates for Prosecutor



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Public Elected Offices Held: none

Education: Jacksonville State University-
Bachelor in Political Science University of Missouri-Kansas City
School of Law

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

In the improvement of the Jackson County Prosecutors' Office's ability to be transparent, I will post the metrics of the office on the website. This will assist the communities in Jackson County in understanding the number of cases which come through the office and the generalized outcome of the cases for each calendar year. In an effort to improve the Jackson County Prosecutor's efficiency, I will make sure that every Defendant who requests a preliminary hearing, actually be granted a hearing without stipulations. This process will help to eliminate the overcrowding in the Jackson County Detention Center and relieve the taxpayer of the outstanding burden of having to pay for low level non violent offenders housed in the Jackson County Detention Center only because they are not able to post a bond.



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Public Elected Offices Held: Jackson County
Prosecutor - MO State Representative
Incumbent?: Yes
Education: BA Columbia College - MPA

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

In 2019, the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office addressed violent crime in the courts effectively, disposing of 63 homicide cases with a 98.4% conviction rate. With violence increasing in recent years, it is imperative to closely monitor how effective we are being in bringing justice to the victims and their loved ones in these violent crime cases. Our success is based on going to each homicide scene and working the case from it's very beginning. Among many successes last year, our office: Closed nearly 10% more criminal cases - Expanded the new Caring for Crime Survivors program - Initiated numerous COMBAT

improvements while under the Prosecutor's leadership - Organized a new hospital-based effort at Truman Medical Center to address trauma of victims - Continued the expansion of Drug Court and New Start diversions We look ahead at even more progress in improving public safety and ensuring our office works well for everyone in our community.

Candidate for Sheriff



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Public Elected Offices Held: Sheriff of

Jackson County

Incumbent?: yes

Education: Master of Laws Master of Liberal Arts with a concentration in Management Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice Administration Associates in Applied Science Administration of Justice Graduate of the FBI National Academy

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

Committed to serving our community for over 34 years in a law enforcement capacity. Serving as chief of police of the Kansas City Police Department for over five and a half years with over 1,800 employees and an annual budget of \$230M afforded me an opportunity to use my leadership skill set at the highest level in municipal level law enforcement. I have comprehensive experience in all areas of administration of police affairs with an unblemished proven record of progressive leadership, suppression of crimes through community partnerships utilizing crime prevention strategies, nationally recognized for successful risk management initiatives, impressive management of civil unrest during tumultuous times in our nation as well as recognized for outstanding community engagement efforts. Inclusion is important to me. For the first time in the nearly 200 year history of the sheriff's office a female was promoted to the rank of captain. Equal opportunity has been more than a slogan to me.

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

Upon becoming a member of the sheriff's office I discovered criminal activity within the office. A few people were on the county payroll who were being compensated without contributing. In fact, they were not required to come to the office. I spent the first 90 days physically verifying the presence of every staff member. Many at the sheriff's office had knowledge of the criminal activity but remained silent. I have approved the purchase of software that will help increase efficiency and transparency. The acquisition of the software will be beneficial in tracking of: citizen complaints, policy violations, pursuit reports, sheriff's office-involved vehicle crash reporting, critical incident exposure reports, and reports of disciplinary history that might assist with early warning of a member who might need attention. The system is paperless thus reducing the possibility of misplaced documents. Most beneficial component is that integrity issues can be swiftly identified and addressed.

Platte County

Candidate for Platte County Sheriff



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Public Elected Offices Held: Sheriff
Incumbent?: Yes
Education: Highschool

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

42 years of law enforcement with the last 8 years having the honor of serving the citizens of Platte County as their Sheriff. In addition I sit as the chair or co-chair many state and regional committees. I am also an intentionally certified emergency manager and have worked several presidential disaster declarations.

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

I have an open door policy where employees and citizens can come ask questions or discuss issues. We have also implemented a citizens complaint policy, a use of force policy and a review procedure for both. I hold numerous community events each year and also visit or have a coffee with the Sheriff at least once a month in several of our assisted living and nursing homes each month. Over the last 7 1/2 years while I have been Sheriff we have tried to answer all questions with honesty and full transparency including those from the press. I will continue to uphold the constitution, improve our operations, maintain a open and transparent office and budget. It is a honor to serve the citizens who elected me and I will serve the citizens in the best and most professional manner possible.

Candidate for Platte County Assessor

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No response

Candidate for Platte County Treasurer

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No response

Candidate for Platte County Public Administrator



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Incumbent?: No
Education: High School Diploma and Some College Experience

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have been a proud resident of Platte County, Missouri for over twenty years. For seven of those twenty years I have worked to improve the lives of those in Platte County through employment with the Platte County Sheriff's Department and the Platte County Public Administrator's Office. It is my honor to serve citizens in their time of need. During my employment with the Platte County Public Administrator's Office I have gained the experience and perspective necessary to act as guardian and conservator for the incapacitated and disabled citizens of Platte County. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to learn the multiple other roles in which the Platte County Public Administrator serves. I am asking for your support as I seek to lead this office in continuing the good work being done in Platte County.

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

In order to remain as accessible and efficient, I would utilize all technology available to the office while streamlining and maximizing our budget to the extent that we're able to.

Candidate for Platte County Commissioner District 1



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Public Elected Offices Held: Platte County

Commissioner, District 1 Platte County Republican Central Committee

Incumbent?: Yes

Education: Master of Public Administration, UMKC Bachelor of Arts, MU

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I was honored to be elected and officially started serving as commissioner of Platte County's first district (southern Platte County) on January 1, 2017 for a four-year term. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia and Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Previously, I served as an analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City drafting multi-million dollar budgets. While taking time off work to raise four active children, I volunteered in their schools and was also appointed to serve on and lead local committees concerning public safety and health.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

Over the last 3-1/2 years our commission has: Prevented property tax increases by aggressively fighting Zona Rosa garage bailouts in court and winning; Established the CARES Act grant program at PlatteCountyEDC.com to prioritize small businesses 'survival during shutdowns; Prioritized safety with more school resource officers and secured 45 Highway turn-lane safety improvements (at Monticello/Riss Lake Drive and Klamm Road); Saved your tax dollars by reducing staff, secured a new healthcare broker for county employees and hired a new medical examiner service; Funded maintenance for our parks, trails, and community centers, green-lit new trails, and advocated for a new 12-turf field youth sports complex at 152 & Platte Purchase Drive; Launched an innovative PlatteParks.com website that lists every park, trail and community center in the county (no matter who owns them); Increased transparency and accessibility with online video and documents of administrative sessions.

Candidates for Platte County Commissioner District 2



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Public Elected Offices Held: Platte

County Republican Central Committeeman

Incumbent?: No

Education: University of Missouri-Columbia: Communication 1995, Law 1998

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am running for county commissioner to ensure Platte County remains healthy, vibrant and safe. I care deeply about our community. As an attorney, mostly I focus on helping regular people caught in challenging legal situations. Part of my time is spent working to prevent future problems, such as estate planning. I recently completed a two-year term as the chairman of the board for the First Christian Church of Platte City and a one-year term as the president of the Platte County Bar Association. I am a past president of the Rotary Club of Platte City, and I have been a lawyer in the area for more than 20 years. I worked in the Platte County Prosecutor's Office for 14 years and served as a special federal prosecutor on a number of cases, including bank robberies, firearms and explosives crimes.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

The success of our community comes from individuals working to serve others and caring for their families. I am an attorney who helps people find solutions to difficult legal situations, frequently related to real estate and business issues. My wife works in healthcare. We have been blessed in many ways. Julie and I have wonderful memories of raising our kids in this community. My goal is for the next generation to enjoy a safe, healthy and vibrant community. The stress and uncertainty of the current time is challenging. But each challenge brings a new opportunity. We cannot know what the future holds. But I am committed to doing all I can so the next generation can thrive in our community.

Candidates for Platte County Commissioner District 2 (con't)



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Public Elected Offices Held: None

Incumbent?: No

Education: BS Environmental Health, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, MPA Public Administration, University of Missouri - Kansas City

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am seeking election to the office of Second District Commissioner to protect Platte County's parks and recreation, to improve transparency, and to ensure fiscal responsibility. The way commissioners fulfill the responsibilities of their office has a significant impact on our quality of life in Platte County. Because there is no "city manager" type position in Platte County government, it is helpful for commissioners to have training and experience with managing similar organizations. The training leading to my Master of Public Administration and 35 years of pertinent experience in running government, grants, and operational programs, while working with a wide range of members of the public, neighborhood leaders, and government officials to successfully achieve common goals will prove to be very beneficial.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

More public involvement in the annual budget process is a priority. Various citizen engagement practices will be used to formulate funding priorities using the input provided by this process. Citizens need to have a larger role in knowing and guiding how their tax dollars are spent. I am an advocate for parks and recreation and continuing the development of facilities for county residents to enjoy, especially considering the rapid population growth in Platte County. We also need to sufficiently fund law enforcement to keep criminal activity minimalized. Infrastructure is always a priority as well. Roads, bridges, and other infrastructure must be maintained in safe condition. To keep taxes low, it is imperative that all county operations be handled in the most efficient and effective way possible. Wasteful spending must be avoided.

Judicial Retentions

Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below, whose terms expire December 31, 2020, shall be retained in office for new terms.

Missouri Supreme Court

Shall Judge Judge **PATRICIA BRECKINRIDGE** of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?

Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District

Shall Judge **TOM CHAPMAN** of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?

Circuit Judges - Missouri 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County)

Division 2 - Shall Judge **KENNETH R. GARRETT, III**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Division 10 - Shall Judge **PATRICK W. CAMPBELL**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Division 14 - Shall Judge **JOHN M. TORRENCE**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Division 17 - Shall Judge **CORY L. ATKINS**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Division 18 - Shall Judge **KEVIN D. HARRELL**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Associate Circuit Judges - Missouri 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County)

Division 28 - Shall Judge **JEFFREY C. KEAL**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Division 29 - Shall Judge **JANETTE KAY RODECAP**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Division 32 - Shall Judge **KYNDRA J STOCKDALE**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 16, be retained in office?

Circuit Judges - Missouri 7th District (Clay County)

Division 2 - Shall Judge **JANET LEE SUTTON**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 7, be retained in office?

Division 4 - Shall Judge **DAVID P. CHAMBERLAIN**, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 7, be retained in office?

Associate Circuit Judges - Missouri 7th Judicial Circuit (Clay County)

Division 5 - Shall Judge **ALISHA D. O'HARA**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 7 be retained in office?

Division 7 - Shall Judge **LOUIS ANGLES**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 7 be retained in office?

Associate Circuit Judges - Missouri 6th Judicial Circuit (Platte County)

Division 3 - Shall Judge **ABE (QUINT) SHAFER**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6 be retained in office?

Division 4 - Shall Judge **W. ANN HANSBROUGH**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6 be retained in office?

Division 5 - Shall Judge **DENNIS C. ECKHOLD**, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6 be retained in office?

Ballot Measures

Missouri Statewide

Simple majority required on both statewide amendments

Missouri Constitutional Amendment 1

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to extend the two term restriction that currently applies to the Governor and Treasurer to the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor and the Attorney General?

State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings from this proposal.

Summary: If passed, Amendment 1 would limit the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor and attorney general to two terms. The state constitution now limits only the governor and treasurer to two terms. Supporters say term limits will keep elected officials from becoming career politicians. Opponents contend that those positions should be limited by voters, not the constitution.

Missouri Constitutional Amendment 3

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Ban gifts from paid lobbyists to legislators and their employees;
- Reduce legislative campaign contribution limits;
- Change the redistricting process voters approved in 2018 by:
 - (i) transferring responsibility for drawing state legislative districts from the Nonpartisan State Demographer to Governor-appointed bipartisan commissions;
 - (ii) modifying and reordering the redistricting criteria.

State governmental entities expect no cost or savings. Individual local governmental entities expect significant decreased revenues of a total unknown amount.

Summary: This proposal asks voters to reverse key parts of a "Clean Missouri" redistricting overhaul they approved in

2018. The ballot language was disputed and had to be finalized by a Missouri Western District Court of Appeals ruling.

If passed, Amendment 3 would eliminate the nonpartisan state demographer used for redistricting approved in 2018. It would return to the use of bipartisan commissions in the state house and state senate appointed by the governor. It would not use the total population count to determine districts, but only count eligible voters. It would also change the limit of lobbyists' gifts from \$5 to \$0 and lower the campaign contribution limit for state senate campaigns from \$2,500 to \$2,400.

Supporters say that voters need to be given another chance to consider the issue of redistricting. They also say that bipartisan commissions would less likely be corrupted, reflect the views of different communities and protect minorities.

Opponents say that Amendment 3 is the legislators' gerrymandering amendment, and that it would reverse the 2018 voters' decision, thus threatening democracy. Missouri would be the only state in the country to discount 1.5 million children, immigrants, international students and incarcerated citizens. Communities of color would be significantly underrepresented.

County and Municipal

Clay County

Clay County Question

Shall Clay County adopt the proposed county constitution? This Constitution prohibits officeholders from voting on their own pay increases, requires non-partisan elections, requires term limits for Commissioners, allows recall of officeholders, allows for citizen petitions, requires campaign contribution limits, prohibits officeholders from hiring family members, prohibits former Commissioners from being hired by the County within two years of leaving office, adds restrictions on public debt, and creates a citizen review commission to propose constitutional amendments for voter approval. Jackson County

Village of Claycomo Question

Shall the Village of Claycomo, Clay County, Missouri, impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, current two point two five 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.

Jackson County

Jackson County Question No. 1

Shall Jackson County, Missouri, impose a monthly fee not to exceed \$1.00 (one dollar) on a subscriber of any communications service that has been enabled to contact 911 for the purpose of funding 911 service in the County? The proceeds of this fee shall be deposited in the County's special E-911 System Fund and not comingled with the general funds of the County, to be expended solely for the purpose set forth herein.

Jackson County Question No. 2

Shall Jackson County, Missouri, remove the statues of Andrew Jackson now located outside the Jackson County Courthouse in Kansas City and the Historic Truman Courthouse in Independence?

City of Buckner Question

Shall the city of Buckner impose a city sales tax of one percent (1%)?

Cass County

City of Peculiar Question

Shall Peculiar, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the City's parks system, including the development of Dunsworth Park?

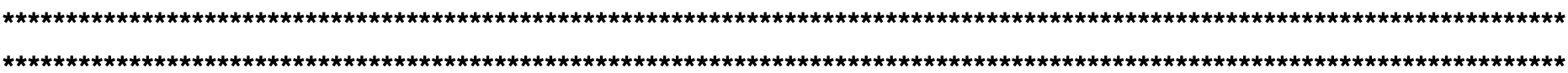
Clay and Platte Counties

Smithville Area Fire Protection District Question 1

Shall the Board of Directors of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District of Clay and Platte Counties, Missouri be authorized to levy an additional tax of not more than \$0.35 (thirty-five cents) per one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds to support the operation of the District?

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40th President of the United States
November 6, 1981



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Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States
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