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GREENE, CHRISTIAN, WEBSTER COUNTIES

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

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HOW TO VOTE: In-Person Voting on Election Day

- Polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.
- *Important:* If you are **in line** at 7 p.m. you have the right to cast your vote. You do not have to be finished voting by the time the polls close.
- The poll worker (election judge) will find your name on the list of registered voters, then ask you to show an approved ID (see gray box) and sign your name.
- Ask a poll worker if you are unsure how to mark your ballot or use the voting equipment.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may request a new one from the poll worker.
- You **do not** have to vote on every candidate or issue for your ballot to be valid. You are allowed to leave some races/issues blank, as your votes on the other races/issues will still be counted.
- If you have questions, call the League's Vote411 Hotline, 866-687-8683 (VOTE) or the Missouri Secretary of State, 800-669-8683. Your County Clerk also can help; see County Clerk contact information on page 3.

DO I NEED IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE?

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

- A Missouri driver or non-driver license; If your license expired after November 8, 2022, you are still eligible to vote
- A non-expired military ID, including a veteran's ID card
- A non-expired United States passport
- Another photo ID issued by the United States or the state of Missouri; If your photo ID expired after November 8, 2022, you are still eligible to vote

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

If you do not have any of these forms of identification but are a registered voter, you may cast a provisional ballot. Your provisional ballot will count if:

- You return to your polling place on Election Day with a photo ID
- Your County Clerk determines your signature on the ballot envelope matches your signature on your voter registration record
- If you cast a provisional ballot, you'll receive instructions on how to verify that your ballot counted

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IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING vs MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING

In-person absentee voting:

- In-person absentee voting begins September 24 and requires a reason for voting absentee and a current photo ID.

No-excuse in-person absentee voting:

- During the two weeks prior to the election, you may vote no-excuse in-person absentee and will need to show a current photo ID. A reason for voting absentee is not required.
- All in-person absentee voting takes place at your local election authority's office or other designated locations.

Mail-in Absentee Voting:

- Voters can request absentee ballots from their local election authority in person, by mail, by fax, or by email until 5pm on October 23.
- Relatives within the second degree (spouse, parents, and children) can request absentee ballots, in person, on behalf of a voter who wishes to vote absentee.
- For mail-in absentee ballots to be counted, they must be received in the election authority's office by 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5.

ACCEPTABLE EXCUSES FOR VOTING ABSENTEE INCLUDE:

- **Absence from jurisdiction on Election Day**
- **Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability on election day, including a caretaker who lives with you**
- **Religious belief or practice**
- **Employment as an election worker, first responder, health care worker or member of law enforcement**
- **Incarceration, provided you are still qualified to vote**
- **Certified participant in an address confidentiality program**

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

Christian County Clerk Paula Brumfield, 417-582-4340

christiancountymo.gov/offices/county-clerk

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller, 417-868-4055

greenecountymo.gov/county_clerk

Webster County Clerk Stanley Whitehurst, 417-859-8683

webstercountymo.gov/county-clerks-office

Or contact Missouri's election authority,

the **Office of Secretary of State:**

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

For voting problems, call

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SECTION 1

VOTER'S GUIDE

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GREENE COUNTY,
CHRISTIAN COUNTY
& WEBSTER COUNTY

CANDIDATES & JUDGES

GREENE COUNTY AND BALLOT QUESTION

Greene County Assessor



NAME Brent Johnson
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 47
Education: B.S. in Cartography Sciences from Missouri State University

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

For the past three years, I have served as the Assessor, gaining valuable experience in the office. My background is in analytics, demographics, and geographic technologies. I hold a B.S. in Cartographic Science from Missouri State University. Prior to this role, I worked as a consultant for local governments, helping them implement and deploy geospatial systems. Additionally, I led the Demographics, Analytics, and GIS team at O'Reilly Auto Parts, where I developed theoretical and analytical models for their Real Estate Department.

What is the biggest challenge facing the office you are seeking?

One of the biggest challenges for this office is operating within the constraints of limited funding. The Assessor's Office does not receive funding from General Revenue but relies on the reimbursement and collection formula provided by the State of Missouri. As costs for software, data, and technology continue to rise, it becomes increasingly difficult to remain competitive in hiring and retaining staff.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?

Over the past three years, I have focused on improving communication with the community. We introduced an e-appeal system, allowing residents to submit appeals online, provided an online tool to check the status of personal property assessments, and offered scheduled meetings with staff to discuss individual properties. I am also working on increasing transparency by listing all abated and exempt properties, so the community can see how much value is being reduced to zero. I additionally have held some community workshops on the assessment process and other related items.

How are you involved in your community?

I currently serve as the President of the Springfield South Kiwanis Club and the Southwest Missouri Assessors Association. Additionally, I am the Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 1 and a committee member for Cub Scout Pack 289. I also volunteer at various local community events.

Greene County Public Administrator



NAME Sherri Eagon
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

NO PHOTO PROVIDED

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Greene County Commissioner - District 1



NAME Rusty MacLachlan
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Education: Bachelor of Science Business Administration
Facebook: Rusty MacLachlan
X: @RustyMacLachlan

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

After 38 years of Custom Home building, and as a Real Estate Broker and Developer, I successfully ran for the office of Greene County Commissioner District 1.

The past four years have been a time of learning and great growth as a Commissioner. We truly have a great team. We have managed the business of Greene County in a responsible and tremendously successful manner. We have sold off excess and failing assets. We built the new jail on time and under budget and we are currently managing the restoration and repurposing of the former jail. We have more than 6 months of reserves on account, and have maintained a balanced budget in 2024 despite the sales tax revenues coming in at 4% below our projected budget. The business status of the county is very solid, and we are making a positive difference in our community. I am a constitutional conservative with strong leadership skills, and I tackle difficult challenges head on.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

From a campaign perspective I am running unopposed, so I am not currently fundraising. As a Greene County Commissioner my job is to manage the financial resources at our disposal, primarily Sales Tax revenues.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?

I am always available to speak to groups and have done so regularly. My email address is rmaclachlan@greencountymo.gov

How are you involved in your community?

My wife and I serve as youth leaders at our church, and have done so for more than 30 years. I also serve on the boards of directors for CPO, Ozark Transportation Organization, National Association of Counties transportation advisory board, Alcohol and Cannabis Task Force, and the Economic Enhancement Zone Commission for Republic MO.

Greene County Commissioner - District 2

NO PHOTO PROVIDED

NAME John C. Russell
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Greene County Sheriff



NAME Jim Arnott
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 56
Education: Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration - Columbia Southern University, Law Enforcement Academy -Drury University, F.B.I. National Academy -216th Session, National Sheriff's Institute -97th Session, Chief Executive Leadership 2013 -Southern Police Institute
Website: jimarnott.com
Facebook: jim.c.arnott

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?
Sheriff Arnott was first elected Sheriff of Greene County in November, 2008 and then re-elected to a second term in 2012, a third term in 2016, and a fourth term in 2020. During Sheriff Arnott's 30 plus year career at the Greene County Sheriff's Office, prior to serving as Sheriff, he served in the capacity of Reserve Deputy, Patrol Deputy, Detective, Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant, CID Captain and Chief Deputy. Sheriff Arnott is also holds a BS in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. As a member of the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Arnott has accumulated a long list of specialized education and training in law enforcement, investigations, weapons and tactics. Sheriff Arnott is an instructor at the Drury Law Enforcement Academy.

What is the biggest challenge facing the office you are seeking? Recruiting staff.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community? We utilize the social media.

How are you involved in your community?
I serve on multiple boards and attend numerous public events.

Greene County Treasurer

NO PHOTO PROVIDED

NAME Justin Hill
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Greene County Commissioner - District 2



NAME Tim McGrady
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Education: BS Finance, Missouri State University and MBA, Drury University
Website: TimMcGrady.com
Facebook: Tim McGrady for Greene County Commissioner

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?
I've been a lifelong resident of Springfield. In addition to my finance degree, and MBA, I proudly served 4 years in the Army, and half of that was in Germany. I've held corporate management positions at O'Reilly Auto Parts, and CoxHealth. I've also been a realtor in Springfield for 29 years, and worked in sales at 166 Auto Auction in Springfield for 17 years. That unique combination of jobs and military service has given me a tremendously well rounded background which matches the needs of county government perfectly. Working with, and talking with, people every day has allowed me to build a sincere ability to recognize the needs that citizens of this community have, as well as building a well balanced portfolio of empathy based upon what I see in everyday people that live in our county. I grew up in north Springfield, attended St. Joseph Catholic school and Central High School. That early development of understanding hard working people every day has served me well in life. I care!

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?
First and foremost for next year and every year is public safety. I would ensure that the Greene County Sheriff's office has everything they need to keep residents safe, and also to keep all of the deputies and staff safe while they provide that ultimate service that we all need and deserve. Second, I would ensure that we are funding everything needed to protect our natural resources that make our county thrive. Our ground water and water shed cannot be sacrificed at the cost of county growth. Third, making sure we have correctly funded our HR requirements so that we have a great amount of employee retention. That serves a dual purpose of making sure the county is taken care of by a quality team that our citizens deserve, and that those team members are able to live a quality life that they deserve as well. Finally, ensure that the money we spend is spent with the utmost in care, and spend it as if I was taking care of my grandmother's pension. No waste, and negotiate always!

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?
Making myself available first and foremost. I enjoy talking with people, so this would be one of the primary new strengths I can bring to this office. Ensuring that people know my name, and the office that I hold, so they are able to initiate communication that is critical to the county residents. Work to have cost efficient ways to ensure that the voices of the people are being received by the commission for consideration always. We're elected to serve the people, and that has to be our number 1 priority and responsibility every day. Local TV, radio, and social media should be our tools to ensure communication happens consistently. Cost effective surveys to monitor the pulse of the community should be a priority as well.

Q: How are you involved in your community?
I've always been deeply connected to Springfield and Greene County as a lifelong resident. I regularly support local businesses, attend local events, and maintain strong relationships with my neighbors. My military service instilled in me a strong sense of duty and responsibility which further drives my commitment to my community. My run for county commissioner is a testament to this dedication. Through this experience, I've gained a deeper understanding of local issues and a passion for making a positive impact. That, along with the invaluable new relationships that I have forged in the campaign, have only strengthened my ties with the community that I call home.

GREENE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

President/Vice President
Donald J. Trump/ JD Vance

US Senator Josh Hawley

Governor Mike Kehoe
Lt. Governor Dave Wasinger
Secretary of State Denny Hoskins
State Treasurer Vivek Malek
Attorney General Andrew Bailey
US Congressman Eric Burlison

State Representatives
District Bishop Davidson (130)
District Bill Owen (131)
District Stephanos Freeman (132)
District Melanie Stinnett (133)
District Alex Riley (134)
District Michael Hasty (135)
District Jim Robinette (136)
District Darin Chappell (137)



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Greene County

Associate Commissioner I Rusty MacLachlan

Associate Commissioner II John C Russell

Sheriff Jim C Arnott

Assessor Brent Johnson

Treasurer Justin R Hill

Public Administrator Sherri Eagon Martin

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Tim McGrady
County Commission
2nd District



Jeremy Dean
Missouri House
District 132



Rep. Betsy Fogle
Missouri House
District 135



Leslie Jones
Missouri House
District 130



Rep. Stephanie Hein
Missouri House
District 136



Ashley Cossins
Missouri House
District 131



Derrick Nowlin
Missouri House
District 133



Bryce Lockwood
Missouri House
District 137

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Christian County Coroner



NAME Mandi Yoder-Armitage
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Phone: 417-639-2105
 Facebook: Re-elect Mandi Yoder-Armitage for Christian County Coroner

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I served as Deputy coroner from January 2013 until appointed as Coroner in 2015 and am currently serving in this compacity. I have twenty plus years as a lead autopsy technician, assisting with autopsies for roughly 29 counties, having assisted a Forensic Pathologist(s) with over 5,000 autopsies. I've built a strong reputation in forensics, including determining cause and manner of death, collection of evidence, working closely with law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, civil attorneys, other county coroners and families. I have over 200+ hours of death investigation training to include but not limited to: identifying unidentified remains, child death, processing crime scenes, basic and advance death scene courses, collecting of evidence, photographing of death scenes, signing of death certificates, and Missouri Safe-track training for sexual assault data entry as well as training in determining the cause and manner of death.

What is the biggest challenge facing the office you are seeking?

The biggest challenge faced in my office is that of leaving the trauma and tragedy I witness at work behind and not carrying it with me mentally and emotionally.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?

This office is a very private office and does its best to protect those who have lost loved ones. Transparency between the coroner office, law enforcement, news media and the community is often hindered by mis-information spread by bystanders who may not have accurate information that can often lead to confusion, speculation and unnecessary distress for the families and first responders involved, causing more harm than good. Making it essential to rely on credible sources.

How are you involved in your community?

I am dedicated to connecting families who have experienced loss, creating support systems that foster connection and understanding. I'm committed to being a constant presence for the families I service, always just a phone call away, providing a listening ear and a supportive voice whenever they need it. I volunteer at the annual Christmas toy drive, prom dress events and various fundraisers for local non- profits. I contribute by donating items for benefit auctions to help raise funds for those in need in our community.

Christian County Coroner



NAME Danielle Gerstenschlager
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Christian County Assessor



NAME Jeremy Burns
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



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CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Christian County Eastern Commissioner

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NAME Bradley Allen Jackson

POLITICAL PARTY

Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Christian County Eastern Commissioner

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NAME David Krewson

POLITICAL PARTY

Democratic

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

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Christian County Western Commissioner

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NAME Johnny Williams

POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Christian County Western Commissioner



NAME Sheila Michaels

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO:

Age: 45

Education: Master in Library and Information Science; Master in Education;

Bachelor in English and Secondary Education

Phone: 417-693-3389

Facebook: Sheila E. Michaels for Christian County Western Commissioner

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

As a 20 year resident of Christian County, I have put down roots and raised my kids here. I'm a former educator and librarian in the community, and I have seen first hand how much families need good support from their county officials. As an educator and librarian, I value researching information to create the best possible outcomes for all stakeholders. I believe in wise and judicious stewardship of county resources, and I take very seriously the responsibility that every family in Christian County is represented and served. As a mom, teacher, and librarian---I know budgets, and I know how to find experts for advice. Elected officials must be willing to listen and to find answers. I pledge to do both.

What would be your funding priorities for the next year?

The health, safety, and wellness of our families will be my priority. Commissioners are tasked with the crucial responsibility of overseeing and approving budgets that have significant impact on the community. My priority will be looking for areas that have been underfunded and finding ways to bring those issues to the forefront. My litmus test for any decision will be three-fold: Is it good for families? Is it good for the community? Is it good for Christian County? Every priority must be examined through the lens of who will be impacted most and what the potential benefit will be. Commissioners should be meeting with stakeholders from each side of the issue in order to be well-informed on varying viewpoints. Being proactive about seeking information and all sides of the issue leads to good decision making.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?

As a teacher and librarian, I had the privilege of communicating with people from all walks of life. I bring a robust skillset of communication that includes responsiveness, transparency, honesty, and empathy. Elected officials must listen to their constituents, and they must be transparent with decision making. This includes being proactive about informing the community about why certain decisions were made and the facts that informed the decision. Constituents of all viewpoints need to feel that their commissioners take their concerns seriously and will consider all feedback. Being proactive about seeking feedback and attending community events so that I am accessible will be some of my goals.

How are you involved in your community?

I am a PTSO member at my daughter's school, a member of PFLAG, Friends of Christian County Library, and the Missouri Association of School Librarians. I was honored to be chosen as the inaugural School Librarian of the Year for the State of Missouri, and this is largely due to my defense of intellectual freedom for my community and for the summer reading program, BookBag, that I created to help families build their own home libraries and get essentials like food, hygiene items, period kits, and school supplies during the summer when they don't have access to school resources. My community involvement reflects my core belief that every family deserves to have the resources they need, and every family deserves to live by their own values.

Christian County Public Administrator



NAME Susan Pathkiller
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Education: HS Diploma and some college at Northeastern A&M in Oklahoma

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have lived in Christian County for over 50 years. This led me to begin working for Ken Davis, current Christian County Public Administrator in 2009. In my tenure, I have learned valuable information about the job duties of the Public Administrator. Learning how best to serve and meet the needs of the wards we were appointed to, which is one of the most important parts of the job. By doing so, I was able to advance my position to Chief Deputy Public Administrator in 2019. Since that time, I have made executive decisions for our wards in the same capacity that the Public Administrator would. I previously worked for retired Social Security Judge Martin Spiegel, who educated me on Social Security Disability, which is a huge part of what we deal with here at the office. We work daily with the Department of Social Security, Department of Family Services, and the Veterans Administration among others, it's challenging but also extremely rewarding.

What is the biggest challenge facing the office you are seeking?

The biggest challenge we face is being appointed, by our Probate Judge, to the Estate of an incapacitated individual, or a Personal Representative. Each estate is uniquely different with its own nuances. We have never had two that were the same and each comes with their own challenges to overcome. I think we have done a great job over the last 15 years and I hope to continue to do so in the future.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?

I plan to continue the same "open door" policy that we currently have established in our office. When someone has a question, or concern, regarding the areas of Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Probate matters that we are involved with daily, I will be readily available and willing to discuss those matters. I will do my very best to assist, or guide them, with any advice or information we may have. My goal is to educate people on what we do here in the office because there are people in the community that have no idea what a Public Administrator's job role is, and that we are appointed by our Probate Judge, to be Guardian and Conservator, and to assist Incapacitated Individuals and families.

How are you involved in your community?

I have voluntarily worked with OACAC in previous years, sitting on their Board of Directors. We also work closely with other area agencies that have services to help our current wards/clients. A majority of my involvement is held currently with those families we are guiding, as we care for their loved ones, and work to ease the burden of estate responsibilities. We hope to do more of these involvements in our current and future term.

Christian County Sheriff



NAME Brad Cole
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but only provided a photo.

Christian County Treasurer



NAME Melissa Bilyeu
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I have served as the Chief Deputy Treasurer for almost 7 years and have first hand knowledge of the duties expected of the office.

What is the biggest challenge facing the office you are seeking?

The biggest challenge at the Treasure's office would be unclaimed funds. This would be in the form of victims' restitution and jury reimbursement. Tracking down and rewriting checks or sending the funds to the state is very time consuming.

How can you increase the communication between this office and the community?

Communication is key for any elected official, and I encourage all our community members to call with any questions.

How are you involved in your community?

I support as many local charities as I can

Missouri 38th Circuit Judge, Division 1



NAME Laura Johnson
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

The candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

GREENE, CHRISTIAN, WEBSTER COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

City of Springfield Ballot Question 1

Voters select **YES** to agree to the measure or **NO** to not agree to the measure

Shall the City of Springfield, Missouri, enact a city sales tax at the rate of three-quarters of one percent (3/4-cent), one-quarter for the purpose of funding public safety initiatives, to include funding the remaining obligation of the Springfield Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and increasing police officer and firefighter pay, with said one-quarter to not sunset, and two-quarters for the purpose of funding projects consistent with the City's comprehensive plan, to include capital improvements, community and neighborhood initiatives, and park projects, with said two-quarters to sunset after a period of ten years?
(Note: there will be no increase in the current sales tax level if the 3/4-cent sales tax is approved.)

Christian County Ballot Questions

Voter select **YES** to agree to the measure or **NO** to not agree to the measure

Marionville R-IX School District of Lawrence County, Missouri

Proposition K.I.D.S.

Shall the Board of Education of the Marionville R-IX School District, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Four Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,300,000) for the purpose of providing funds for the site development, construction, equipping, and furnishing of an Early Childhood Center; to complete safety and security upgrades at the K-8 campus including, without limitations, secure entrances; to construct a baseball and softball complex at the high school; to extent funds are available, complete other repairs and improvements to the existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof?

If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.9800 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Saddlebrooke Use Tax

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Shall the Village of Saddlebrooke impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, 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?

Webster County Ballot Question

Voter select **YES** to agree to the measure or **NO** to not agree to the measure

Webster County Proposition 1

Beginning in 2025, shall the County of Webster exempt qualified citizens aged 62 and older from certain increases in the property tax liability due on such citizens' primary residence?

Webster County Northern Commissioner

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NAME Dale Fraker
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Webster County Southern Commissioner

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NAME Randy Owens
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Webster County Sheriff

NO PHOTO PROVIDED

NAME Roye H. Cole
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Webster County Assessor

NO PHOTO PROVIDED

NAME Austin Graybill
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Webster County Coroner

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NAME Michael P. Taylor
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Webster County Surveyor

NO PHOTO PROVIDED

NAME Mark Bouldin
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Webster County Public Administrator



NAME Danielle Boggs
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age 45
Education: Master of Social Work

Candidate was contacted three times but only provided a photo.

Missouri 30th Circuit Judge

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NAME David C. (Chuck) Replogle
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

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MISSOURI JUDGES

All the judges on these two pages serve under the Non-Partisan Court Plan. They do not run against challengers and are prohibited by the Code of Judicial Conduct from campaigning for retention. The Judicial Performance Review Committee - a statewide panel of lawyers, non-lawyers, and retired judges - has reviewed the performance of each nonpartisan judge appearing on this year's general election ballot. The Committee then makes a recommendation for each judge to either Retain or Do Not Retain. Voters will be asked to vote either **Yes - Retain** or **No - Do not retain** for each judge.

Missouri Supreme Court Justice

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Kelly C. Broniec
Appointed: September 2023
Experience: She previously served as a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals-Eastern District from 2020-2023, and as an associate circuit judge in Montgomery County from 2006-2020.
Education: B.A. William Woods College; J.D. University of Missouri School of Law

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/kelly-broniec-2024/

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Ginger K. Gooch
Appointed: October 2023
Experience: She previously served on the Missouri Court of Appeals - Southern District.
Education: B.A. Stephens College; J.D. University of Missouri School

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/ginger-gooch-2024/

Missouri Court of Appeals Judge, Southern District

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Becky J. W. Borthwick
Appointed: 2022
Experience: Prior to this appointment she was a circuit judge with the 31st Circuit Court. She has also served as an associate circuit judge.
Education: B.A. University of Missouri; J.D. University of Oklahoma

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/becky-borthwick-2024/

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Jennifer R. Growcock
Appointed: 2021
Experience: She previously served as circuit judge for the 38th Judicial Circuit from 2016-2021. She previously engaged in private practice as an associate attorney for Husch Blackwell and a shareholder with Polsinelli PC.
Education: B.A. University of Iowa; J.D. University of Nebraska

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/jennifer-growcock-2024/

Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 1

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Derek A. Ankrom
Appointed: 2023
Education: B.A. University of Missouri; J.D. University of Missouri

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/derek-a-ankrom-2024/

Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 2

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Kaiti Greenwade
Appointed: Associate circuit judge, January 2023; Circuit judge, June 2023
Experience: Greenwade previously served as a prosecuting attorney for Dade County, 2017-2022.
Education: B.A. Missouri State University; J.D. University of Tulsa

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/kaiti-greenwade-2024/

Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 3

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Dan Wichmer
Appointed: January 2023.
Experience: He previously served as a city attorney for the cities of Springfield and Branson, as executive director for Legal Services of Southern Missouri, and a law clerk to Hon. John C. Holstein of the Supreme Court of Missouri.
Education: B.A. Truman State University; J.D. University of Missouri

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/dan-wichmer-2024/

Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 5

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Jerry A. Harmison, Jr
Experience: Circuit judge; Associate circuit judge, 2017-2022
Education: Drake University School of Law, admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1987

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/jerry-a-harmison-jr-2024/

Associate Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 23

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Andy Hosmer
Appointed: 2014
Experience: He previously worked as assistant public defender and assistant prosecuting attorney in Greene County, as assistant attorney general, and in private practice in Florida, New York and Springfield, Missouri.
Education: B.A. University of Missouri; J.D. New York University

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/andy-hosmer-2024/

Associate Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 25

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Josephine (Jody) L. Stockard
Appointed: 2023
Experience: She previously served as an assistant United States attorney, special assistant United States attorney, and assistant Greene County prosecuting attorney. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Hon. W. Brent Powell in Jackson County.
Education: B.A. University of Missouri; J.D. University of Missouri

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/josephine-stockard-2024/

Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 4

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



T. Todd Myers
Appointed: 2022
Experience: He previously served as associate circuit judge. Myers' judicial assignments include associate criminal, associate civil, small claims, and extraditions. Myers was chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Greene County.
Education: University of Kansas School of Law, admitted to The Missouri Bar in 1998

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/todd-myers-2024/

Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 6

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Joshua B. Christensen
Appointed: 2022
Education: J.D. University of Alabama

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/joshua-christensen-2024/

Associate Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 24

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Kirsten Poppen
Appointed: 2023
Experience: After graduation, she clerked for Hon. G. Thomas VanBebber with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.
Education: B.A. Kansas State University; J.D. University of Kansas

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
More Info: yourmissourijudges.org/judges/kirsten-poppen-2024/

Associate Circuit Judge, Circuit 31, Div. 25

Shall the judge listed below be retained in office?



Ron Carrier
Appointed: 2013
Experience: He was previously both Greene County assistant prosecuting attorney and Greene County prosecuting attorney, as well as assistant attorney general and Southwest regional chief counsel in the Missouri Attorney General's Office.
Education: B.A. Drury University; J.D. University of Missouri

Missouri Bar committee recommendation: Retain
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BALLOT ISSUES

Missouri House District 129



NAME John F. Black
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 71
Education: J.D., MU; M.S. Engineering Management,
B.S. Chemical Engineering, Missouri-Rolla

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

I am Chairman of the statutorily established Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, the House budget subcommittee for Health, Mental Health Social Services and member of the Judiciary, Utilities, Special Committee on Higher Education funding, budget and ethics committees.

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

The budget is likely to decrease from the last few years. Maintaining the funding gains we have realized in the past few years in the policy areas described above will be important but difficult. Substance Abuse prevention and treatment is a top priority. The Department of Mental Health reports the social cost of Substance Abuse exceeds 8 BILLION dollars a year in Missouri, which, for comparison, is approximately one-half Missouri's State (non-federal) general revenue.

What strength will you bring to this office?

The experience as a three term legislator in the majority Republican party with service on committees significant to the state, and a background of professional experience in law and education, together with a mature understanding of how the process works (or doesn't). The fact is with overwhelming majorities in both the House and Senate, nothing gets done that is not a majority party priority. There are many minority party members I like and respect, but whatever actually gets done is majority party accepted. The last few years disagreement as to priorities in the majority party along with minority party filibuster in the senate has held up bi-partisan legislation. Experience and developed relationship can address these concerns.

How are you involved in your community?

Former local school board member. Current member chamber of commerce and optimist clubs. Church support and participation. Active participation in public health and community partnerships.



NAME Louise Hansen
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Education: BS in Agricultural Business
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What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I'll work to address the concerns of Webster County residents
Safeguard the environment
Work for affordable education for all levels
Ensure our libraries stay open and not censored
Improve rural health care access
Expand Medicaid
Protect women's right to bodily autonomy and reproductive health care

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

I'd work with fellow Democrats and across the aisle to bring about a workable plan.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I'm an experienced leader and not afraid of hard work.

How are you involved in your community?

I'm on the Marshfield Veterans Day parade committee, I'm a Webster County Democrat Committee member and a Marshfield Saddle Club member.

Missouri House District 130

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NAME Bishop Davidson
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



NAME Leslie Jones
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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

One of the main reasons I am running for office is my dedication to improving public safety. Previously I served as a Team Lead for the local Moms Demand Action chapter and reducing gun violence in Missouri is a priority for me. Our children and communities deserve to be safe and Missouri desperately needs to start working to improve the situation.

As a healthcare worker, I also want to improve healthcare access and affordability in this state. Women's healthcare and mental healthcare in particular. I am passionate about bringing better representation to women in this state and taking steps to improve mental healthcare access and affordability could bring about so many positive outcomes.

Public education is another area I am passionate about improving. Our schools should be fully funded to get the job done well and our teachers need to be guaranteed the pay they are worth. I also would tie affordable and accessible childcare into this as well.

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

My approach is always to listen, look at the facts and work together. I do not claim to be a master of anything, but rather someone who strives to constantly be learning and improving. I will always listen to the experts and look to the data when considering our state challenges. I also will respect and consider differing opinions than my own and work to reach compromises that address all voices in the matter.

What strength will you bring to this office?

As Mr. Rogers has said, "always look for the helpers". I am a helper. It's what I have done throughout my career and I continue to seek ways to improve the world around me. I am also extremely independent and hard working. I put my all into everything I do, whether I am working alone or with a team. The educator in me will make sure that I am constantly teaching and explaining the issues with constituents, and the great communicator in me will make sure to always listen and follow through when people reach out. I will always be present, available and ready to help in any way that I can.

How are you involved in your community?

I am a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and I was a volunteer for Moms Demand Action before running for office. While with Moms, I was a Team Lead for our local chapter for a little over a year before I had to step down when I declared my candidacy. My music therapy business has contracted with many local organizations and facilities including outpatient therapy clinics, hospitals, public schools, domestic violence shelters, shelters for unhoused youth, assisted living facilities, dementia care and local preschools. Besides my music therapy work with my business, I also have taught part time on the music therapy staff at Drury University for over 10 years.



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Missouri House District 131



NAME Bill Owen

POLITICAL PARTY

Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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

Budget, Financial Services and Transportation infrastructure. 40 years in banking parallels those subjects

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

Our state budget does not function well. There are millions of dollars sitting in line items unspent. Our tax credit programs are lacking oversight and I-44 in general and the intersection of I-44 and Hwy 13 are in horrible shape. Year before last I put the \$20 million in the budget to do the entire environmental study for I-44 from the Okla line to St Louis. This past session I led the effort to six lane 44 from Hwy 125 (Strafford) to Hwy 160 (Willard) and to do all four phases of the I-44/Hwy 13 intersection. We next need to six lane 44 where the accidents are the worst in Phelps Co (Dolittle to St Hames) and continue the six lane expansion to both the east and west

What strength will you bring to this office?

Three terms in the legislature including Budget Subcommittee Chair, member of full Budget Committed and Vice Chair of Fiscal Review

How are you involved in your community?

I have been in numerous Boards and Not for Profits over my adult life. Most recently I helped start Restore SGF which is a CDC to focus on the quality of our housing stock needs and to increase home ownership which is currently at a very low level of 43%



NAME Ashley Cossins

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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

I am passionate about restoring abortion access and reproductive freedom to Missourians. Policy must be driven by facts, not fear. As an IVF patient, I understand issues around abortion and reproductive health. I will use my experience to advocate for residents dealing with complex and private health decisions, particularly in rural Missouri.

Environmental protections and clean water ensure a future for all of us. I'm committed to addressing these needs by tackling misinformation, holding those with poor waste management practices accountable, and advocating for sustainable framework. We have a strong opportunity to make our district a leader in environmental stewardship.

I support economic policies that address affordable housing needs and reduce daily living costs. By cutting taxes on groceries and personal hygiene products, we can ease financial burdens and improve quality of life. Investing in public school funding ensures every child receives the quality education they deserve.

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

Along with shining a light for the public on how their taxes are used, I am committed to work on policy reforms that ensure government efficiency and service to the people. By enhancing and improving the processes for transparency, I'll make it easier for the public to understand and participate in government. Finally, I will push for accountability, demanding quality results for Missourians. Ultimately, these steps will eliminate bad actors and ensure that elected officials' are always acting in the public's best interest. Empathy and compassion will return to our gov't.

I have experience scrutinizing protocols and procedures. Having explained to executives why their processes create issues for their customers, I am ready to demonstrate where policy gaps are and suggest solutions based on findings and facts. These experiences, along with my IVF and infertility journey, have equipped me with research, analysis, and problem-solving skills that the people need from their elected officials.

What strength will you bring to this office?

Along with making it easier for taxpayers to see where their dollars are used, I am committed to work on policy reforms that ensure our government functions productively. By highlighting and improving the processes for transparency, I'll make it easier for the public to understand and participate in government. Finally, I will push for accountability, demanding quality for taxpayers. These steps will eliminate bad actors and ensure that elected officials always act in the public's best interest.

I've explained to executives why their processes create issues. I've navigated a decade-long infertility journey from the rural Ozarks. My research, analysis, and problem-solving skills are exactly what my district needs from their representative.

How are you involved in your community?

I sit as committeewoman for my precinct on the Greene County Democrats Central Committee. I volunteer as a host for a peer-led support group, meeting individuals dealing with infertility and providing solidarity, support, and empathy. I volunteer annually at Springfield's Earth Day Festival to promote environmental stewardship. As a small business owner, my partner and I value our dedicated team. We work with other small businesses to "keep it local". I have participated in community theater, where collaboration and cooperation are necessary. My six nieces and nephews (fondly dubbed my "noodles") help me stay grounded and remind me to enjoy the little things. We love visiting the library and walking park trails together.

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Missouri House District 132



NAME Stephanos Freeman

POLITICAL PARTY
Republican

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

I am interested in breaking down false narratives in the public sphere, education and skill building, transparency, and accountability. Sometimes government is who does it best other times it is best if left to the private sphere. Either way, the successful should be rewarded as long as it does not stifle competition in their respective areas. Generally speaking, I would prefer things to be private but that is blurred at times.

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

We need to empower people to be responsible. Programs and institutions need accountability. Policy which is successful needs to be rewarded. To do that we must have a definable measure of success. Are we measuring how many are served or how many grow beyond the need of being served? Do we enable people to determine their future or just create dependence? Another aspect of self agency, autonomy, and mitigating power concentrations would be a "right to repair". If people can fix their own or take it to a non-authorized dealer, tech and automotive oligarchs lose much of their power. Small businesses can be created. Our youth can learn new technology in the way our fathers did- doing it themselves. Currently, price gouging on parts prevents this. Oligarchical collusion prevents this. If we can come to terms with it was not "always this way", we can fix our lives and have a better future. I ask myself, "Is it my place and does it strengthen the individual and their families?"

What strength will you bring to this office?

First, and foremost, I have an ability to recognized larger trends, the macro level. Our policies should be functional in the larger scope of things, as well as, beneficial to the individuals who are effected (the micro level). Institutions tend to create groupthink and look after their own image and interests. I see how those interest help and hurt society at large and the individuals who are effected by them. Because of this, I can read those who participate reasonably well. This should help with effectively changing our policies.

How are you involved in your community?

I have worked in the schools, behavioral/mental health, food logistics, and transportation industries. Every job had to serve the material needs of those it served, be it the homeless, mentally disabled, students, or the general public. Beyond that I have participated with local activists groups.



NAME Jeremy Dean

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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

I am deeply passionate about housing, healthcare, and education. These areas are fundamental to ensuring that every person in our community has the opportunity to thrive. Housing is a cornerstone of my campaign because without stable and affordable housing, it's impossible for families to build a secure future. Our community is currently facing a severe shortage of housing, and I'm committed to bringing a variety of housing options to Springfield, from no-barrier shelters to truly affordable safe rentals and pathways to homeownership. Healthcare is another critical area. Access to affordable, quality healthcare is a basic human right, and I believe we must work to ensure that every Missourian can get the care they need. Finally, education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty and building a prosperous future. I'm passionate about supporting our public schools, increasing funding for education, and ensuring that every child in our community has access to a quality education

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

My approach to addressing Missouri's challenges is built on listening, collaboration, and action. Listening is essential. Understanding the concerns of our community members allows us to craft policies that truly meet their needs. It's important that their voices guide our priorities. Collaboration is key. By working across the aisle and partnering with stakeholders from all sectors—government, business, nonprofits, and the community—we can create comprehensive strategies to address complex issues like housing, healthcare, and education. Finally, I'm committed to taking decisive action. Whether it's tackling the housing crisis, expanding healthcare access, or improving education, we need practical, impactful solutions. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and work tirelessly to create a stronger, more prosperous Missouri for everyone. By combining listening, collaboration, and action, I'm confident we can navigate our challenges and build a brighter future for our state.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I bring a deep understanding of the challenges working people face, informed by my personal experiences and my work in healthcare and nonprofit leadership. I've seen firsthand how policies can make life harder, and I'm dedicated to crafting solutions that address these issues head-on. I'm skilled at working across the aisle to find practical, common-sense answers that benefit everyone. My focus is on removing barriers, creating opportunities, and building a stronger community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

How are you involved in your community?

I'm actively engaged in my community through several roles. I am the Director of Operations at a local nonprofit, where we lead efforts to support underserved families and address housing shortages. I serve on the board of the GLO Center, which advocates for the LGBTQIA+ community in the Ozarks, and the Missouri Passion House Project, which provides essential household items to underserved families and individuals in crisis. Additionally, I'm a member of housing justice organizations and have participated in numerous volunteer and community events. I also contribute to the Place Team, working with the City of Springfield to develop the new city code. Through these efforts, I'm committed to building a more inclusive, equitable community.

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Missouri House District 133



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

Before running for office, I ran a small business providing speech, occupational, physical, and music therapy services to children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. I spent several years advocating at the State level for changes in regulations that would help to ensure individuals with disabilities would have access to these therapy services. As a state legislator, I have remained focused on public policy that positively impacts access, quality, and cost of healthcare services in our state. I have championed legislation that would reduce the amount of prior authorizations required by insurance companies, allowing more streamlined and cost-effective care to be provided. In 2023, I passed legislation that helps adults with disabilities access competitive, integrated employment opportunities. In 2024, I passed legislation allowing children with medical complexities to have access to childcare options in their communities.

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

I think the best thing that we can do to address current challenges is to remain diligent about listening to the public and what they are experiencing. We cannot know the best ways to fix and address issues if we are not gathering information from people in our community that experience the successes and challenges related to various needs. When someone brings an issue to me, I generally attempt to gain information from many different resources so that I can ensure I have as many facts and details as possible. This helps me develop a well-rounded plan of action.

What strength will you bring to this office?

One of my biggest strengths is my work ethic. I am someone who will not quit until a job gets done. I am willing to dig into hard topics and complex public policy ideas to make a positive impact for my community.

How are you involved in your community?

I serve on several different non-profit and advisory boards in our community offering my expertise and volunteer hours. In addition to my legislative committees, I also serve on the Substance Abuse Task Force, Eating Disorder Council, and the Missouri Autism Commission. My service in all of these is focused on ways that I can serve our community by helping to highlight the need for resources but also showing off the wonderful ways our collaborative community gets things done. I am a member of Christ Community Church and serve regularly in the Children's Department.



NAME Derrick Nowlin
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BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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

I am passionate about championing public policies that bolster working families, such as supporting unions and raising the minimum wage, fully funding our public schools, and making sure healthcare and prescription drugs are more affordable. I am passionate about policies that restore reproductive rights to women, and give our LGBTQ community the same rights and protections the rest of us take for granted. Lastly, I feel strongly about building and maintaining our infrastructure, with an eye on the future as we do. That means protecting our environment while we grow and improve our roads, bridges, and sewer systems.

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

Missouri's state government is severely out-of-balance. One party has been in charge for over two decades. I believe that having balance in government is the best way to find a solution. I live in a swing district. I know that working with my neighbors, regardless of party, is the best way to find solutions. Our Republican legislature has broken down into infighting and elected officials have stopped listening to the voters. That is why I believe that it is time to break the Republican super-majority. This will restore some parity to Jefferson City, both sides will have to truly work together again. My main job as a representative is to listen to my constituents, and work to make their lives easier.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I am just a normal guy. I work an 8-5 job, I visit my grandkids whenever I get the chance, I help out in my community whenever I can. My strength is that I live my life like everyone else. When I talk to my constituents we tend to have a lot in common. I know what my constituents need because they are the same things that would make my life better. My work experience has given me insights into how to better deal with growing and changing communities and work to alleviate problems caused by bad government policy.

How are you involved in your community?

This is my third run for State Representative, which has allowed me to become even more involved in my community than I already was. The main thrust of this work has been going out and talking with people one-and-one, and really listening to what they have to say on behalf of both myself and other candidates and causes. When I was younger I did some volunteer work for area homeless outreach organizations. Trying to give back has always been very important to me. Professionally, I feel a lot of pride at the numerous public works projects I have worked on over the years.

Missouri House District 134



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

I am most passionate about “kitchen table” issues that directly impact the lives of everyone living in our community. Issues like economic opportunity/poverty reduction, cutting excessive government red tape, improving education, and crime reduction/supporting our law enforcement officers are what I spend the most time working on while I am in the Capitol. Increasing educational opportunities and supporting successful nonprofit programs to reduce poverty are key to the success of our community and State. I am proud of legislation I sponsored that was signed by the Governor which made transformational reforms to our state’s welfare programs by structing them in a way that they provide a “hand up” to help people out of poverty rather than an “anchor” keeping them in poverty. Along the same lines, I have secured millions of dollars in the budget to support local non-profits with proven track records of helping people get out of poverty and lead more financially secure lives.

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

I stand for limited government and believe individuals know how to live their own lives better than politicians and government bureaucrats. I am skeptical of increasing government power and as State Representative, routinely vote against legislation sponsored by both Republicans and Democrats which excessively grow government. My decisions are based on facts and data, rather than emotions. Additionally, not every issue needs to be a partisan fight. When there are opportunities to work across the aisle, I do that. Of the numerous bills I have sponsored that have passed the House and have been signed by the Governor, almost every one has received bipartisan support. They did not all start out as inherently bipartisan bills, but I worked with folks on both sides of the aisle to address concerns, make the bills better, and ultimately win their support.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I was born and raised in Springfield. As the dad of three young kids and husband to a wonderful wife, I know well the challenges facing our area’s families. I work as a local attorney with community members and businesses and also know what makes our area thrive. I have built relationships with legislators, political and community leaders, and constituents which have allowed me to serve our district and state effectively. My colleagues have chosen me to serve as the next Majority Floor Leader for the House of Representatives and I will be the first Majority Leader from Springfield in 100 years. This is one of the most important leadership positions in the Capitol and my service in this role will ensure our region is well represented.

How are you involved in your community?

Having served as State Representative of the 134th District for the past four years, I work with residents and businesses to advocate for them, connect them with answers, and solve problems. I attend as many community meetings and events as possible and frequently speak at services to honor district residents. My family and I are active in our church and are strong supporters of several local faith based organizations which provide community support. I have been a longtime member of The Network (the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce’s young professionals organization) and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.

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Missouri House District 135



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Facebook: Hasty for Missouri

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

I am concerned about our jobs and economy here in Missouri, I want to generate economic prosperity through policies that foster business growth and provide abundant opportunities. Positioning Missouri as the premier location for emerging, expanding, and successful businesses. We must ensure that law enforcement and first responders receive top-level training and equipment. We must address crime at the local level in Missouri to help mitigate the effects of the border crisis. We must prioritize recruiting and retaining top-tier educators in all Missouri schools. We should want Missouri to be the benchmark for public education nationwide, and make significant strategic investments in our schools. As a foster child of 14 years, my self I want to take measures that cut through the over bureaucratic processes of Missouri's adoption system. I want to help the of over 1,500 children here find loving and stable homes. Also work on the foster care system so it works for the kids.

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

In addressing our current issues, my approach is straightforward. I am committed to working in the best interest of the people, striving to unite across party lines to ensure that all voices are heard and that the issues affecting all of us are effectively addressed. While there are certainly partisan issues, the majority of matters impacting Missourians and the average person are nonpartisan. Drawing from my experience in sales marketing, the military, education and community outreach, I am confident that I can effectively address this challenges head on.

What strength will you bring to this office?

Given my sales background, military experience, education, and years of community outreach and work, I possess the necessary skills to work effectively with diverse groups. I am committed to ensuring that only legislation that benefits the people of Missouri advances to the governor's desk. These experiences have uniquely prepared me to collaborate with representatives from across our state and both sides of the political spectrum to enact legislation that truly serves the best interests of our fellow citizens.

How are you involved in your community?

Throughout the years, I have been dedicated to serving as a proactive grassroots community leader. My involvement in my children's schools and commitment to enhancing the educational system in Springfield has been unwavering. I am an active volunteer for Springfield Public Schools and have been a volunteer coach/ assistant coach for SPARC and Boys and Girls club. I have volunteered for many local candidates campaigns through the years and have spoke at city council and school board meetings about issues concerning the community.



NAME Elizabeth (Betsy) Fogle
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
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What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I ran for office after spending years working at a federally qualified health center helping to connect people with medical, dental, and behavioral health services. During these years, I assisted Springfield families with housing, transportation, food insecurity, employment, and safety from domestic violence. I ran for office to bring the voices of these families to the Capitol and to ensure access to healthcare, good paying jobs, and strong public schools for all Missourians.

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

I have had the pleasure of serving as State Representative of House District 135 for four years. During that time, I have worked across the aisle to pass good legislation that meets the needs of our constituents, including healthcare, education and economic policy. When a piece of legislation is too extreme or if it is in contradiction to what the people of House District 135 want, I do what I can to fight against it.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I bring a love of Springfield, of Missouri, and our country to this office. I prioritize the needs of my constituents above all else, and work hard to understand their needs by knocking my constituents' doors, hosting town halls, and doing what I can to be accessible to the people I serve. I have a passion for healthcare, education and workforce development policy and enjoy representing a district of diverse political beliefs.

How are you involved in your community?

I have had the pleasure of serving as State Representative for four years and use my platform to be as engaged as possible in my district, attending neighborhood association meetings, touring non-profits, and meeting as many families as possible. I also have the pleasure of working at the United Way of the Ozarks, assisting working families to find pathways out of poverty. Over the last few years, I have also enjoyed serving on numerous non-profit boards, was voted 2024's "Captain Springfield" and selected as Springfield Business Journal's 12 People You Should Know and one of 2023's Most Influential Women. Home is where the heart is, and I am glad mine is Springfield, MO.

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Missouri House District 136



NAME Jim Robinette

POLITICAL PARTY
Republican

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 58
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What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I am passionate about criminal justice, small business, and education. I'm passionate about these subjects because: (1) we have a crime problem, and I am a former prosecutor; (2) our small businesses are a vital part of our economy yet are under tremendous stress, and (3) we seem to be paying more for education but getting worse outcomes.

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

I will seek to work with interested stakeholders to examine present laws, regulations, and agencies operate, both as intended and in fact, to see how public policy may be improved. My intention is to make common sense, incremental change for good based on objective social science and economic data to improve outcomes for all Missourians.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I bring a lifetime of public service experience, working with extraordinarily diverse groups of people to consistently achieve success for my teams, whether working with members of Congress and their committee staffs to address concerns and pass federal legislation for the Military Academy, advising senior military leaders on a multitude of subjects, or managing complex litigation.

How are you involved in your community?

I've been an active member of my church (All Saints), my Rotary Club (Southeast, and its Helping Hands and Fellowship committees), and the Greene County GOP (former TARGET club president and board member). I have also been a member of the Springfield Daily Citizen Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board.



NAME Stephanie Hein

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 50
 Education: Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Restaurant Administration--Missouri State University; a Master of Business Administration--Missouri State University; and an EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis--University of Missouri: Columbia
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What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

My policy focus revolves around three key areas. First, I'm committed to economic policies that ensure you can earn a good living and retire with dignity after years of hard work. My legislative efforts prioritize investments in infrastructure, childcare, and workforce development, while also addressing inflationary pressures. By increasing household incomes and reducing poverty, we can tackle some of the most pressing challenges in our community. Second, I advocate for policies that foster a safe and healthy community where we care for each other, live free from violence, and respect the personal decisions made between individuals and their healthcare providers. Third, I'm dedicated to strengthening our public education system, ensuring our children are equipped for success and honoring the dedication of our teachers and staff. With a background deeply rooted in education, I understand the critical importance of investing in our future.

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

Balance is essential. Extreme positions and voices often do more harm than good for our community. Our real strength lies in our shared values, yet our current politics seem stuck in a 'my way or the highway' mentality, which isn't serving us well. Anyone who has been in a marriage, relationship, or meaningful partnership knows that success requires compromise and collaboration. A balanced approach, where we seek common ground on important issues, is far more effective for our constituents. Restoring respect, civility, and integrity in our political discourse is crucial if we want our government to truly serve the people. I am dedicated to being a leader who bridges divides to achieve results that matter for our community and future generations.

What strength will you bring to this office?

Throughout my career, I have developed strong problem-solving and collaboration skills that consistently deliver results. My varied professional background has given me the opportunity to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds, enriching my understanding of different perspectives. I have collaborated closely with educators and businesses, gaining insight into the challenges our community faces. I know when to step up and lead, and when to listen and learn. Above all, I am committed to working together with others, including those with differing viewpoints, to achieve the best outcomes for everyone.

How are you involved in your community?

Community engagement is central to my life. I have chaired the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, served on the Airport Task Force, and was named one of Springfield's Influential Women in 2014. Throughout my career, I have secured grants for first-generation high school students, providing financial resources and mentorship. I'm also an active member of Springfield's Downtown Rotary Club, valuing service above self. As a legislator, I have served on the House Budget Committee, collaborating with community members and local officials to secure funding for Springfield-specific projects. These efforts have led to several transformative initiatives that will enhance our community and essential support to those in need.

Missouri House District 137

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NAME Darin Chappell
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Phone: 417-425-6841

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

The current budget for the State is unsustainable. The budget has grown by more than 79% in the last six years, and revenues are not sufficient for more of the same. Careful and targeted budget reductions are required going forward to ensure there are adequate funds for necessary expenditures. In my career, I have been responsible for public budgeting that is responsive to Citizen needs, while being fiscally manageable. I intend to do the same, as I have been, moving forward.

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

Regulatory reform to allow more personal and societal liberty is required. More laws is rarely the answer, but removing governmental intrusion is needed instead. We must address property taxation in Missouri, while still assuring revenue availability for schools, and other political subdivisions.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I have nearly thirty years experience in public service from the military, teaching Political Science and Public Administration at Missouri State University, and my career in City Administration. I have never had a budget in the red, and I have never raised taxes in all my career. I understand how government works, but, just as importantly, how it is supposed to do so.

How are you involved in your community?

I am a member of the Bolivar church of Christ, a Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary club, a member of the American Legion, and I speak on the Constitution and other Foundational documents for various organizations, when asked to do so. My ancestors moved to this area in 1837, and my grandchildren are the 9th generation of my family to live in the District I'm privileged to represent.



NAME Bryce Lockwood
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 84
Education: Graduate, Baptist Bible College, Springfield, MO;
Attended Southwest Missouri State University, Business and Finance
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Facebook: Yes
X: Yes

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

Women's rights, Affordable medical care for all, Higher minimum wage

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

Advocate in Jefferson City for clean air, clean water and improved highways and public transportation

What strength will you bring to this office?

Military experience

How are you involved in your community?

Scholarship donor

Missouri House District 138

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NAME Burt Whaley
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Missouri House District 139



NAME Bob Titus
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



NAME Mark Gray
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

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

Women's Health Rights & Abortion Rights.
 Ballot Initiatives - Missouri Constitution gives its citizens to the right to collective make changes they see for the better good by a simple 50/50 + 1 majority rule by the voters.
 Missouri Puppy Mills - It's time this state stops being the #1 WORSE contribution to Puppy Mill production, animal neglect and abuse. It's time animals have a voice
 Teachers Pay and safety - Missouri Teachers (even with recent pay raise) are still near the bottom of the pay scale and ranges on a National level. Give Teachers the credit and respect they deserve. Otherwise pay them a "babysitters rate" of \$25/Hr.

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

We must get back to the basic tenets that we together are about country and not about parties. And the Democrats over compensate on every problem when their needs to be definitive closure after successful implementation. Said another way, Budget control.
 I am the one you will see standing in the middle aisle of every debate pulling each side together to find common good and cause that will benefit the Missouri taxpayers.

What strength will you bring to this office?

Absolutely no political experiences! That of its own is a strength because I bring no baggage. I also make it very clear, that I will only serve two terms and will not become a "career politician." That will give me the urgency to get things done. I will also be the "voice" that stands out and is heard on Women and Animal and Disabled rights for Missouri. With my many disabilities, those become tools of armor in the fight for disabled people.

How are you involved in your community?

Due to my many disabilities, I have been very limited in my chances to interact and participate in the community.

Missouri House District 140

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NAME Jamie Ray Gragg

POLITICAL PARTY

Republican



NAME Julia Curran

POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 60
Education: Saint Vincent's School of Nursing, Staten Island New York
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Facebook: Curran4Missouri

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



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

State and local politics have a direct impact on people's daily lives. In Missouri, a Republican supermajority has been in place for more than two decades, and I believe they may have lost focus on serving their constituents. I firmly believe that the taxes we pay are an essential investment as citizens. These tax funds should be reinvested to support us, leading to financially competent public schools, upgraded infrastructure, public health/safety, and recreation. Strong communities with reliable structural and social systems attract businesses that provide living wages, enabling citizens to succeed and retire with dignity. Ultimately, robust communities benefit everyone collectively and individually. Average citizens contribute a significant percentage of their earnings in individual taxes. It is crucial that our citizens' tax contributions directly enhance their daily lives. With a 6 billion dollar surplus on hand, these funds should be reinvested back into our communities.

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

I try to speak with as many individuals and groups as possible in Eastern Christian County and I respect their opinions. Our citizens have significant concerns and ideas that are being ignored. I am consistently told that important concerns have been met repeatedly with silent stares, inaction and bad policies by current representatives. We have many things in common, we value kindness, respect, compassion, family, protecting the vulnerable, freedom and community. We all want longterm, positive solutions to address the high cost of living, low wages, high rent, insurance and childcare, public education, infrastructure and utilities, public services and safety. We won't agree on everything but nothing can stop us when we realize how much we agree on. We deserve a government that actually works for us not against us. My approach is to continue asking, listening and truly advocating for the people who elect me to get positive results for them.

What strength will you bring to this office?

Courage.
I am a seasoned health professional and I have always valued the importance of advocacy and doing the right thing to help others. Standing up for others, demonstrating empathy, practicing patience, and upholding integrity are principles that our community values and elected representatives need to be held accountable for with their policies and actions. I will not be swayed by interests other than those of my constituents. I have the courage to focus on solutions for real problems. I will work I for every one of you with kindness, compassion, intelligence and integrity.

How are you involved in your community?

I have always believed in serving others and contributing to my community. I volunteered as a candy striper at the hospital where I later attended nursing school, I've taught Sunday catechism and held leadership positions in civic and political organizations, I've been a member of the League of Women Voters, I'm a member of our local Chamber of Commerce as a political candidate and I'm a member of Free Mom Hugs of SWMO. I think the most important thing about community involvement is that we all remember to be there for each other, that every one is important and that we all somehow participate as we are able as much as we are able.

Missouri House District 141

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NAME Melissa Schmidt
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

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NAME Michael Bates
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

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Missouri Senate - District 29

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NAME Mike Moon
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Missouri Senate - District 33

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NAME Brad Hudson
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Missouri Senate - District 29



NAME Ron Monnig
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 69
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What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

I'm passionate about fully funding public schools and raising teacher salaries because our children's future depends on a strong education system. When we invest in our teachers, we reduce turnover and ensure that students are learning in a stable environment. Public money should remain in public education to benefit the most people—our families, communities, and future generations. I also believe in the right to make personal healthcare decisions without government interference. Women and families deserve privacy to make the best choices for themselves. Additionally, I'm committed to protecting our democratic process. The initiative petition process has empowered Missourians for over a century, giving everyone a voice in our government. Any attempt to weaken this process silences the majority and undermines true democracy. Equal representation is the cornerstone of a free society, and I'll always fight to protect it.

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

My approach is simple: we need to get back to the basics of good governance—communication, dialogue, debate, and compromise. The recent Missouri legislative session was the least productive in memory, and that's unacceptable. The way forward is through open debate on the issues that matter most to Missourians, where facts are laid out and differences are discussed with respect. Politics is the art of compromise, and right now, a small minority is holding our state back from making real progress. It's time for all parties to work together, set aside the divisive rhetoric, and focus on what's best for the people of Missouri. By fostering a culture of collaboration and consensus, we can move Missouri forward and address the challenges that impact us all.

What strength will you bring to this office?

I bring a lifetime of public service and a deep commitment to democratic principles. With nine terms on the Slater City Council and leadership as past president of the Missouri Municipal League, I've gained the experience to craft practical, nonpartisan solutions that benefit all Missourians. Running my own business taught me the value of efficiency, smart investments, and the discipline needed to succeed in any endeavor. In Jefferson City, you can count on me to be a strong advocate for liberty, justice, and responsible governance, working for everyone in the 29th District.

How are you involved in your community?

Community service is a cornerstone of my life, deeply rooted in faith and family. I've led in the Lion's Club, Rotary, and Optimists, and served nine terms on the Slater City Council. My love for history led me to edit "History of Slater Missouri" and co-chair projects like "The Wall That Heals" and Slater's 150-year celebration. As a Silver Life Member of the NAACP, I've championed justice and equality. I'm also a proud dad, grandfather, and great-granddad, committed to my family, church, and community. My service includes the Youth Center Board and Red Cross blood drives.

Governor



NAME Mike Kehoe
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 62
Offices Held: State senator, District 6, 2011-2018; Lieutenant Governor (appointed), 2018-2020; Lieutenant Governor, 2021-present
Occupation: Small businessman, first-generation farmer
Website: MikeKehoe.com

Why are you running for Governor?

As a leader, small businessman and first-generation farmer, Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe has the real-world experience of creating jobs and providing economic opportunities for Missouri families. Mike has a proven track record of fighting the liberal agenda and advancing solutions that protect Missouri's commonsense, conservative values.

What would be your top priority for legislative action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

Mike Kehoe is focused on ensuring all Missourians have the opportunity to achieve the American dream. As governor, Mike will work to crack down on crime and illegal immigration, expand educational opportunities, support farmers and Missouri's agriculture industry, grow our economy and cut taxes.



NAME Bill Slantz
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 66
Occupation: Self-employed
Website: billslantz.com

Why are you running for Governor?

I am the Missouri governor candidate in this race without big money or connections. I rely on the networks and friendships I've built over the years for support. I'm a good leader.

What would be your top priority for legislative action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

If you are tired of the promises from red or blue candidates, try the sober color of libertarianism, which isn't tainted by the fulsomeness of liberalism or conformity of conservativeness but holds tremendous potential for the change our great state needs. As your Missouri Libertarian governor candidate, my platform is based on limited government.



NAME Crystal Quade
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 38
Offices Held: State representative, District 132, 2017-present
Education: BSW, Missouri State University
Occupation: State representative
Website: crystalquade.com

Why are you running for Governor?

As House minority leader, I've made making Missouri better for working families my top priority. This includes increasing access to quality, affordable health care and ensuring that there are good jobs to help grow our communities. I've got the experience in Jefferson City working across the aisle to tackle our biggest challenges.

What would be your top priority for legislative action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

As governor, I'll make sure we're fighting for working families like the one I grew up in. Missourians need a leader who will protect their rights, like access to abortion. I'll prioritize things that make our communities places our children will want to call home by investing in things like early childhood education and access to affordable, quality health care.



NAME Paul Lehmann
POLITICAL PARTY Green
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 74
Education: MDiv, Eden Theological Seminary
Occupation: Retired minister and organic farmer
Website: missourigreenparty.org/paul_lehmann

Why are you running for Governor?

Years working in the church as a minister included organizing groups of people to work on various tasks. I know how to convert chemical agriculture into a sustainable/regenerative food system. I would implement measures to make energy production independent of the private massive grid. Make the rich pay their share of taxes. Get off fossil fuels.

What would be your top priority for legislative action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

Flip the role of government from a culture of attacking the marginalized people in Missouri (the poor, the sexually different, women's rights, ex-convicts, death row felons, immigrants, disabled persons, etc.) to a culture of support, affirmation and integration. Reforms in: the food system, education, prison system, construction, banking, taxation, etc.

Lieutenant Governor



NAME Dave Wasinger
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 60
 Biographical Info:
 Occupation: Accountant/attorney
 Education: J.D., Vanderbilt University
 Website: Davidwasinger.com

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am a conservative political outsider who has built and managed my own business and successfully taken on the special interests controlling our government. I represented taxpayers following the 2008 financial crisis and recovered billions of dollars from Wall Street banks.

What would be your priorities for the next year?

I will challenge the entrenched powers of lobbyists and special interests in Jefferson City and be the voice for Main Street and hardworking Missourians.



NAME Ken Iverson
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 73
 Occupation: Engineer, Navy Veteran and Defense Analyst, retired
 Education: M.S., University of North Texas, Interdisciplinary studies
 Website: LPMO.org

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

As a principled economizer, I realize that our bloated state government is the result of overtaxing our burdened workers and seniors. Yes, most people want to help the children and the poor, sick, disabled and victimized. Such concern is why we caring voters turned to Jefferson City to solve every social issue with money (that comes from us!) Voluntary charity is the fix.

What would be your priorities for the next year?

I will advocate to end state tax on personal property and income so that workers and retirees can keep more of their incomes to enrich their lives through saving, investing or donating to those in need. This action will greatly increase jobs and business opportunities in Missouri. We'll pay for this major tax reduction by spinning off state social programs to charities.



NAME Richard Brown
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 61
 Occupation: Public school teacher, retired
 Education: M.A., Webster University, teaching English as a second language; M.A., University of Central Missouri, communications/mass communications
 Offices Held: State representative, District 27, 2017-present
 Website: RichardBrown2024.com

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I am an experienced legislator who currently holds a position on the Missouri Tourism Commission, on which the lieutenant governor is a statutory member. Since 2020, I have been the assistant minority floor leader in the House. I serve as vice chairman of the House Ethics Committee. My leadership and experience are a natural fit to lead in a situation of succession.

What would be your priorities for the next year?

Increase home ownership. Rent is too high! Affordable housing is key to our state if we are to attract employers. Eliminate state taxes on groceries, feminine hygiene products and diapers. Increase availability of affordable child care and early childhood programs. For too long the needs of working families have been ignored in Missouri. Missouri families need help.



NAME Danielle Elliott
POLITICAL PARTY Green
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 47
 Occupation: Certified medical coder
 Education: A.A.S., Jefferson College, health information

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?

I'm a natural leader. I have served as president for several organizations through the years. I'm eager to learn policy and procedures for the Missouri General Assembly. I have also coded and worked in accounting for skilled nursing facilities. My professional and personal experiences with our elderly give me an advantage for serving as an advocate for Missouri's elderly.

What would be your priorities for the next year?

Mental health advocacy and health care are my main focus as they affect so many other issues in our state. I also want to improve the infrastructure of our schools to make them safe for our students and faculty. I have recently learned about Missouri agriculture and I'll definitely devote more time to my own education about the needs of Missouri farmers.

Secretary of State



NAME Denny Hoskins
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 49
 Occupation: Certified public accountant
 Education: BSBA, University of Central Missouri, Accounting
 Offices Held: State representative, District 121, 2009-2013; State representative, District 54, 2013-2017; State Senator, District 21, 2017-present
 Website: dennyhoskins.com

What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

I believe the most secure elections are in person, on Election Day, with a paper ballot and photo ID. As a CPA/Auditor, I will lead a robust effort to audit the voter rolls to ensure only eligible voters vote and noncitizens don't vote in our elections. I have also been endorsed by Missouri Right to Life and the NRA for my conservative voting record.

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

Non-citizens should not vote in MO as they are doing in elections in other states like OR, VA and TX . Only citizens should vote in Missouri. I will withhold funds from any public library that has X-rated material in the kids' section or a drag show for kids' story hour. Ballot language should be single-subject with a yes/no for each ballot question or I will remove it.

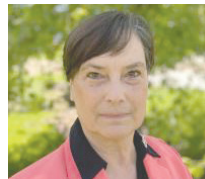
Since Missouri recently withdrew from the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), how would you plan to maintain the accuracy of our state's voter rolls?

I agree with withdrawing from ERIC. I will work with our local county clerks to maintain the accuracy of voter rolls by using death records, change of address data from the post office, Social Security address changes, illegal alien lists from the Department of Homeland Security, and new voter registrations from other states.



NAME Carl Herman Freese
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



NAME Barbara Phifer
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 69
 Occupation: State representative
 Education: MDiv, St. Paul School of Theology
 Offices Held: State representative, District 90, 2020-present
 Website: votephifer.com

What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

I have Missouri legislative experience and will serve in a way that is professional, honest and transparent.

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

I will ensure that the various divisions have the resources they need to do their jobs effectively. I will work to educate Missourians about the ways the secretary of state's office serves them and make sure our citizens have ease of access to voting, business registration, the archives and libraries.

Since Missouri recently withdrew from the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), how would you plan to maintain the accuracy of our state's voter rolls?

I will work to reenter the Electronic Registration Information Center.



NAME Jerome Bauer
POLITICAL PARTY Green
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 66
 Occupation: College lecturer
 Education: Ph.D, University of Pennsylvania, Asian and Middle Eastern studies

What makes you the best qualified candidate for this office?

At Penn, I improvised a robust ranked-choice voting system to negotiate a departmental name change from Oriental Studies to Asian and Middle-Eastern Studies. I was acclaimed grad government president and won their service award. Give us real, multi-partisan ranked-choice voting. Let every ballot have a diverse array of accurately labeled parties with coherent ideologies.

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

I would facilitate Missouri nonprofit cooperatives for housing, food, energy and transportation. I would facilitate sister-city relationships between Palestinian and Missouri cities. I would let parties control their primaries to prevent hostile takeovers and rogue candidates. Get money out of politics! No hate! No fear! Immigrants are welcome here! Vote "No" on Amdt. 7!

Since Missouri recently withdrew from the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), how would you plan to maintain the accuracy of our state's voter rolls?

There's no reason to leave ERIC or hand-count all ballots. Let's flag questionable ballots for recount. Voter fraud is very rare, but intimidation, harassment and election denial are becoming quite common. All candidates must vow to concede if they lose. Ranked-choice voting candidates will compete for second and third place votes and will have incentives to be civil.

Attorney General



NAME Andrew Bailey
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



NAME Ryan L. Munro
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 48
 Occupation: Attorney
 Education: J.D., University of Tulsa
 Website: munro4mo.com

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?
 I am the only candidate for attorney general who is not economically beholden to any super PACs, political parties, or their ideologies or talking points, and who has not taken any money from any PACs or third-party donors.

What would be your priorities for the next year?
 I would refocus the office of attorney general to protect the rights and individual liberties of all Missourians from governmental overreach instead of using the office as a springboard to higher office. I would prioritize accessibility to the office, transparency in operations, and service towards individual Missourians.



NAME Elad Jonathan Gross
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 36
 Website: www.eladgross.org
 Occupation: Attorney
 Education: J.D., Washington University

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?
 I have spent my career serving the people of Missouri. I previously served as an assistant attorney general. I have litigated major cases protecting our civil liberties from corrupted government. I've worked with families throughout our state needing help and, as attorney general, I will always have your back.

What would be your priorities for the next year?
 1) Sue scammers. I will get the consumer protection division working again and enforce the Do Not Call list. 2) Protect families. I will start Missouri's first statewide effort to prevent violence. 3) Crush corruption. I will start our first civil rights division and a public corruption unit. 4) Bust the trusts. I will fight monopolization. 5) End puppy mills.

State Treasurer



NAME Vivek Malek
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 47
 Education: MBA, Southeast Missouri State University; LL.M., University of Illinois
 Offices Held: State treasurer (appointed), 2023-present
 Website: www.vivekmalek.com

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?
 I'm not a politician. I came to this office after building a successful small business over the course of 15 years, and I worked hard to get to this point, putting myself through college and earning both an MBA and a law degree. I know how important it is to invest responsibly and I put my knowledge to work serving Missouri taxpayers.

What would be your priorities for the next year?
 If elected for a full term, I will continue my work to expand MOScholars to ensure more families have access to educational choices, grow the MOBucks program to ensure more Missourians can access low-interest loans - which has been especially helpful during a time of out-of-control inflation - and keep fighting to ensure no taxpayer money is invested in China.



NAME Mark Osmack
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 42
 Education: MPA, George Washington University, public administration
 Occupation: Director of government relations
 Website: osmackformissouri.com

Why are you qualified to serve in this office?
 1) Over 16 years as a commissioned officer in the Army with multiple combat deployments to Afghanistan; responsible for soldiers and tens of millions of dollars worth of equipment and materiel. 2) More than 10 years of managing appropriations and policy at the state and federal levels. 3) Master's degree in public administration from George Washington University.

What would be your priorities for the next year?
 1) Create a statewide savings fund for child care to lower the costs for Missourians. 2) Champion labor and strike down anti-union legislation. 3) Ensure teachers and schools have all the resources they need for students to excel. Public funding only for public schools. 4) Return women's reproductive rights from the state back to them. 5) Protect Missouri farmers.

STATEWIDE/FEDERAL OFFICE

State Treasurer



NAME John A. Hartwig, Jr.
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 82
Education: B.S.B.A., Washington University in St. Louis, accounting
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant
Website: johnhartwigcpa.com

What 3 areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?
I am the most qualified candidate for this office as I am a Certified Public Accountant with over 50 years' experience in finance and taxation.

What will you advocate for in Washington, D.C. to improve the quality of life of Missourians?
Secure the best return on Missouri's investments consistent with proper risk levels. Review the staff recruiting policies of the office. Search out additional efficiencies in office operations.



NAME Reagan Haase
POLITICAL PARTY Green

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

Missouri District 4, United States Congress



NAME Mark Alford
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

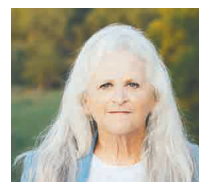
Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



NAME Thomas Holbrook
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 41
Education: Bachelor Science History, University of Central Missouri
Phone: 660-362-2150
Website: thomasholbrook.com
Facebook: Mylibertarianconscience

What 3 areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?
1.) Civil Liberties: Freedom of speech is extremely important to me and I oppose any ban of any social media app based on fears and xenophobia.
2.) Common Sense Economic Policies: I oppose the tariffs that have been imposed upon other countries. They don't end up paying the price. We do. Trade wars only result in economic losses.
3.) Weaning Ourselves Off Of Our Reliance on Politicians: Take abortion as an example. The attempt to ban it resulted in a court case in Alabama whose end result put IVF in danger and punished those who have trouble conceiving. In other words, politicians tend to make social issues worse, just like the war on drugs.

What will you advocate for in Washington, D.C. to improve the quality of life of Missourians?
I would advocate for right to repair so that Missouri farmers can repair their own tractors without being encumbered by proprietary software and having to rely on dealerships to provide expensive solutions.



NAME Jeanette Cass
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 61
Education: Some college
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Website: Cassforcongress.com
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X: Jeanette Cass@cassforcongress

What 3 areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?
1. Women's Health Care: Every American should have complete, private control over their own personal healthcare with their physician.
2. Stop Project 2025: I feel that every issue addressed in Project 2025 has been created to ruin our country. It is anti democratic, anti progressive and anti freedom.
3. Protect our Public School system: No matter how great our American Military and economy is, we can not be a successful country without fully educated citizens.

What will you advocate for in Washington, D.C. to improve the quality of life of Missourians?
Jobs, Healthcare, housing individual rights.

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Missouri District 7, United States Congress



NAME Eric Burlison
POLITICAL PARTY Republican
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Website: ericburlisonforcongress.com

What 3 areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

Ensuring that US Government maintains the rights and liberties that are guaranteed in the constitution.
 Working to make sure that Government works well for the people with a light yoke or tax burden.
 Working to keep the system of Federalism by returning decision making authority and power back to the states and local communities.

What will you advocate for in Washington, D.C. to improve the quality of life of Missourians?

I have consistently fought to increase access to healthcare. I worked to create and or expand many medical schools and nursing schools in Southwest Missouri. And I fight against regulations that stop individuals from practicing to the full extent of their training.



NAME Kevin Craig
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 66
 Education: B.A., M.A., J.D.
 Website: KevinCraig.us
 Facebook: Kevin Craig for Congress
 X: @KevinCraigUS

What 3 areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

1. Education: Thomas Jefferson said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant & free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was & never will be."
2. Christianity: America was once the most prosperous and admired nation on earth because it was a Christian nation. The U.S. is now an atheistic nation, and prosperity has been replaced by bankruptcy, and admiration by loathing and ridicule.
3. The Constitution: Jefferson said "In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution." Today's politicians think of the Constitution as a blank check, not a chain.
 The world regards the U.S. as the greatest threat to peace, and likeliest to bring nuclear war.

What will you advocate for in Washington, D.C. to improve the quality of life of Missourians?

Government control of education has made Americans ignorant and immoral. This diminishes our quality of life. Abolishing all unconstitutional government bureaucracies would improve our quality of life. Unconstitutional spending makes up several trillion dollars. That's about \$10,000 for every man, woman, and small child in America. Would putting \$40,000 in the bank account of every family of four improve the quality of life for Missourians? \$40,000 every year, year after year? Our quality of life will radically decline if the dollar is no longer the international reserve currency. This can be prevented by following the Constitutional requirement that only gold or silver be a legal tender.



NAME Missi Hesketh
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
 Age: 52
 Education: Ed.S. Special Education & Assessment - MSU 2023, Master's in Gifted Education - Drury 2018, B.S. Elementary Education - UMSL 2004
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 Facebook: Missi Hesketh for Congress
 X: MissiforMO

What 3 areas of public policy are you personally passionate about and why?

It is close to impossible for me to limit this response to three areas as so many realms of society are worthy of passion and protection. The issue at the very forefront of my concerns is the protection of our Democratic process and ensuring that we never again have a situation like what occurred on January 6th. I also feel very passionate about reinstating, preserving, and protecting the rights of individuals. That is rather encompassing because it includes codifying Roe so that controversy is put to rest for good (that includes contraception & IVF), and it also includes getting the John Lewis Voting Rights Act passed, too. My third passion is to keep everyone safe, whether by common sense gun laws or protecting our natural resources.

What will you advocate for in Washington, D.C. to improve the quality of life of Missourians?

We have a poverty problem in Missouri - the 7th Congressional District has a poverty rate of 15-17%. One in 10 seniors live in poverty. Bringing some federal money back to the District to help communities with infrastructure or facilitating job growth in the region would help. But we also need to work on shoring up Social Security, as cuts are on the horizon within Project 2025 if the GOP regains control. I would also fight to secure Head Start from being put on the chopping block as it is in Project 2025. Education is the pathway out of poverty, LBJ said as much back in the 60's. With my education background I would work diligently to support public education and work to level the funding so that our rural schools are more competitive.

U.S. Senator



NAME Josh Hawley
POLITICAL PARTY Republican

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.



NAME W. C. Young
POLITICAL PARTY Libertarian

Candidate was contacted three times but did not respond.

THE LEAGUE CONTACTED EACH CANDIDATE BY EMAIL AND TWO FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS. WHEN A CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND, THAT IS NOTED NEXT TO THEIR NAME.



NAME Nathan Kline
POLITICAL PARTY Green
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO
Age: 56
Education: B.F.A., Kansas City Art Institute, painting
Occupation: Executive assistant to Director of Kansas City Planning and Development Department
Website: missourigreenparty.org/nathan_kline_2024

Why are you running for Senate?

The Democratic and Republican parties have allowed unlimited money into American elections, selling our democracy to the highest bidder. I and other Green Party volunteers have worked hard getting 15,000 petition signatures to allow us to offer the only candidates who will serve working Missourians because we are the only ones who refuse all corporate donations.

What would be your top priority for Congressional action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

Priority 1: Exposing the corruption in Washington, DC in a way that no other elected officials will do because they are all equally on the take. Everything changes with a Clean Green that they cannot lock out of the room. The people will finally have a champion in the Senate who will create a beach head in the chamber to begin our reclamation of American democracy!



NAME Lucas Kunce
POLITICAL PARTY Democratic
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 41
Occupation: Lt. Col, Marine Corps Reserves
Website: lucaskunce.com

Why are you running for Senate?

When my sister was born with a heart condition, it bankrupted my paycheck-to-paycheck parents. But we were lucky. Neighbors—everyday people no better off than us—helped us get by. I joined the Marines to honor them. Since then, politicians and big corporations have attacked our freedoms and gutted our communities. I'm running to take back power for everyday people.

What would be your top priority for Congressional action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

My top priorities in the Senate will be to secure our freedoms, empower working families, fight corruption in both parties and invest to rebuild Missouri and put America first in the next generation of industry. I'll fight to codify Roe and end Missouri's abortion ban, pass the PRO Act, outlaw stocks for judges and Congress and bring back every dollar I can to Missouri.



NAME Jared Young
POLITICAL PARTY Better
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Age: 38
Education: JD, Harvard Law School
Occupation: Businessman
Website: votejaredyoung.com

Why are you running for Senate?

Like so many voters, I'm exhausted and frustrated by the state of our national politics. The two major parties have decided that hatred, anger, and fear are their best tools for winning elections. I'm running to represent the reasonable majority of Missourians who are looking for leaders who know how to disagree productively and work together to solve complex problems.

What would be your top priority for Congressional action in 2025? Briefly discuss how you would address this priority.

My top priority would be working to get our nation's finances in order. Neither major party seems interested in talking about the issue, and yet our irresponsible spending has fueled inflation and put Social Security, Medicare, and our entire economy on dangerous ground. As an independent in a divided Senate, I will force discussions on this vital but neglected issue.

MISSOURI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2:**Simple majority required** (one more than 1/2 of all of the votes)

Ballot wording: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to: allow the Missouri Gaming Commission to regulate licensed sports wagering including online sports betting, gambling boats, professional sports betting districts and mobile licenses to sports betting operators; restrict sports betting to individuals physically located in the state and over the age of 21; allow license fees prescribed by the Commission and a 10% wagering tax on revenues received to be appropriated for education after expenses incurred by the Commission and required funding of the Compulsive Gambling Prevention Fund; and allow for the general assembly to enact laws consistent with this amendment? State governmental entities estimate onetime costs of \$660,000, ongoing annual costs of at least \$5.2 million, and initial license fee revenue of \$11.75 million. Because the proposal allows for deductions against sports gaming revenues, they estimate unknown tax revenue ranging from \$0 to \$28.9 million annually. Local governments estimate unknown revenue.

Summary: The amendment was put on the ballot through the initiative petition process and would add a section to Article III of the Missouri Constitution. If passed, it would allow the Missouri Gaming Commission to regulate licensed sports wagering including online sports betting, gambling boats, professional sports betting districts and mobile licenses to sports betting operators. Gambling would be limited to individuals over 21 and physically located in the state. It would allow license fees to be determined by the Commission and a 10% wagering tax on revenues received after expenses and required funding of the Compulsive Gambling Prevention fund were paid. Remaining revenue would be appropriated to education. State governmental entities estimate onetime costs of \$660,000 and ongoing annual costs of at least \$5.2 million. Because deductions are allowed, estimates of generated revenue range from \$0 to \$28.9 million annually. Local governments do not have estimates of annual revenue.

Proponents say that 38 other states have legalized sports betting and that unregulated gambling is widespread. Legislators say that sports betting could draw increased revenue for the state and particularly for educational programs to which portions of the revenue would be appropriated.

Opponents say Amendment 2 would increase compulsive gambling with its negative consequences and that the low tax rate will not generate enough revenue to justify the human costs. They also say the proposition lacks the mechanisms necessary for state agencies to collect and deposit revenue generated.

MISSOURI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 3:**Simple majority required** (one more than 1/2 of all of the votes)

Ballot wording: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to: establish a right to make decisions about reproductive health care, including abortion and contraceptives, with any governmental interference of that right presumed invalid; remove Missouri's ban on abortion; allow regulation of reproductive health care to improve or maintain the health of the patient; require the government not to discriminate, in government programs, funding, and other activities, against persons providing or obtaining reproductive health care; and allow abortion to be restricted or banned after Fetal Viability except to protect the life or health of the woman? State governmental entities estimate no costs or savings, but unknown impact. Local governmental entities estimate costs of at least \$51,000 annually in reduced tax revenues. Opponents estimate a potentially significant loss to state revenue.

Summary: This amendment put on the ballot by initiative petition would establish a right to make decisions about reproductive health care, including but not limited to birth control, abortion care, prenatal care and childbirth, and miscarriage care. It would remove Missouri's abortion ban but would allow abortion to be regulated after fetal viability except to protect the life or health of the woman. The government would be prohibited from discriminating, in government programs, funding, and other activities, against people obtaining or providing reproductive health care services. The financial impact on state and local government revenue is unknown.

Proponents say decisions around pregnancy, abortion, contraceptives, and miscarriages are private and should be made by individuals, not the government. They also say Amendment 3 will preserve the health of individuals seeking necessary reproductive health care.

Opponents support the current strict ban on abortion.

STATE BALLOT MEASURES

MISSOURI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 5:

Simple majority required (one more than 1/2 of all of the votes)

Ballot wording: Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to: allow the Missouri Gaming Commission to issue one additional gambling boat license to operate on the portion of the Osage River from the Missouri River to the Bagnell Dam; require the prescribed location shall include artificial spaces that contain water and are within 500 feet of the 100-year base flood elevation as established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and require all state revenues derived from the issuance of the gambling boat license shall be appropriated to early-childhood literacy programs in public institutions of elementary education? State governmental entities estimate one-time costs of \$763,000, ongoing costs of \$2.2 million annually, initial fee revenue of \$271,000, ongoing admission and other fee revenue of \$2.1 million annually, and annual gaming tax revenue of \$14.3 million. Local governments estimate unknown revenue.

Summary: This amendment, placed on the ballot through initiative petition, would allow the Missouri Gaming Commission to issue one additional gambling boat license to operate on the Osage River near the Bagnell Dam. If passed, the total number of gambling boat licenses would increase to 14. All revenues generated, after operating costs, would be appropriated to early-childhood literacy programs in public elementary school institutions. State governmental entities estimate one-time costs of \$763,000, ongoing costs of \$2.2 million annually, initial fee revenue of \$271,000, ongoing admission and other fee revenue of \$2.1 million annually, and annual gaming tax revenue of \$14.3 million. Local governments estimate unknown revenue.

Proponents say that the additional gambling boat would generate funds for early-childhood literacy programs in public education that Missouri children need. They also say that the casino would generate jobs and aid the local economy.

Opponents say that the Osage Nation also had a proposal to operate a casino in the area, but was bypassed by the commercial entities behind Amendment 2. The tribe argues that the use of the name "Osage" in the amendment is deceptive, because it suggests that the Osage Nation is involved. The tribe has strong cultural and historic ties to the proposed casino location that have been taken away over time. An application from the tribe is pending before the Department of the Interior and the proposed casino could negatively affect the tribe's ability to pursue their project. They also say the revenues generated would not increase educational funding significantly.

MISSOURI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6:

Simple majority required (one more than 1/2 of all of the votes)

Ballot wording: Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to provide that the administration of justice shall include the levying of costs and fees to support salaries and benefits for certain current and former law enforcement personnel? State and local governmental entities estimate an unknown fiscal impact.

Summary: This amendment, placed on the ballot by the Missouri Legislature, would amend Section 14 of the Missouri Constitution to include the levying of fees to support benefits and salaries of law enforcement staff including present and former sheriffs, present and former prosecuting attorneys, and current and former circuit attorneys. State and local governmental entities estimate an unknown fiscal impact.

Proponents say the revenue generated from court fees would fund robust pensions for sheriffs and law enforcement personnel.

Opponents say it would create a set of incentives that tie pensions to the volume of arrests and prosecutions. They also say that in 2020, the Missouri Supreme Court said a \$3 fee that was charged on every court case in Missouri to fund the sheriffs' retirement system was an unconstitutional "sale of justice."

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MISSOURI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 7:**Simple majority required** (one more than 1/2 of all of the votes)

Ballot wording: Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: make the Constitution consistent with state law by only allowing citizens of the United States to vote; prohibit the ranking of candidates by limiting voters to a single vote per candidate or issue; and require the plurality winner of a political party primary to be the single candidate at a general election? State and local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

Summary: The measure, put on the ballot by the Missouri Legislature, would amend Sections 2 and 3 to state that only citizens aged 18 and over can vote in any Missouri state or local election. It would prohibit any alternative election system such as rank choice voting to be used in Missouri elections and require plurality primary elections where one winner advances to the general election. The one exception would be St. Louis City where approval voting is used.

Proponents say only U.S. citizens should vote in any election and local governments must be banned from allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections. They also say alternative election systems are too complicated and would jeopardize fair elections.

Opponents say that current law already prohibits non-citizens from voting and that this is “ballot candy” designed to confuse or mislead voters. They also say local governments and voters should decide which election system is best and this initiative takes away local election control.

MISSOURI PROPOSITION A:**Simple majority required** (one more than 1/2 of all of the votes)

Ballot wording: Do you want to amend Missouri law to: increase minimum wage January 1, 2025 to \$13.75 per hour, increasing \$1.25 per hour each year until 2026, when the minimum wage would be \$15.00 per hour; adjust minimum wage based on changes in the Consumer Price Index each January beginning in 2027; require all employers to provide one hour of paid sick leave for every thirty hours worked; allow the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to provide oversight and enforcement; and exempt governmental entities, political subdivisions, school districts and education institutions? State governmental entities estimate one-time costs ranging from \$0 to \$53,000, and ongoing costs ranging from \$0 to at least \$256,000 per year by 2027. State and local government tax revenue could change by an unknown annual amount depending on business decisions.

Summary: This measure was put on the ballot by initiative petition and would amend Missouri law to increase the minimum wage to \$13.75 per hour on January 1, 2025 and to \$15.00 per hour in 2026. Each January beginning in 2027, the minimum wage would be adjusted according to the Consumer Price <http://url.us.mimecastprotect.com/s/8Sm5C73ygLsVXOznmS8fyFoN2Xi?domain=index>. In 2024, the Missouri minimum wage is \$12.30 per hour and all private businesses in Missouri must pay at least the minimum \$12.30 hourly rate. This minimum wage law does not apply to public employees. For tipped employees, employers must pay at least 50% of Missouri’s minimum wage, or \$6.15 per hour in 2024. Employers must cover any tip shortages to ensure that an employee makes a total of \$12.30 per hour. Some exceptions to the minimum wage law include retail or service businesses with an annual gross income of less than \$500,000, certain full-time students who are working part-time, and most agricultural or farm employees. All employers would also be required to provide one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is to provide oversight and enforcement. State governmental entities estimate one-time costs ranging from \$0 to \$53,000 and ongoing costs ranging from \$0 to at least \$256,000 per year by 2027. State and local government tax revenue could change by an unknown annual amount depending on business decisions.

Proponents say workers need higher wages and paid sick days to support themselves and their families. In addition, they say the gradual increase over three years is feasible for employers. They also say hard work should be rewarded and not punished if workers need time off for illness or to take care of their families.

Opponents say businesses will have difficulty meeting these increases and will pass on the costs as increased prices.

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