

MISSOURI CANDIDATE PROFILES

Primary Election 2016



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~~~ GOVERNOR ~~~

Democratic

Chris Koster (Democratic)



BIO: Chris Koster was born August 31, 1964, in St. Louis, Missouri, and is currently in his second term as Missouri's Attorney General. He is a graduate of Saint Louis University High School, received his BA and JD from the University of Missouri and his MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. He worked as an Assistant Attorney General before moving to Kansas City, where he entered private practice focusing on litigation. In 1994 he was elected prosecuting attorney in Cass County and was re-elected in 1998 and 2002. Prior to 2007, Chris was a member of the Republican party but changed to Democratic before running for Attorney General in 2008. **ISSUES:** Chris is a strong supporter of Obamacare and Medicaid Expansion.¹ Following an investigation by his office in 2015, he found nothing wrong with the way in which Planned Parenthood handled fetal tissue. Chris opposes Right to Work legislation in Missouri.² **Endorsed** by Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region Advocates, Inc. (2012); PROMO- For the Personal Rights of Missourians (2012); National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (2012); Missouri National Education Association (2012); and Missouri AFL-CIO (2012).

WEBSITE: <http://www.chriskoster.com>

Missouri's general primary is schedule for August 2, 2016. There is a full slate of candidates and issues for the upcoming election in November. There are multiple statewide contests in Missouri that **FRONT LINE** will focus on in this issue with more detail in the fall when the final ballots are set. In an attempt to give a sense of candidates and positions, we have chosen to highlight what the candidates have put forward primarily from their websites. Time and space limit the amount of information that can be spent on each candidate; for those candidates we have provided their websites for further information. The information is meant to be educational and helpful, but not necessarily comprehensive of the candidates' views and positions.

We have made every effort to be fair and non-partisan in our presentation of candidates as we do not and will not endorse any particular person or party. We are, however, focused on issues of faith and education with regard to the government and who represents the People; therefore our focus and guide in selecting information is based on the Constitution and the Divine Author on whose principles that document was created. With that in mind please use this information as a guide and then use the available resources to further inform you judgment.



Eric Morrison
(Democratic)

No information available.



Charles B. Wheeler
(Democratic)

No information available.



Leonard Steinman
(Democratic)

www.facebook.com



Cisse Spragins
(Libertarian)

No information available.



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Republican

John Brunner



BIO: John Brunner was born on December 8, 1951, in Missouri. He and his wife Jan have been married since 1977. They have three children and ten grandchildren. He graduated from Harding University, served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and earned an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. This is Brunner's second run at elected office having previously run for U.S. Senate in 2012. He is a businessman who spent three decades in the manufacturing business where he grew a family business until his retirement as Chairman and CEO in 2009. Brunner is an Evangelical Protestant and has served as a deacon in his church and aided worldwide mission and relief organizations. Favorite quote: "A government that's big enough to do everything for us is big enough to take everything from us." – Thomas Jefferson. ISSUES: Pro-life, support Second Amendment, wants to reform welfare, stop Common Core in Missouri, is against expanding Medicaid, and wants to pass Right to Work laws for Missouri. He wants to protect religious liberty and the sanctity of life. Endorsed by FreedomWorks; Missouri Right to Life PAC

WEBSITE: https://www.johnbrunner.com

Eric Greitens



BIO: Eric Greitens was born April 10, 1974, in St. Louis, Missouri. He is married to Sheena Greitens and they have two sons. His education includes a PhD from the University of Oxford in 2000, a Masters of Philosophy, Developmental Studies, University of Oxford in 1998, and an AB in Ethics from Duke University in 1996. Eric was a White House Fellow at the White House Fellowship Program from 2005-2006. He is an author, a Navy Seal, and serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserve. He served in Afghanistan and Iraq earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Prior to entering politics, Greitens was the founder and CEO of "The Mission Continues" which is a Missouri-based non-profit that helps returning veterans get back on their feet and give back to their communities. Eric changed political identity from Democrat to Republican around 2012-2013. ISSUES: Ethics Reform in Jefferson City; Pro-Life; Pro-Second Amendment (Life Member of the NRA); Opposes Common Core and is for school choice; Pro Right to Work laws for Missouri. On the question of religious liberty: "It is a fact that people of faith are under attack in America, and our religious liberties are being threatened. That is why I respect and

applaud the proponents of SJR39 for taking action to protect religious freedom. However, I don't believe this legislation is the right approach. I oppose SJR39, because I believe that while it is well-intentioned, it could unintentionally threaten our economy and job creation." Endorsements/Ratings – None found

WEBSITE: http://ericgreitens.com/

Catherine L. Hanaway



BIO: Catherine Hanaway was born November 8, 1963, in Schuyler, Nebraska. She is married with two children and is a member of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. She received a BA from Creighton University in 1987 and attended The Catholic University of America where she received her JD in 1990. Catherine was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1995 and in 2002 and was elected as the first female (and mother) Speaker of the House where she saw the fruit of her work to transition Missouri's legislature from Democrat to Republican. She was appointed by President Bush as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri serving from 2005-2009 where "she protected whistleblowers who alleged that a company was defrauding Medicare, sent multiple child pornographers (and predators) to prison (including abductor Michael Devlin of missing teen Shawn Hornbeck, and) and fought against manufacturers of methamphetamine." She is currently a partner at Husch Blackwell. ISSUES: Support law and order in post-Ferguson Missouri; Ethics reform in Jefferson City and Reform Missouri's Courts; Opposes Common Core and Obamacare; Opposes the EPA's proposed Waters of the United States regulation; Supports Paycheck Protection for workers; Pro Right to Work law for Missouri; Pro tort reform and ethics reform; Supports Constitutional Carry in Missouri; Favors defunding Planned Parenthood and increasing penalties for fetal organ sales in Missouri; Opposes sex-selective abortions in Missouri; Protect Missouri borders using E-Verify and allow police to detain illegal immigrants; Opposes state cooperation when resettling unknown persons from areas hostile to the United States. Endorsements/Ratings Missouri Right to Life PAC, 100% MO Federation of Independent Business, MO Chamber of Commerce, 0% PROMO, 15% NEA, 22% MO Votes Conservation.

WEBSITE: http://hanawayforgovernor.com/

Peter Kinder



BIO: Peter Kinder was born May 5, 1954, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He is the current Lieutenant Governor of Missouri. He is Christian (Methodist). Peter obtained his JD from Saint Mary's University School of Law (Texas) in 1979. He served as a Missouri



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State Senator from 1992-2004 before being elected Lt. Governor in 2004. Prior to his election to public office, Peter was a staff attorney with the Drury Industries. Peter holds the NRA's highest A+ rating and Missouri Right to Life's "Defender of Life Award." **ISSUES:** Pro gun rights and helped pass right to carry in Missouri; Led fight by states against Obamacare; Supports Right to Work for Missouri; Comprehensive Education Reform including ending Common Core; Seeks tort and medical malpractice reform; Supports Federally Qualified Health Clinics; Pro Ethics Reform. **Endorsements/Ratings** Missouri Right to Life PAC, 100%; MO Chamber of Commerce; MO National Federation of Business; NRA; 0% NARAL; 0% PROMO; 20% NEA; 28% as Liberal by Riverfront Times; 99% Conservative by Missouri Family Network

WEBSITE: <http://www.peterkinder.com/#fighting-for-missouri>

~~~ **LT. GOVERNOR** ~~~

**Democratic**

**Winston Apple**



**BIO:** Winston Apple lives in Independence, Missouri, and received an MA, Education from the University of Missouri, Kansas City in 1990. He previously ran for Missouri Representative in 2014. He is a song writer, former social studies teacher from 1984 to 2005, and is currently a self-employed writer. He is a member of the Sierra Club and the founder of Populists in Action since 2015. **ISSUES:** Wants to create an agency with the Missouri Department of Labor called "The Climate Response Project" to improve energy efficiency in homes and businesses, manufacture wind turbines and solar panels, and plant trees. He would raise the money for this project through a 15% increase on capital gains.

**WEBSITE:** <https://appleformissouri.com/>

**Russ Carnahan**



**BIO:** John "Russ" Russell Carnahan was born July 10, 1958, in Rolla, Missouri. He is married to Debra and they have two children. Russ went to the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he obtained a BS in Public Administration in 1979. He then graduated from UMC with a JD in 1983. Russ, a four term Missouri congressman, served as a representative in the Missouri House from 2001-2004 before becoming Assistant Democratic Whip in the United States House of Representatives

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in 2005. Russ has worked as an attorney in private practice and with BJC Healthcare. "My goal will be to bring Missourians together for a more trusted government and to build an even better Show-Me state."<sup>6</sup> **ISSUES:** Pro-choice on abortion (Rated 0% by the National Right to Life Committee in 2006<sup>7</sup>); in favor of embryonic stem cell research and against restricting interstate transport of minors to get an abortion. In 2006, Russ voted not to define marriage under the Constitution as between one-man-one-woman. He voted to increase the debt limit in 2011 from \$14.3 trillion to \$16.7 trillion. He co-sponsored what became Public Law No. 110-199 (2007) called the "Second Chance Act" to reduce recidivism by giving offenders a Second Chance. **Endorsements/Ratings** 0% Gun Owners of America; 100% NARAL, NEA.

**WEBSITE:** <http://russcarnahanformissouri.com/#leader>

**Tommie Pierson, Sr.**



**BIO:** Tommie Pierson, Sr. was born January 29, 1946, in Ripley, Tennessee, and currently lives in Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri. He is married to JoAnn and they have three children. Tommie currently represents District 66 in the State House where he has served since 2011. Prior to holding elected office Tommie was an assembly worker for General Motors. **ISSUES:** Advocate of workers' rights, civil rights, and is against Right to Work. Tommie has sponsored or co-sponsored bills relating to term limits, campaign finance, and election laws; sentencing reform, crime, sex offenders, juvenile justice, and domestic violence; discriminatory hiring and employment practices; consumer credit reform; juvenile health and other health- and insurance-related issues; property taxes for seniors and other tax reforms; the environment; economic development; and agriculture.<sup>8</sup> See Legislative Vote Charts, this issue.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.piersonformissouri.com/>

**Republican**

**Arnie C. Dienhoff**



**BIO:** Arnie Dienhoff is single and lives in Bellefontaine, Missouri. He has a BA in Business Administration and has served on the Board of Alderman for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

**ISSUES:** No website could be found for Arnie's campaign but you can find out more through social media on his *Twitter* feed.

<https://twitter.com/arniedienhoff>



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Mike Parson



BIO: Mike Parson was born on September 17, 1956, in Clinton, Missouri. He is married to Teresa, and they have two children. Mike served in the United States Army and as the Sheriff of Polk County. He has also been a business owner and is a third generation farmer. ISSUES: Opposes embryonic stem cell research. In 2011 Mike signed the "no new tax pledge" for Missouri; Supports requiring ride-sharing companies to have comprehensive insurance plans; Pro-life; Pro Second Amendment; Opposes Obamacare. Endorsed by Missouri Cattleman's Association and Missouri Right to Life PAC

WEBSITE: No campaign website found

Bev Randles



BIO: Bev Randles is from Sikeston, Missouri. She currently lives in Kansas City with her husband Bill and son. Bev has a BA in English from Murray State University and received her JD from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1999. She is currently a Partner at Randles and Splittgerber, LLP. She has been Chairman of Missouri Club for Growth since 2010. She serves on a Youth Ministry Teaching Staff at her church. ISSUES: Supports Right to Work; Supports loser pays tort reform; Wants to reduce state income tax; opposes Common Core and supports school choice; Supports Pro-Life legislation to reduce abortions; Pro-Second Amendment. Endorsed by Missouri Right to Life PAC

WEBSITE: http://www.bevforlg.com/

Libertarian

Steven Hedrick



BIO: Steven Hedrick was born November 25, 1980, in Independence, Missouri. His campaign website at http://www.votethefuture.com/ takes you to a previous campaign for the U.S. Congress in the Third District. You can find more information about Steven at this location.

~~~ ATTORNEY GENERAL ~~~

The Attorney General serves as the chief legal officer of the state. The Attorney General is mandated by our constitution and elected by the people of Missouri. The Attorney General's office represents and provides legal advice to most state agencies; enforces consumer protection and civil rights laws; and prosecutes criminals charged with complex financial crimes and certain conspiracies involving illegal drugs.

Democratic

Teresa Hensley



BIO: Teresa Hensley was born February 5, 1959, in Neodesha, Kansas, and currently resides in Raymore, Missouri, with her husband Kenneth and son. She is Christian (Methodist). In 1981 she received her BA in History from William Jewell College. In 1991 she received her JD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She has served as Alderman for the City of Raymore in 1988 and worked as Cass County Prosecutor from 2005-2014. ISSUES: "As a former prosecutor, I saw the pain and the devastation families experience when they're the victims of violent crime. I saw parents who lost children to drunk drivers, and children who lost their innocence to abuse. But I also saw the power of justice in action. I saw people begin to put their lives back together after justice was served in a court of law. That's why I'm running. I have a unique understanding of the power and importance of the Office of the Attorney General. As the state's top prosecutor, I will seek justice with honesty and integrity for Missouri's families." - Source: campaign website accessed June 28, 2016.

WEBSITE: http://www.teresahensley.com/

Jake Zimmerman



BIO: Jake Zimmerman was born July 5, 1974, in St. Louis, Missouri. He resides in Olivette, Missouri, with his wife Megan and son. Jake graduated from Claremont McKenna College in 1996 and received his JD at Harvard Law School in 2000. He served as Missouri State Representative from 2006-2011 and is currently the St. Louis County Assessor. Jake is Jewish and is a member of the B'nai Amoona Congregation. ISSUES: Advocate for consumer protection, crime victims, and taxpayers. Want to freeze property tax payments for senior citizens and protect consumers from unfair practices; and supports ethics reform. Endorsements/Ratings 100% NARAL; 100% MO Progressive Vote Coalition on Abortion; Education,



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Affirmative Action, Environment, Health Insurance, Labor and being Liberal; 75% MO Chamber of Commerce.

WEBSITE: <http://www.jakezimmerman.org/welcome.php>

Republican

Josh Hawley



BIO: Josh Hawley is married and has two children. He received his AB in history from Stanford University in 2002 and his JD from Yale Law School in 2006. He served as a Judicial Clerk in the Court of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court from 2007-2008. He has worked as an attorney from 2008 to 2011 and an associate professor of law at the University of Missouri, School of Law. In the U.S. Supreme Court decision on *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* in 2014, “Hawley was instrumental to obtaining the landmark victory that protects the religious liberty of all Americans”¹⁰ **ISSUES:** Supports Ethics Reform in Jefferson City that will include the AGs office; Pro Second Amendment; Pro-life; Protect Missouri farmers by stopping Obama’s “Clean Power Plan” in court; Opposes the EPA’s WOTUS rule; Fix the illegal immigration problem and border security problems; Stop frivolous lawsuits with Tort Reform; Defend Religious liberty and continue to push back on Obamacare. **Endorsed** by Missouri Right to Life PAC, Citizens United, Governor Bobby Jindal, Senator Rick Santorum, Attorney General Ed Meese.

WEBSITE: <http://joshhawley.com>

Kurt Schaefer



BIO: Kurt Schaefer is married to Stacia and they have three children. He was born in St. Louis and lives in Columbia, Missouri. Kurt has a BA in Geography from the University of Missouri (1990); an MA in Environmental Law and JD from Vermont Law School (1995). He has served in the Missouri Senate from 2008 to the present and is a partner at the law firm of Lathrop & Gage. Kurt is a former Assistant Attorney General, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, the former General Counsel and Deputy Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Special Counsel to the Governor, and Special Counsel to the Missouri Department of Agriculture. He is a deacon at the First Christian Church.¹¹ **ISSUES:** Defunding Planned Parenthood; Pro Life; Pro Second Amendment; Opposes Common Core and Obamacare; The Missouri Alliance for Freedom awarded Kurt Schaefer the highest grade given to any Missouri State Senator for the 2015 legislative session

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for his consistently conservative votes. **Endorsements/Ratings** Missouri Right to Life PAC; MO Park Association; MO Troopers Association; 0% NARAL; Sierra Club; 13% MO Progressive Vote Coalition on Education, Affirmative Action, Environment, Health Insurance, Labor, and being Liberal. 82% MO Chamber of Commerce; 80% American Conservative Union.

WEBSITE: <http://www.schaeferformissouri.com/>

~~~ **SECRETARY OF STATE** ~~~

**Democratic**

**MD Rabbi Alam**



**BIO:** MD Rabbi Alam was born November 30, 1974, in Khulna, Bangladesh. He and his wife Afroza have two children. He is Muslim. MD has a Bachelors degree in Biology (1996) and a BA in Political Science from Bangladesh National University (1997), and three master’s degrees. MD served as a sergeant (NCO) in the U.S. Army from 200-2006. In 2010, he ran for the Missouri State House and in 2012 he was a candidate for Missouri Secretary of State. He has worked as a campaign manager for the Democratic Party and for Obama’s presidential campaign.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.mdalam.org>

**Robin Smith**



**BIO:** Robin Smith is married to Isaac and is known primarily for her nearly four decades of work as a news anchor with *NBC*, *ABC*, and *CBS*. Currently she is a licensed real estate broker and has never run for political office before now. In 1975 she received her BA in Communication Arts from Lindenwood College and has an EMIB from the St. Louis University School of Business Administration. Robin has an extensive career in media, received many awards for her work, and has served as a trustee for St. Louis University.<sup>12</sup> Other than her statement on her website that she is “not a career politician” there is no reference to the campaign or where she stands on particular issues.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.withrobinsmith.com/>

**Bill Clinton Young**

**BIO:** Bill Clinton Young has been a candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives three times and has run for U.S. Senate without success. There is no campaign website that





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could be found for further details about his campaign.

WEBSITE: No campaign website found for Bill Clinton Young.



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against unborn babies, I witnessed that by uniting people we can achieved great things when WE come together around our shared values.”<sup>18</sup>

WEBSITE: No campaign website found

Republican

John (Jay) Ashcroft



BIO: John (Jay) Ashcroft was born in Jefferson City, Missouri. He resides with his wife Katie and their four children in St. Louis County. Jay is the son of John Ashcroft, former U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Senator, and Governor of Missouri.

He received a BS and MS in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla and a JD from St. Louis University School of Law. He ran for Missouri State Senate in 2014, but has held no elected office. Currently he is an associate with The Ashcroft Law Firm LLC. “Overly complicated procedures, expensive fees, and poor service from the Secretary of State’s staff can cause a burgeoning business to fail before it even gets started.”<sup>14</sup> ISSUES: Supports Voter ID; Supports small business and entrepreneurs for economic growth in Missouri. As Secretary of State he wants to streamline procedures, cut red-tape, reduce fees and improve training for first time businesses.<sup>15</sup> Jay wants to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Secretary of State’s Office by improving technology, streamlining procedures, and eliminating waste.<sup>16</sup> He pledges fair ballot language, secure elections, and making voter identification a priority.<sup>17</sup> Endorsements/Ratings Eagle Forum, MO Right to Life PAC.

WEBSITE: <http://ashcroftformissouri.com/>

Roi Chinn

BIO: Roi Chinn has a BA in Economics from Rockhurst University (2001), an MBA in Accounting, and an MPA in Public Policy Analysis from Wayne State University (2011). He previously ran for Michigan State Senate in 2010. He works as an educator for Kelly Educational Staffing.



No campaign website for Roi was found, but his campaign does have a social media presence on *LinkedIn* and *Facebook*. ISSUES: “I have seen what’s possible when government works hand-in-hand with people of every background and from every neighborhood. Whether we were leading the fight for women & kids, protecting gun rights, eliminating obstacles for small business, marriage, and ending the discrimination

Will Kraus



BIO: Will Kraus was born in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on March 22, 1973, and lives in Lee’s Summit with his wife and two children. He is Christian, attends First Baptist Church, and serves on the Board of Directors of a faith-based charity called Hope Network. Will received a BS in Business Administration from Central Missouri State University in 1997 and graduated from Flight School in 1999 as a Chinook Helicopter Pilot. He served in the U.S. Army and is currently a member of the Missouri National Guard. Kraus served as a Missouri State Representative from 2004-2010 and currently serves in the Missouri Senate (2010-present).

ISSUES: Sponsored and passed income tax rate cut in Missouri; supported anti-bullying legislation; sponsored legislation to make it more difficult for employees fired for misconduct to receive unemployment benefits; supports adding cell phones to Missouri’s No Call list; Supports securing military members’ voting rights; Pro Second Amendment “What can we do to try to reduce the burden on businesses so they can spend more time and focus on doing what their business does,” asks Kraus. “If we can do that, businesses are going to be more successful and in turn we’ll grow and create more jobs.”<sup>13</sup> Endorsements/Ratings

MO Right to Life PAC, Missouri Cattleman Association

WEBSITE: <http://www.willkraus.com/>

Libertarian

Chris Morrill



BIO: Chris Morill was born in Cape Girardeau on April 21, 1972, and currently lives in St. Louis. He is single. Chris is Roman Catholic. He received a BS in Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1994. He has run for Missouri Senate in 2004 and has been a committee member for both the Republican (1992-1994) and Libertarian Party (2000-2002). Chris is a certified insurance fraud investigator and fraud examiner who currently works as a special investigative unit analyst for Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. ISSUES: Chris wants to merge the Secretary of State’s Office with the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration (DIFP).<sup>19</sup> Regarding voter ID:



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“(So) our primary duty should be to make voting as easy as possible, while protecting against the rare instance of fraud.<sup>20</sup> He is opposed to strengthening voter identification laws, but would make investigation of voter fraud a high priority. Chris also favors optical scan ballots over electronic ballots and would encourage recycling in order to be environmentally friendly.

**WEBSITE:** <http://vote.chrismorrill.com/>

~~~ **STATE TREASURER** ~~~

Democratic



Judy Baker

BIO: Judy Baker was born April 10, 1960, in Columbia, Missouri, where she currently lives with her husband. She has three children and is Christian. Received a BS in educational psychology in 1981 and a Masters of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986. In 2002, she earned an MA in Health Administration at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Has previously served as a State Representative. She has also been a CEO, adjunct professor, director of operations, and corporate president throughout her career. She is currently a small business owner and Senior Fellow with the innovation accelerator, eRepublic and the Governing Institute.²³ **ISSUES:** Wants to increase accountability by making it easier for Missouri taxpayers to know how money is being spent with a Searchable Annual Report Card. Supports a Sustainable Family Farm Program, Renewable Energy Incentives, and Prison to Re-entry Savings Accounts.²⁴ “Returning funds to their proper owner is a simple and meaningful investment in the financial health of our state and I’ll work to find new ways to help Missourians regain their unclaimed property.”²⁵

WEBSITE: www.showmebaker.com

Pat Contreras

BIO: Pat Contreras is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He received his BSBA in Economics/International Business from St. Louis University in 2004 and an MPA in Public/Economic Policy from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in 2008. He has no prior political experience but has served as a commissioned U.S. Foreign Service Officer during the Bush and Obama administrations. Pat worked at the Missouri Department of Economic Development



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from 2002-2003 and was a research associate with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 2005. He is currently a partner at Truman National Security Project. “My work has always been about fighting for the most vulnerable among us – our working families, seniors, students, veterans and the differently abled – making the Treasurer’s office a tool to fight for all of Missouri, for the good of Missouri.”²¹ **ISSUES:** Bolster college savings plans and expand disability savings plans; raise the minimum wage; give students a voice; fight economic discrimination against LGBTQ Missourians; eliminate gender discrimination; strengthen unions; support farmers, small businesses, and veterans.²²

WEBSITE: <http://patcontreras.org>

Republican

Eric Schmitt (Unopposed in August primary)

BIO: Eric Schmitt is from St. Louis County and currently lives in Glendale, Missouri, with his wife Jaime and three children. He has a BA from Truman University and a JD from St. Louis University School of Law (2000). Eric began his political career as an alderman in Glendale before being elected to the Missouri Senate in 2008. He is currently the Majority Caucus Chair. He is also a partner in Lathrop & Gage LLP. Eric sponsored legislation reducing small business tax burden and end the “corporate franchise tax” in Missouri. **ISSUES:** Opposed Missouri’s “corporate franchise tax”; sponsored Autism Insurance Reform; Reformed the St. Louis property tax assessment process; Created the MO HealthNet (Medicaid) Data Transparency Program; Supports local school districts getting their fair share of funding and promotes equitable treatment; Wants a balanced state budget with additional spending for K-12 transportation funding and public higher education. Eric supports efforts to consolidate state agencies and reduce the size and scope of state government.²⁶

Endorsed by Missouri Right to Life PAC

WEBSITE: <http://www.schmittformissouri.com/>



Libertarian

Sean O’Toole (Unopposed in August primary)

BIO: Sean O’Toole was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 8, 1961, and currently lives in Kansas City with his wife Cisse. He has a BA in Finance from Hamline University (1983). Sean has previously been a candidate for the Missouri State House





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of Representatives (2010), the Missouri State Senate (2012), and the Missouri State Auditor (2014). He is a principal with HedgeLogic, LLC. **ISSUES:** Restore local control of schools; supports "Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail" and spot audit of elections; supports eliminating the Lt. Governor position; abolish labor laws and allow parties to freely enter into contracts; eliminate mandatory sentencing and restore Second Amendment rights; opposes the "Real ID Act" establishing a *de facto* national ID card; end eminent domain seizures of private property for private developers; and is in favor of repealing the state income tax provision of the Missouri Constitution.

WEBSITE: <http://otoole4mo.com/>

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Cori Bush

**BIO:** Cori Bush is from St. Louis, Missouri, and has two children. An ordained pastor, activist and organizer with Michael Brown Sr.'s Chosen for Change Foundation, she is forming a new Ferguson/St. Louis chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In 2015 she received the

Woman of Courage Award from the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation. Cori is a registered nurse and works with several mental health facilities in the City of St. Louis.

**ISSUES:** Supports a federal minimum wage of \$15/hour; expanding Medicaid; fair policing and criminal justice reform; reversing *Citizens United*; and passing reasonable immigration legislation.<sup>28</sup>

**WEBSITE:** <http://coribush.com/>

Chief Wana Dubie

**BIO:** Chief Wana Dubie was born in Flint, Michigan, on November 1, 1958, and currently lives in Salem, Missouri. He has run for office four times including once for president in 1992. For more information on this candidate you can find him on *Facebook*.<sup>27</sup>



**WEBSITE:** No campaign website found

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Jason Kander



**BIO:** Jason Kander was born May 4, 1981, in Kansas City, Missouri, and currently lives in Columbia, Missouri, with his wife Diana and one child. Jason is Jewish. He received a BA in Political Science from American University in 2002 and a JD from Georgetown Law School in 2005. Currently the Missouri Secretary of State. Prior to this office, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army. He also served one term as State Representative in the Missouri House from 2008-2012. He is an attorney with the Barnes Law Firm. Worked to help balance Missouri's budget and strengthen human trafficking law while in the House. **ISSUES:** Supports small business owners by reducing bureaucracy and red tape; Pushed through his "Startups for Soldiers" Act, which waived all business start-up fees for members of the National Guard and active duty military members returning to Missouri. He wants to expand health care coverage in Missouri. "(Jason) understands that climate change is a real consequence of human activity and we have a moral obligation to address this challenge. That means reducing carbon pollution and accelerating our transition to clean energy, not only to protect our planet, but also to ensure our national security."<sup>29</sup>

He is for police body cameras and increases community policing in support of "Black Lives Matter." He is opposed to voter photo ID requirements. "Systems of racial bias and prejudice continue to adversely affect predominately Black communities in Missouri and across the nation,"<sup>30</sup>

**Endorsements/Ratings**  
**Endorsement(s) and Ratings:** Kander has been endorsed by VoteVets.org. He received a 100% rating from NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (2014) and 25% from Missouri Right to Life (2012).<sup>31</sup>

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.jasonkander.com/>

Robert Mack

**BIO:** Robert Mack is from St. Louis, Missouri. He has no website that was found or any social media presence. **ISSUES:** Unknown.

**WEBSITE:** No official campaign website found







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Republican

**Roy Blunt (Incumbent)**



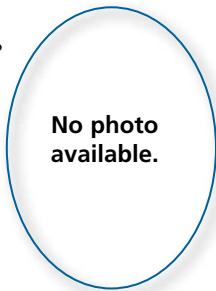
**BIO:** Roy Blunt was born in Niangua, Missouri, on January 10, 1950. He currently lives in Stafford, Missouri, with his wife Abigail. They have four children and six grandchildren. Roy is Christian (Baptist). Roy received his BA in History from Southwest Baptist University (1970) and his MA in History and Government from Missouri State University (1972). He began his political career as Clerk in Greene County in 1972 and has served as Representative in the U.S. House from 1996-2010. He is currently a Missouri Senator in the United States Senate. **ISSUES:** Wants to stop government overreach and reduce regulations and transparency in Washington; Improve economy and job opportunity by streamlining regulations, promoting American energy, increasing tax fairness and equity, and reviving American infrastructure. He is against Obamacare and wants it repealed and replaced. Is pro-life and for women's health programs that do not include Planned Parenthood services. He is pro Second Amendment protections including concealed carry and the Freedom from Intrusive Regulatory Enforcement of Arbitrary Registration Mandates. Roy is in favor of enforcing our immigration laws and strengthening our border.<sup>32</sup> **Endorsements/Ratings** **Endorsements and Ratings:** Blunt has been endorsed by the Air Line Pilots Association International, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, and Missouri Right to Life. He received a 0% rating from NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) and a 100% rating from National Right to Life Committee (2015).<sup>33</sup>

**WEBSITES:** <https://www.royblunt.com/> and <http://blunt.senate.gov/>

**Ryan D. Luethy**

**BIO:** Ryan D. Luethy lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and has a BBA in Administration from Evangel University (2007). He has no known campaign website, but has a page on *LinkedIn* where he is shown as a Financial Associate with Thrivenet Financial until May 2016.<sup>37</sup>

**WEBSITE:** No official campaign website found



**Kristi Nichols**

**BIO:** Kristi Nichols is from Independence, Missouri where she lives with her husband David. She ran for the U.S. Senate from Missouri in 2010. **ISSUES:** From her website, "I pledge ... to uphold and enforce the Constitution, to secure our borders and

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win the war on terror, to protect the sanctity of life and defund Planned Parenthood, to stop Common Core and return power back to the states, to protect traditional marriage & family values."<sup>34</sup> Kristi supports Constitutional and campus carry for firearms; a Fair Tax plan to simplify the tax code; and repeal and replace with free market solutions including open state borders and HSAs.<sup>35</sup>

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.kristinichols414.com/>

**Bernie Mowinski**



**BIO:** Bernard "Bernie" Mowinski is from Chicago, Illinois, and lives in Sunrise Beach, Missouri. He has run for office on six different occasions between 1998 and 2014. He has run for the Missouri State House of Representatives four times and twice he has run for Missouri State Senate. Bernie is a retired U.S. Army. He has no known website but you can find more information about him on his *Facebook* page.<sup>36</sup>

**WEBSITE:** No official campaign website found

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**Jonathan Dine**



**BIO:** Jonathan Dine lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and works as a personal trainer at Results Training & Nutrition. He has no known campaign website, but is found on *Facebook*.<sup>38</sup>

**WEBSITE:** No official campaign website found



**Fred Ryman**

**BIO:** Fred Ryman grew up in Texas and now lives in Jefferson City, Missouri. He is currently an assistant manager of a furniture store in Columbia. He has a BS in Mathematics from Texas A&M University and a BA in Theology from Howard Payne.

**ISSUES:** From Fred's website: "I've been a business owner, an employee, and a manager. I've been a minister and a layman. I've been a performer on stage and a fan in the audience. I have been a student and a teacher, a coach and an athlete. I have worked briefly in numerous other fields. I am the father of five and the grandfather of six. I am the face of middle America, and I now feel compelled to give a



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real voice to middle America! I humbly ask for the responsibility and honor of being a voice for the State of Missouri in D.C.”<sup>40</sup>

WEBSITE: <http://www.voteforfred.org/>

Herschel L. Young

BIO: Herschel Young lives in Harrisonville, Missouri, with his wife. He has run for the U.S. House of Representatives twice; once in 2012 and again in 2014. He has no known campaign website but does have a Facebook profile.<sup>39</sup>



WEBSITE: No official campaign website found



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