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District 1

***Jeff Farnan (R):** Representative Jeff Farnan, a Republican, represents Atchison, Gentry, Holt and Nodaway counties (District 1) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his service in the legislature, Farnan is a cattle farmer. Previously he worked as an optician for 35 years. Farnan also has served as a member and president of the Jefferson C-123 School Board.

Farnan is a graduate of South Nodaway High School.

Born and raised in Nodaway County, Farnan now resides near the Conception Abbey with his wife, Joan. They have five sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandsons.

Michelle Horner (D): Michelle Horner is a resident of Gentry County, Missouri, where she resides on a farm in King City with her husband and children. With a background as a former insurance agent and a fervent dedication to conservative values, Michelle has emerged as a prominent voice in the political landscape of her community.

Throughout her life as a Missourian, Michelle has been deeply involved in Republican campaigns, tirelessly advocating for the principles she holds dear. Her passion for safeguarding election integrity, combating the spread of Critical Race Theory, and staunchly opposing the inflationary policies of the Biden-Pelosi administration drives her activism.

In addition to her political endeavors, Michelle has been a steadfast champion against local mandates pertaining to the coronavirus, advocating for individual freedoms and personal responsibility.

District 2

***Mazie Christensen (R):** Representative Mazie Christensen, a Republican, represents Worth, Caldwell, Daviess, Grundy, and Harrison counties (District 2) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her legislative duties, Christensen works as a business manager for a non-profit. Prior to being elected, Christensen served in the White House as an executive assistant to the Director of Presidential Personnel John McEntee under the Trump administration, as well as a war room analyst for Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. She also worked as an intern for U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, and a communications assistant for the Congressional Office of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene.

A 2017 graduate of St. Joseph Christian School, Christensen received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Missouri Western State University in 2020.

Christensen is a North Missouri native and comes from a long history of family farmers. She can trace her roots back to the Old West outlaw and gunslinger, John Wesley Hardin.

Born in St. Joseph, Christensen now resides in Bethany with her husband, Cole. She attends First Baptist Church in Stewartsville.

District 3

***Danny Busick (R):** Representative Danny Busick, a Republican, represents the counties of Sullivan, Mercer, Putnam and the western part of Adair (District 3) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Busick is the owner of Jim's Radio & TV, which was founded by his father in 1956. He also served as an associate commissioner for Sullivan County for 14 years.

He attended Central Christian College of the Bible and is an elder of the Newtown Christian Church. Busick served as minister of Glenwood Christian Church for 25 years and as minister of Humphreys Christian Church for 20 years.

Busick resides in Newtown with his wife, Sandy. They have 8 children, and have also served as foster parents. Busick's great grandfather, Paul Purdy, served as a State Representative for Sullivan County from 1905-1908.

District 4

***Greg Sharpe (R):** Representative Greg Sharpe, a Republican, represents the following counties in the Missouri House of Representatives: Lewis, Clark, Knox, Scotland, Schuyler, and part of Adair (District 4). He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Sharpe has over 30 years of experience in farming and business management. He farms 800 acres of corn and soybeans on his family farm, and has owned and operated a seed dealership since 1983.

Sharpe is an active member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church as well as the Knights of Columbus. He serves on the Board of Directors of MO Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow, the Advisory Board of Greenley Research Center (University of Missouri), and the Board of Directors of Ewing Community Senior Housing. Sharpe served for 15 years on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Soybean Association, including a term as president. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the US Soybean Export Council.

Sharpe is a 1974 graduate of Lewis County R-1 High School. He graduated from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) in 1978 with a B.S. in General Agriculture.

Born in Quincy, Illinois, Sharpe has lived in Lewis County for over 50 years. He currently resides in Ewing with his wife, Theresa. He has two children, Michael and Megan.

Melissa Jo Vilorio (D): Melissa Jo Vilorio is a passionate advocate for reproductive freedom and public education. Born in the city of Honolulu, Hawaii, Melissa brings a unique perspective to her advocacy work, rooted in her diverse background and experiences.

Melissa's academic journey led her to Missouri State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in 2000 and her career experience includes working as a project coordinator.

District 5

***Louis Riggs (R):** Representative Louis Riggs, a Republican, represents Marion and Ralls counties (District 5) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Riggs served as an educator at Hannibal-LaGrange University for more than 14 years and now teaches at Culver Stockton College. He is also an attorney and Eagle Scout.

He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Missouri Rural Development Partners and is a past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Humanities Council, a past president of Missouri Community Betterment, and a past president of Hannibal Nutrition Center and Hannibal Free Clinic. He is a past president and co-founder of the Northeast Missouri Conservative Club and serves as a member of the City of Hannibal Mark Twain Home Board. Riggs has also been named to the University of Missouri Extension Leaders Honor Roll for his service to the Marion County Extension Council.

A graduate of Hannibal High School, Riggs obtained a bachelor's degree in English from Westminster College and a juris doctorate from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law.

Born and raised in Hannibal, Riggs resides there today with his family.

District 6

***Ed Lewis (R):** Representative Ed Lewis, a Republican, represents Randolph, Macon and Linn Counties (District 6) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Lewis worked as a high school educator for 32 years in Vandalia and Moberly teaching chemistry and physics. Rep. Lewis has also been a part-time instructor for 25 years at Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly.

Born in Savannah, Missouri, Lewis attended Central High School in St. Joseph before obtaining a bachelor's degree in Education from Mizzou. He completed a master's degree in chemistry from Pittsburg State University.

Lewis lives in Moberly with his wife, Sarah. They have four children and three grandchildren and are members of the Timber Lake Christian Church.

John Akins (D): No bio found.

District 7

***Peggy McGaugh (R):** Representative Peggy McGaugh, a Republican, represents Carroll, Linn, Livingston, and part of Ray counties, proudly serving the 7th District in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Representative McGaugh had the distinct honor of serving nearly six four-year terms as Carroll County Clerk until winning a special election in February of 2018, for Missouri House District 39, as successor to her son, Judge Joe Don McGaugh.

She has served a total of 32 years in the Carroll County Clerk's office; is the former Treasurer of the Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities; served as the President of the statewide organization, Missouri Association of Counties in 2009, representing all County elected officials of the State; and serves as the Vice President of the Missouri Public Entities Labor Relations Association.

Representative McGaugh was previously a member of the Secretary of State's voter integrity task force and decided to make the transition from the county government to the state government so that she could advocate for free and fair elections. Additionally, she wants greater economic development for rural communities and to increase the number of jobs in those areas.

She and her husband, David, have made rural Carroll County their home since 1979. They are parents of two children, son, Judge Joe Don McGaugh and his wife, Kassie (Long) McGaugh, and daughter, Jocelyn (McGaugh) Blue and her husband, Eric Blue of Kansas City. Peggy and her husband have three grandchildren, Nora Kate, Vivian, and Gemma.

Terrence Fiala (D): Terrence Fiala, a candidate for Missouri State Representative in House District 6, hails from Marceline, MO, where he was born and raised. Graduating from Marceline R-V High School, Terrence continued his education at Moberly Area Community College in Moberly, MO, and later at Columbia College in Columbia, MO.

Inspired by his grandfather, Archie West, who dedicated years of service to the City of Marceline, Terrence learned the value of public service and altruism. Guided by the principle of striving to be a better human and embracing a broader perspective, Terrence's campaign resonates with the simple yet powerful motto, "be better."

In 2010, Terrence's commitment to community involvement led to his appointment as Marceline Ward 4 Committeeman for the Linn County Democrats Central Committee. He actively participated in the Linn County Democratic Club and volunteered in state representative races within the district. Later, he assumed the role of Deputy Assessor with the Linn County Assessor's Office.

Transitioning from his role in the assessor's office, Terrence joined Chris Koster's Gubernatorial Campaign in 2016. Through this experience, he gained insight into the common desires that unite individuals, despite apparent differences and divisions.

Returning to Marceline in 2020 with a renewed sense of purpose, Terrence ran for the Missouri House of Representatives, driven by a desire to serve his community. Although his initial campaign was not successful, he continued his dedication to public service by accepting a position with the Linn County Prosecutor's Office. Here, he worked alongside dedicated individuals, led by former Linn County Prosecuting Attorney Shiante McMahan, who embodied truth and integrity in their work.

To the citizens of the 7th District, Terrence pledges to lead with honesty, integrity, humility, empathy, and fortitude, embodying the values of true public service.

District 8

***Josh Hurlbert (R):** Representative Josh Hurlbert, a Republican, represents parts of Clay and Clinton counties (District 8), in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Hurlbert has worked in politics since graduating from college, serving as Senior Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Sam Graves since 2009. During that time, he has been recognized several times, having been named the 2012 Clay County Republican Man of the Year, and has served as the president of the Smithville Rotary Club, which honored him with the Paul Harris Fellowship in 2019. He served as an Alderman for the city of Smithville from 2018 – 20.

Hurlbert was homeschooled for his primary education and received his Bachelors in History and Geography from Park University in May 2008.

Born in Smithville, Missouri, in 1986, Hurlbert currently resides in Smithville with his wife, Ashley Hurlbert. They attend The Table: A Christian Fellowship, where Hurlbert serves as an elder, and have three children, Rose, J.J., and Rebekah Hurlbert.

Sandy Van Wagner (D): Sandy was born in Independence, Missouri and currently lives in Parkville. She is married with two children.

Sandy's journey into public service began with her education, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Southeast Missouri State University. Throughout her career, Sandy has held various leadership positions, including serving as the President of the Missouri Nurses Association and the Missouri Nurses Foundation.

In addition to her work in healthcare, Sandy has been actively involved in education, serving as a member of the Jackson R-2 School Board from 2007 to present. She also served as both a substitute teacher and science teacher for the Parkville School District from 1980 to present.

District 9

***Dean A VanSchoiack (R):** Representative Dean Van Schoiack, a Republican, represents Andrew, DeKalb, and part of Clinton counties (District 9) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Van Schoiack is a farmer, auctioneer and real estate broker.

Born in St. Joseph, Van Schoiack attended Savannah RIII High School and college at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He holds a degree in speech and communication.

Van Schoiack resides in Savannah with his wife, Mary Ann. They have two children.

District 10

***Bill Falkner (R):** Representative Bill Falkner, a Republican, represents part of Buchanan County (District 10) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018 and re-elected in 2020 and 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Falkner is a plumbing consultant. Previously, he owned and operated Falkner Plumbing for more than 30 years. He served as the mayor of St. Joseph for 8 years from 2010 – 2018, and also served as a councilman on the St. Joseph City Council. Falkner has served on the Missouri Municipal League Board of Directors.

Falkner and his wife attend Grace Evangelical Church.

A graduate of Benton High School, Falkner attended Missouri Western State University. In 2015, he received the Herb '35 and Peggy Iffert Award for Outstanding Service in recognition of his continued commitment to Missouri Western State University.

A lifelong resident of St. Joseph, Falkner currently resides there with his wife, Renee. They have three children and numerous grandchildren.

Andrew Gibson (D): Andrew Gibson, a dedicated father and husband, is committed to serving the people of House District 10 and the broader community of Missouri. With a deep sense of pride in his family and a strong belief in the power of collaboration, Andrew's campaign is driven by a desire to provide constituents with meaningful choices and opportunities.

Recognizing that the well-being of Missouri is intertwined with the prosperity of its citizens, Andrew emphasizes the importance of funding public schools, empowering the workforce, and enhancing community safety. With a vision of a stronger and more inclusive society, he advocates for policies that prioritize the needs and aspirations of all residents, working tirelessly to build a brighter future for generations to come.

District 11

***Brenda Shields (R):** Representative Brenda Kay Shields, a Republican, represents part of Buchanan County (District 11) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Shields worked for Quaker Oats Company in St. Joseph for more than 17 years, culminating in the role of logistics specialist. After closure of the St. Joseph Quaker Oats facility, she followed her passion for service and entered Missouri's Alternative Teacher Certification program teaching business education in the St. Joseph School District. In

2006, she was selected by the community board to serve as the president and CEO of the United Way of Greater St. Joseph.

Shields' commitment to community and service shows through her service on several boards and commissions, including board chair for the United Cerebral Palsy, board member for the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, board member for the Allied Arts Council and board member of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City. She served as Mid-Buchanan PTA president, on the Commerce Bank CRA Advisory Board, Girl Scouts Leadership Circle and Boy Scouts Troop 216 committee. Her service to Missouri includes serving on the Governor's Complete Counts Census Committee and Missouri's Coordination Board for Early Childhood Education.

Shields is a graduate of the University of Missouri – Columbia and lives in rural Buchanan County with her husband, Charlie. They have two sons.

District 12

Mike Jones (R): Mike Jones is an Air Force veteran and a lifelong citizen of Platte County, MO. A proud husband, father, and grandfather, he understands the importance of implementing tax reform during these times of rapid inflation to help families struggling to make ends meet. As a small business owner, Mike is ready to roll up his sleeves and get the hard work done in our state capitol. From fully funding first responders to ensuring our students thrive, Mike is on a mission to create solutions, not division, for Platte County.

***Jamie J. Johnson (D):** Representative Jamie Johnson, a Democrat, represents part of Platte County (District 12) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to her service with the legislature, Johnson was a human resources professional at a large Midwest regional financial services organization.

Johnson grew up in a military family with her father serving in the Army and 11 other members of her family now being retired from military service.

She holds degrees in Urban Planning and Design and Organizational Development Psychology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Avila University. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Born in Los Angeles, Johnson has made her home in the Northland for the last 17 years after her family was displaced from New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina. She is the first black person to represent Platte County in the legislature. She lives there with her three children.

District 13

***Sean Pouche (R):** Representative Sean Pouche, a Republican, represents part of Buchanan and Platte counties (District 13) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Pouche grew up in Platte County and attended Rockhurst High School in Kansas City. He received a congressional appointment to the US. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point) New York, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve. In 2010, Pouche was mobilized to Iraq where he served as advisor to U.S. and NATO commanders in Baghdad.

In addition to his legislative duties, Pouche works in the family business (Platte Rental & Supply, Parkville) and is a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Pouche is a member of St. Therese Catholic Parish-Parkville, Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. He has two children; Joclyn and Will.

Andrea Denning (D): Andrea Denning is a sixth-generation Missourian who was born and raised in Kansas City. Her parents were heavily involved in Jackson County politics which is probably the reason for her political ambitions. Having worked on several campaigns, including her mother's bid for City Council, her dad's run for US Congress, and Dick Berkley's second run for Mayor, among several others, it seemed natural for her to go all-in.

Andrea is married to Ken Denning and has two wonderful boys who graduated from Platte County High School. All through their youth, she was active in the community and volunteered at the school, and led the boys through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Her eldest son achieved Eagle Scout. They have lived in Platte County since 1994.

Andrea is a business owner, operating a stained glass studio in Platte City. She designs new windows, removes and restores old windows, and installs them as well. She teaches classes and sells supplies in the studio too.

Her community involvement includes the Platte City Chamber of Commerce, and the Platte City Friends of the Arts serving as Vice President 2022- 2023. Andrea also sits on the board of the Stained Glass Association of America.

She has been and is an active member of the community and her devotion to service runs deep.

District 14

Frank Pendleton (R): Frank Pendleton, a distinguished scientist, educator, and community leader, has officially announced his candidacy for the Missouri House of Representatives, focusing on the key issues of public safety, education, and economic development. Fueled by a lifelong commitment to the Northland, Pendleton brings a pragmatic, data-driven approach, aiming to bridge the gap with solutions that rise above partisan politics. Currently, he is the only Republican (and only candidate) filed to run against Democratic incumbent, Rep. Ashley Aune, in MO House District 14.

In a political climate rife with division and extremism, Pendleton's campaign is a refreshing return to commonsense values, focusing on the issues that truly matter. "Our community deserves representation that prioritizes our safety, our children's education, and the economic

health of our region,” Pendleton stated. “I’m not here to play political games; I’m here to make a real difference, relying on facts and evidence to guide our path forward.”

As a retired principal scientist from MRI Global and a former adjunct professor at Rockhurst University, Pendleton brings a unique perspective to political discourse, because he knows firsthand the importance of informed decision-making based on rigorous analysis and empirical evidence. “In science, we follow the data, even if it doesn’t fit our personal agendas,” Pendleton said. “It’s time we apply the same principle in Jefferson City, looking past our personal biases to fight for policies that will actually make our community better.”

As Election Day approaches this autumn, Pendleton looks forward to engaging with constituents, listening to their concerns, and sharing his vision for a prosperous, safe, and—most importantly—united district. “Let’s chart a course to a brighter future together,” he urges. “The Northland has been under the shadow of hyper-partisan rhetoric for too long. It’s time to restore faith in our state government by listening to constituents over special interests.” Pendleton, a respected civic leader, is involved in a plethora of local organizations, including the Weatherby Lake Environmental Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and as a troop leader for the Boy Scouts of America. Alongside his wife, Leslie, with whom he shares two children and two grandchildren, Pendleton remains active in the community, serving various roles within his church and volunteering in local initiatives.

***Ashley Aune (D):** Representative Ashley Aune, a Democrat, represents parts of Platte County (District 14) in the Missouri House of Representatives including Kansas City, Weatherby Lake, and Lake Waukomis.

Aune was elected to her first term in 2020 and her second term in 2022, when she was also elected Minority Whip by her colleagues in the Democratic Caucus. She is the Ranking Member on the Emerging Issue committee, and as the Whip, she is an ex-officio member of all committees. During her first term in office, she was appointed by the Governor to the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission where she works with military and civilian leaders across the state to make Missouri the most welcoming place for active duty and retired military members and their families.

Prior to politics, Representative Aune worked in marketing and owned her own agency. She received a bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas with a minor in English.

Born in Colorado and raised in Kansas, Aune now lives in the Kansas City Northland with her husband and stepdaughter.

District 15

Mike Jones (R): “Platte County is my home, and I want it to be represented by someone who reflects our community’s values. I think we deserve better than the extreme tax-and-spend ideology and divisive identity politics to which our current state representative has aligned herself,” said Jones. “Platte County is the fastest growing county in Missouri. We are blessed to have many entrepreneurs, family businesses, and hardworking citizens from a variety of

backgrounds that should be rewarded—not punished by the state—for their efforts to bolster our local economy.”

Jones, an Air Force veteran and local business owner, has underlined economic growth as a cornerstone of his platform. From property tax reform to cutting wasteful spending in the state legislature, ensuring families can afford the ever-rising costs of living should be the chief priority for any state official, according to Jones.

“We are seeing inflation rates that are out of control nationwide. The average price of a home has doubled in just a couple years! A regular trip to the grocery store has become a daunting venture for many. If we are expected to reign in spending and be extra careful to make ends meet, there is absolutely no reason the government shouldn’t be doing the same! Missourians need tax relief, not more frivolous government spending programs that create more problems than they solve.”

Jones has also highlighted family empowerment in education and keeping politics out of the classroom as core concerns for his campaign. He hopes to see more efforts in the state house to defend core constitutional rights and uphold America’s foundational values. He highlights this as the stark difference between himself and the incumbent.

“I believe that our education system should be teaching students how to think, not what to think. Lately, we’ve seen disturbing reports of inappropriate materials and straight-up propaganda being pushed onto our children; I will put a stop to this to protect our youth from radical agendas. Through greater opportunities for families to choose the best options to fit their students’ individual education needs, we can ensure they are equipped with skills for lifelong success. While the far-left democrat representing us in the capitol is more concerned with dividing us into categories that are pitted against one another, I believe the only label that matters is that we are all Americans. We must stop letting ‘woke’ politicians dictate what we are allowed to say and think and get our government back on track to serving We The People.”

Mike is a lifelong Missourian and a longtime District 12 resident; he and his wife, Michelle, reside within the Kansas City limits and are proud parents and grandparents. They attend Antioch Bible Baptist Church and enjoy spending time with their family and exploring all the great activities that Platte County has to offer.

Greg Smith (D): Greg was born in Kansas City and raised in Gladstone. He attended St. Charles Borromeo School and Parish and Oak Park High School where his activities included debate and performing arts. His bachelor's degree in history is from Truman State University where he also studied political science. He has lived nearly his entire life in Gladstone, and now works at Ford Motor Company where he is a proud member of the United Auto Workers Local 249.

Kenneth Jamison (D): Ken Jamison is a proud native of Gladstone, Ken, along with his wife Sierra, four-year-old stepson, and their rescue dog Buddy from the KC Pet Project, calls this community home. They actively engage in the district's family-friendly activities, embodying their commitment to its well-being.

Ken's involvement extends beyond leisure, as he is an active member of various community organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10906, American Legion Post 626, Gladstone Chamber of Commerce, and Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge #2376. Additionally, their family worships at a local Baptist church.

His journey to community leadership began with his education, attending Meadowbrook Elementary School, Antioch Middle School, and Oak Park High School. Excelling academically, Ken graduated magna cum laude from the University of Missouri in 2008, followed by obtaining his law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2016, where he consistently made the dean's list. Today, Ken is the Founder and Owner of The Law Firm of Kenneth L. Jamison, LLC.

Prior to his legal career, Ken served four years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps, reaching the rank of Captain and completing a tour in Afghanistan, where he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his distinguished service.

District 16

***Chris Brown (R):** Representative Chris Brown, a Republican, represents Clay County (District 16) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Brown taught Advanced Placement Government, Politics and United States History for 32 years in the North Kansas City School District. He also coached football and wrestling, and he was the VFW Teacher of the Year in 2010. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Social Studies and a master's degree in Educational Administration from Benedictine College, where he also played football for four years. In addition to teaching, Rep. Brown is a licensed realtor and co-owns a family real-estate business specializing in residential sales and property management.

Born in Kansas City, Brown currently resides there with his wife, Angela. They have two children, Nicholas and Ashley. He attends Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Gloria Young (D): Gloria Young is dedicated to contributing to a more just, equitable, fair, and safer Missouri for all. Gloria's passion for this pursuit is evidenced by her extensive volunteer experience that spans decades. Her involvement includes animal welfare advocacy where she not only volunteered at local shelters but led independent fundraising efforts. She has contributed to efforts aimed at enhancing literacy and nutrition in schools though her passion for education extends beyond the classroom; she has been instrumental in supporting schools to respond effectively to student needs and has been a staunch advocate for justice and academic freedom.

Understanding the critical challenges of housing and food insecurity, she contributed her time and expertise to city-wide initiatives addressing these issues. Her commitment to healthcare accessibility is evident in her work with organizations striving to expand medical care access. Furthermore, Gloria's leadership in grassroots movements for global peace and environmental sustainability has made a significant impact, notably through her involvement in the Northland Community Cleanup initiative, which focuses on improving waste management practices.

Gloria believes deeply in the power of education, justice, and human rights as foundational elements for safer, more inclusive communities. Her anthropological background equips her with a unique perspective on human issues, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and cooperation. As a candidate for state representative, She is dedicated to bringing her extensive volunteer experience, deep-seated values, and willingness to engage with diverse perspectives to the forefront of her campaign, aiming to foster collective solutions to the complex challenges facing Missouri today.

District 17

***Bill Allen (R):** Representative Bill Allen, a Republican, represents part of Clay County (District 17) in the Missouri House of Representatives. District 17 includes the Northland section of Kansas City, Pleasant Valley, Claycomo, Randolph and Birmingham. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022. In an evenly divided district, Allen strives to represent all constituents in an even, fair and respectful manner.

In addition to his service in the legislature, Allen is a Vice Chancellor at a public university. Previously, he served as Professor, Dean and Provost. In the Department of Labor's Job Corps program, Allen led the nation's only JROTC program at the Excelsior Springs Job Corps Center and provided executive-level leadership as Center Director at two campuses (Missouri and North Dakota.)

Prior to Job Corps, Allen proudly served on active duty in the United States Navy for nearly 26 years. He was enlisted for 15 years working from E1 through E7. He earned a commission through Officer Candidate School (OCS) and ultimately retired at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Representative Allen grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, Turner School District, in a single-parent home below the poverty level. At the age of 16, he was sent to a children's home in Arkansas. Issues of poverty, childcare, school breakfast/lunches, school safety and programs to assist underserved communities remain critically important to him.

Active in his community, Allen is a member of the Northland Chamber of Commerce, the East Clay County Rotary Club and is a former President in the Excelsior Springs Rotary Club, as well as a Rotary District Secretary for Northern Missouri. He is a member of Knights of Columbus and the Harley-Davidson Owners Group. Allen plays bass in the classic rock band "Basement Trash," which seeks to raise funds for community projects.

Allen received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He received an MBA from Troy University and a PhD in Management from Capella University.

Allen resides in KCMO with his fun-loving wife, Marta. They have three children. Allen actively attends St. James Catholic Church in Liberty.

Shirley Mata (D): After growing up in the area, Shirley Mata spent several years living on a military base with her husband after he was stationed overseas. Shortly after moving back to Clay County, Shirley started work at the Ford plant in Claycomo where her father had worked for 30 years. She joined United Auto Workers Local 249 and has also enjoyed a fulfilling career of almost 30 years working for Ford. During her time with the UAW, Shirley has had the privilege of working closely with her peers on a wide range of issues impacting families connected to the plant and working families across Missouri. She was elected as Recording Secretary for her union and served the position for six years.

Close to retirement, Shirley decided to run for State Representative because we desperately need a legislature working on behalf of the middle class, not special interests or large corporations. As a UAW worker and a mother, Shirley understands the unique challenges that affect working people. She also understands the value and benefit that organized labor has provided for herself and for her community in Clay County. Shirley believes in the economic opportunity provided by hard work and the motivation to better our community by working together.

Shirley enjoys volunteering her time as a foster for Heart of America Humane Society. She has one daughter and currently resides in Kansas City with her many rescue dogs: Boogie, Max, Ewoke, Batman, and Luke.

District 18

***Eric Woods (D):** Representative Eric Woods, a Democrat, represents southwest Clay County (District 18) in the Missouri House of Representatives. The district includes parts of Kansas City, the City of North Kansas City, Avondale, and the village of Oaks He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Woods attended the University of Missouri where he graduated magna cum laude with degrees in political science, history, and religious studies. While at Mizzou he served as Student Body President.

He is a lifelong Northlander who has volunteered for and served on boards of a number of non-profit and civic boards and committees, including the University of Missouri Extension Council in Clay County, the City of Gladstone's Environmental Management Advisory Committee, and the Kansas City Public Theatre.

In addition to his service as a legislator, Woods is employed as a regulatory and compliance manager focusing on data privacy and security. He also is a registered Missouri Notary Public and an ordained (Internet) minister and has performed many wedding ceremonies for families and friends.

District 19

Karen I Spalding (R): Karen Spalding is devoted to the people of Kansas City. That is why she has chosen to become involved in politics. She would like to offer something that has been missing for years in her Missouri House District--the conservative choice and voice.

After years of experience working in education and her community, her goal is to become the "Voice of the Voiceless," bringing the true concerns of the people in Kansas City's District #19 to Jefferson City. It's this intense dedication, passion, and devotion which fuels the desire for positive changes in the lives of families, seniors and young people alike. Mrs. Spalding also wants to advocate for businesses striving to succeed in this inflated economy. Explore the site to learn more about the issues that concern Mrs. Spalding and the opportunities you have to join her in achieving those goals.

Patricia Ann Geronima Hernandez (D): Patricia was raised in a household where political events were a part of life since she was six, where her grandmother Angela was a delegate in the '70s, and her parents instilled the importance of civic engagement by taking her to Truman Days and to vote, Patricia understood the power of political action.

At just 17 years old, her cousin Dominic Antonio Hernandez's life was tragically cut short by senseless gun violence. Witnessing her family's grief and grappling with the harsh realities of gun violence, Patricia vowed to honor her cousin's memory by fighting for change.

But it wasn't just her cousin's tragedy that fueled Patricia's passion for change. It was also her sister, Angie who identifies as a lesbian, and who faced discrimination and uncertainty, especially during times of political turbulence. Patricia knew that representation mattered – that having voices like hers and her sister's at the table was essential for progress.

Today, Patricia vows to be a voice for the voiceless, a champion for justice, and a beacon of hope for her community. For Patricia Hernandez, running for office is not just a political choice – it's a deeply personal mission to turn tragedy into triumph and to build a brighter future for all.

With deep roots in the first Hispanic-majority district of the state, she comes from a family that fought hard and considers themselves lucky to be proud homeowners for over 70 years. Her commitment is to represent the community where her roots run deep, and she currently serves on the boards of the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus and the Samuel U. Rodgers Board. Additionally, she proudly holds the position of committeewoman for the 12th ward on the Jackson County Democratic Committee.

Beyond Patricia's political roles, she boasts a strong background in community service. She served as the president of her neighborhood association and was an administrator for a non-profit addressing homelessness. Specifically, she worked at the "Beehive," a collaborative drop-in center project dedicated to helping those experiencing homelessness. She now works for Metro Lutheran Ministry as the Program and Development Assistant.

Patricia's passion lies in giving a voice to the underrepresented, and she is dedicated to being a symbol of progress, honoring her ancestors' legacy. Her political journey is driven by a desire to advocate for the community's needs and aspirations, making her the strongest and most dedicated candidate for the people she serves.

Wick Thomas (D): Wick Thomas grew up in the small town of Drexel, Missouri and is a lifelong Missourian. As a graduate from UMKC with a BA in communications and a Masters in

Library Science from Emporia State University, Wick has lent their skills to various nonprofits and campaigns over the years and has spoken nationally on various topics. They have been dedicated to public service and advocacy for Kansas City youth as the Teen-Services Librarian for the Kansas City Public Library, as Manager of Teen Programs for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and currently as a community college faculty librarian. Wick is a recent graduate of Artist, Inc. and has dedicated much of their time fixing up their 130-year-old house in Scarritt Renaissance, training as a Master Gardener, and starting a new art business with their partner.

Wick has received the following awards and recognition

- Mover and Shaker – Library Journal
- Best Activist in Kansas City – The Pitch Weekly
- Keith Spare Leadership Award – The Civil Rights/Fair Housing Division of Kansas City
- Building Bridges Award – UMKC LGBTQIA Resource Center
- Creating Change Award – The National LGBTQ Task Force

District 20

Mike Steinmeyer (R): Steinmeyer, a Jackson County native and local graduate from William Chrisman High School, has an impressive background that transcends local politics. Following his time at university and distinguished service in the U.S. Navy, he dedicated over 15 years to international missions and church ministries, impacting 26 nations through building churches and schools and fighting hunger in impoverished communities. After an occupation in real estate, Steinmeyer represented Independence’s Third District on the city council until earlier this year. Throughout his multifaceted career, Steinmeyer has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to community values and people over politics. Mike currently serves as Independence City Councilman.

With a focused and pragmatic agenda, Steinmeyer has outlined key objectives for the state. Top priorities include empowering parents to make educational decisions for their children and strongly supporting Missouri’s agricultural sector. He is also deeply committed to addressing the food insecurity plaguing many Missouri families. Additional pledges include understanding the struggles of families across Missouri, upholding the First and Second Amendments, and enacting meaningful measures to bolster public safety and the general welfare of all Missourians.

As a husband, father, and grandfather, Steinmeyer takes great pride in traversing the scenic landscapes of Missouri—not just for its natural allure but as an investment in the state’s smaller communities.

Clarence Franklin, Jr. (D): No bio found.

District 21

Marjain Breitenbach (R): Marjain Breitenbach is driven by a lifelong dedication to serving his state and community. Alongside his wife Elisa, he has been a devoted small business owner for over three decades, culminating in twelve years of running a beloved mom-and-pop donut shop. Throughout their tenure, they hosted a myriad of community events, from birthdays to charity functions, fostering deep connections with their neighbors and enriching the local area.

Upon retiring from the donut shop, Marjain's desire to continue serving his community remained strong. When approached about running for state representative, he found the opportunity irresistible. Rooted in his upbringing on a family farm and enriched by yearly reunions and hunting weekends, Marjain's ties to Independence, Missouri, run deep. Now, with a firm commitment to represent District 21 in the State House starting in 2025, Marjain looks forward to leveraging his experience and passion to advocate for the needs and aspirations of his constituents.

Will Jobe (D): Will Jobe is a devoted husband and father of three young boys, boasting a rich and diverse background that includes service as a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a tenure of over two decades as a minister, and a career as a public service attorney. He is a 4th generation resident of Independence, Missouri, and I count it a privilege to raise a 5th generation in our community, as well.

Throughout his life, Will has been driven by a steadfast commitment to serving his country and community, embodying the values of dedication, compassion, and selflessness in all his endeavors.

Following his separation from the Army, Will Jobe pursued his legal education at the UMKC School of Law. Embarking on a career dedicated to public service, he commenced his journey as an attorney at the Missouri State Public Defender's office in the Kansas City Trial office. There, he passionately represented community members who lacked financial means to afford legal representation. Transitioning from this role, Will later served in the Jackson County Family Court as a Guardian ad Litem, advocating tirelessly for the welfare and best interests of children within the system. Throughout his nearly decade-long tenure as an attorney, Will remained unwavering in his commitment to public service, never charging his clients a fee.

District 22

Mireya Barragan (R): No bio found.

***Yolanda Young (D):** Yolanda R. Young, a Democrat, represents Jackson County (District 22) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected in a special election to her first term beginning in January 2020. Representative Young also currently serves as a Board member of the Children's Trust Fund, and has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force.

Representative Young's goals include pushing legislation that addresses the current needs of children, youth, families, and seniors especially as we seek recovery from the impact of COVID-19. Long-term, she strives to make sure that residents of District 22 have the opportunity to obtain quality affordable healthcare; jobs that provide families with livable wages; and access to a quality education.

She prides herself on her three decades mobilizing residents around issues that matter to them and she worked closely with community-based partners from various sectors to obtain resources for area residents. It is this very experience and passion for grass roots organizing that has been the natural bridge for her work as a legislator. To this end, the Kansas City Crime Commission

chose her as a recipient of the Alvin Brooks Award for her community service related to crime prevention.

When not in Jefferson City, she operates a small urban farm business, Young Family Farm seeks to provide healthy food alternatives for neighbors in the urban core where food deserts are common. Her past work experience includes a long period of service with the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, where her last role was as Managing Director for Community Outreach and Engagement. Representative Young has been married to her husband, Alan, for over 35 years, and they have 4 adult children and 6 precious grandchildren.

District 23

Daniel P. Contreras (R): Daniel currently serves as Jackson County Republican Committeeman. According to his personal Twitter profile he is an Entrepreneur and produces a Podcast called “Disciples of Goons”. He also claims “The world is so crazy, smoking weed is the only thing that keeps me sane. My high will go away the moment I start to focus on my passions. I'm a high functioning stoner, better than Seth Rogan. Don't smoke weed kids. Find Christ. I didn't listen and I found out the hard way.”

***Michael L Johnson (D):** Representative Michael Johnson, a Democrat, represents Jackson County (District 23) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. Johnson has served as the Vice Chair of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus since 2023.

In addition to his legislative duties, Johnson is an insurance agent at his own agency, Johnson Hazley Agency, LLC. He previously served in the U.S. Army.

Johnson grew up in Kansas City and attended Northeast Law and Military Magnet School. After ROTC, he became an Expert Infantryman in urban warfare.

Johnson also serves on the boards for Enable KC and the American Legion Wayne Miner Post 149 Board.

Johnson has three children and attends Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Johnson’s uncle, Charles A. Hazley, was a city councilman for 20 years in Kansas City from 1971 – 91.

District 24

Claudia S Toomim (R): No bio found.

***Emily Weber (D):** Representative Emily Weber, a Democrat, represents Jackson County (District 24) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2020.

Born in South Korea, Weber was adopted and raised in rural Kansas. She attended Butler Community College and the Kansas City Art Institute. After graduation from KCAI, Weber made Kansas City her home.

In addition to her legislative duties, Weber built a career in communications and marketing, and she is a graphic designer. Weber is a member of the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus, Women in Politics Foundation and serves on the policy committee for Climate Action KC.

District 25

Steven Bright (R): No bio found.

Pattie Mansur (D): Patricia Mansur was an at-large member of the Kansas City Public Schools Board of Education and assumed office in 2014. Mansur left office on April 15, 2021. She ran for re-election for an at-large seat of the Kansas City Public Schools Board of Education, but lost in the general election on April 6, 2021.

Patricia Mansur is a public relations professional. Mansur is married to her husband Mike and they have three children, two of whom had graduated from Kansas City Public Schools and one who was enrolled at the time of Mansur's candidacy. Mansur earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and her Master's degree from the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Ben Schloegel (D): Ben is a full-time firefighter in addition to being a triathlon training camp director.

District 26

Anthony Zarantonello (R): No bio found.

Tiffany Price (D): Being a native of Kansas City, Tiffany is deeply rooted in her hometown, where she currently raises her four sons - Bryan, Phillip, Preston, and Karter. Her commitment to ensuring the voices of their community are heard stems from her belief in the importance of fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

In her pursuit to bring a fresh perspective to Jefferson City, Tiffany aims to prioritize family-focused solutions, a perspective often underrepresented in legislative discussions. Drawing from her extensive engagement in advocacy work with organizations such as Quality Schools Coalition, PLTI-KC, NPLI, and APHSA, Tiffany has long been dedicated to community building and enhancing the city.

As the Founder and Executive Director of Hold Em Up 4 Care, Tiffany has demonstrated her commitment to championing families, particularly in the realm of equitable healthcare access. Under her leadership, the organization has significantly expanded its reach, serving over 3,000 youths, a substantial increase from previous years.

Tiffany firmly believes that access to quality healthcare is a fundamental human right and is committed to addressing the barriers that prevent many Missourians from accessing essential medical care. Additionally, she recognizes the interconnectedness of issues such as violence, poverty, and trauma, and advocates for evidence-based violence interruption and prevention initiatives to create safer, more resilient communities.

Having witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of gun violence on her own family, Tiffany is determined to address the systemic issues contributing to violence in cities and schools. She pledges to advocate for investment in mental health services, job programs, affordable housing, and quality education, recognizing these as essential components for building safe and thriving neighborhoods. As a Representative, Tiffany Price vows to be a steadfast champion for the well-being and prosperity of District 26 and the broader Missouri community.

District 27

Melissa A. Douglas (D): Melissa lives in Kansas City and currently serves as a liaison for homeless students in transition for the Kansas City Public School District. She is an experienced Risk Specialist with a demonstrated history of working in the primary/secondary education industry. Skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Partnerships, Analytical Skills, Coaching, and Sales. Strong finance professional with a Master's Degree focused in Public Administration from University of Phoenix.

District 28

Steven W. Hinton (R): No bio found.

Mike Sager (D): Mike is a Raytown native and has lived there all his life. He is married and has two daughters. He served as a Representative for House District 28 from 2002 to 2004.

Mike Sager has served as a Consultant at XY2 Distributing since 2000. Prior to his role at XY2 Distributing, Mike served as President of TCG from 1995 to 2000. Before his tenure at TCG, Mike held the position of Chief Executive Officer at Industrial Environmental from 1988 to 1995.

Donna Barnes (D): No bio found. Her husband is currently the incumbent for this seat.

District 29

Robert A. Bruette (R): Robert Bruette, a resident of Independence, is a dedicated family man, married with four children. He holds a master's degree in Economics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Robert is deeply engaged in his community and church. As an Associate Pastor and active church member, he brings a strong sense of compassion and empathy to his role. He also volunteers his time to various community initiatives..

With a diverse career background, Robert has served in roles such as Director of Statistical Analysis, Associate Director & Senior Analytics Consultant, and Health Economist for the US Army Public Health Command.

***Aaron Crossley (D):** Representative Aaron Crossley, a Democrat, represents part of Jackson County (District 29) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his service in the legislature, Crossley works as a behavioral health business strategist and project manager at a local safety net hospital. He also is an adjunct professor teaching the social workers of tomorrow at a local university. Crossley is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and has spent two decades working in roles centered on social and community service.

Crossley is active in his community and serves on several boards and commissions including SAVE, Inc., Heritage Philharmonic, and Kansas City Health Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Housing. He also is a member of the National Association of Social Workers both nationally and the Missouri Chapter.

He holds degrees from Appalachian Bible College and the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

Born in Independence, Crossley resides there today with his wife, Jessica. They have a son and a daughter. Crossley is a member of the St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

District 30

***Jon Patterson (R):** Dr. Jon Patterson, a Republican, represents district 30, which includes parts of Lee's Summit. He was elected to his first two-year term in November of 2018. Rep. Patterson currently serves as Majority Floor Leader.

Rep. Patterson is a 1998 graduate of Blue Springs High School. He then attended the University of Missouri – Columbia, where he earned both his bachelors and medical degree. After medical school, Dr. Patterson completed his surgical residency at Truman Medical Center in downtown Kansas City. Dr. Patterson practiced general surgery in eastern Jackson county from 2011-2022.

Rep. Patterson lives in Lee's Summit with his wife, Jennifer. They have two children, Leah and Andrew. In his spare time Dr. Patterson enjoys family time, reading, and golf. Dr. Patterson is committed to public service through medical missions. He has completed surgical mission trips around the world, including to the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Jordan.

Kevin Grover (D): Kevin Grover is a retired educator and lifelong resident of Eastern Jackson County. With 31 years of experience in education, including seven years as a high school science teacher and 24 years as a secondary school administrator, Grover has honed skills in active listening and collaboration. Raised in a household where hard work and dedication were paramount, Grover witnessed the importance of family sacrifices firsthand. Married to Janné, with three children, Grover is actively involved in the community and church, currently serving as one of the co-pastors.

District 31

Ron Fowler (R): As a Blue Springs Councilman, Ron Fowler has dedicated himself to public service. Fowler's approach to governance prioritizes listening to constituents and representing them authentically. With nearly three decades of service on the Blue Springs City Council and various commissions, he has honed skills in navigating local bureaucracy to deliver results for citizens. Now, he seeks to bring this experience to the Missouri Capitol.

Concerned about issues like inflation and struggling small businesses, Fowler pledges to be a straightforward advocate who holds officials accountable and empowers Missourians. He plans to focus on fostering economic growth, supporting small businesses, and reducing unnecessary regulations.

His campaign platform includes protecting property owners from excessive tax assessments, curbing spending, lowering taxes, and ensuring responsible budgeting. He also advocates for supporting law enforcement and offering educational options for families.

Fowler, a UMKC graduate in chemistry and biology, has a background as an engineer and manager at the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant. He cherishes family time, enjoys cycling and golfing, and appreciates the natural beauty of Blue Springs.

Jeremy Rowan (D): Jeremy Rowan, a devoted husband, father, and small business owner, is dedicated to bringing commonsense solutions to Jefferson City.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Rowan is an active member of the Blue Springs community. He is involved in the local Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and serves as a board member at Life Point Crossing Church.

District 32

***Jeff Coleman (R):** Representative Jeff Coleman, a Republican, represents part of Jackson County (District 32) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Coleman is a financial advisor specializing in retirement income.

Coleman has served as mayor pro tem on the Grain Valley Board of Aldermen, and as the president of both the Grain Valley Economic Development Corporation and the Grain Valley Industrial Development Committee. He also served as the vice president of the Grain Valley School Board for more than seven years. Coleman also is a past president of the Grain Valley Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, he was named Grain Valley Citizen of Year.

Coleman is an active member of Abundant Life Church in Lee Summit. He is a proud member of the NRA.

Coleman attended Oak Grove High School and Graceland University.

Born in Independence, Coleman currently resides in Grain Valley with his wife, Debbie. They have seven children.

Jennifer Cassidy (D): Jennifer Cassidy, a resident of Grain Valley, MO for 20 years and a lifelong Kansas City area resident, is a wife, mother, and small business owner. She has two children, Stephen (29), and Lauren (24, deceased), who had Down Syndrome and severe

congenital defects, passing away in January 2024. In honor of her daughter's memory, Cassidy advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

Cassidy's dedication to community service began at a young age, volunteering for City Union Mission since she was 15 years old. Her volunteer work expanded when her daughter was born with Down Syndrome, leading her to serve on the Board of Directors for Giant Step Special Needs program and advocate for her daughter under the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Self-Directed Services program.

Motivated by her daughter's experience and the importance of education, Cassidy is running for State Representative in Missouri House District 32. She emphasizes the need for public education funding and opposes efforts to divert taxpayer dollars to private and religious schools. Additionally, Cassidy advocates for reproductive rights, believing that healthcare decisions should be made by individuals and their medical providers, not by politicians.

Cassidy also champions workers' rights and fair taxation, advocating for corporations to pay their fair share. She believes that Missourians should not bear the burden of taxation while the rich evade their responsibilities, and she seeks to address the state's economic challenges.

District 33

***Chris Sander (R):** Representative Chris Sander, a Republican, represents parts of Jackson County (District 33) in the Missouri House of Representatives.

In addition to his legislative duties, Sander is the founder and operator of Powder Monkey FIREWORKS, Inc.

He graduated from Hazelwood West High School in 2001 and received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 2005.

Born in St. Louis County, Sander is a sixth-generation Missourian. He currently resides in Lone Jack with his Great Dane, Lady Liberty.

Carolyn S. Caton (R): Carolyn Caton was born in Kansas City and grew up in Blue Springs. Her extensive career in the transportation industry has taken her across various states, but she returned to her hometown of Blue Springs 17 years ago. Carolyn is a devout Christian, deeply involved in her church where she serves as an Elder and worship leader. She finds joy in helping others and aims to be a blessing to someone every day.

Carolyn has a close-knit family and cherishes her relationships, especially with her husband Rick, whom she has been with for nearly a decade. Together, they care for their two beloved dogs, Simon and Bruno. Her hobbies include cooking, baking, singing, volunteering, and spending time with her friends and family. She has a love for flowers, maintaining a vibrant garden outdoors, though she admits to struggling with indoor plants.

Professionally, Carolyn is the Secretary for the Jackson County Republican Party and has over 22 years of experience in the transportation industry. She earned her undergraduate degree in

Business Administration from Baker University and a Master of Science in Public Service Administration from the University of Evansville, where she also had the opportunity to study at Harlaxton College in England.

Carolyn's passion for politics began in her childhood. She has served as a Park Commissioner for Blue Springs and became actively involved in Republican politics, attending meetings and events. Carolyn is now running for State Representative for District 33, driven by her commitment to making a difference at the state level. She believes in the Constitution and the Republican platform, and she is dedicated to representing her constituents with integrity and dedication.

District 34

JC Crossley (R): No bio found.

***Kemp Strickler (D):** Representative Kemp Strickler, a Democrat, represents part of Jackson County (District 34) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Strickler retired from his position as a Senior Data Analytics Manager after 35 years of service with Hallmark. He began his career at Hallmark with an entry-level position and worked his way up to leadership roles advising senior executives at Hallmark and responsible for multi-million dollar budgets.

Strickler has volunteered his time with various organizations, clubs, and causes throughout the community. He recently served as Vice Chair of the Lee's Summit Arts Council and is a member of the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce. He also recently served on both the Industrial Engineering Hall of Fame Board and the Marketing Department Advisory Board at the University of Missouri. He is a current Democratic Committeeman for Lee's Summit.

Strickler attended Southwest High School in Kansas City and went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial engineering and an MBA from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was inducted into Mizzou's Industrial Engineering Hall of Fame and received the Citation of Merit award from Mizzou's Trulaske College of Business.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Strickler has spent his entire life in the metro area. He and his wife currently reside in Lee's Summit. Strickler and his family are longtime members of Lee's Summit Christian Church, where he sings in the choir and where he finished serving as the moderator for the church leadership team.

District 35

Michael C. Green (R): No bio found.

***Keri Ingle (D):** Rep. Keri Ingle, a Democrat, represents District 35 which includes Lee's Summit, Kansas City, and Raytown in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2018.

Rep. Ingle earned a BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Kansas. Rep. Ingle is a Social Worker and has worked in child welfare as the adoption specialist for the Jackson County Children’s Division, as well as in schools, hospitals, and mental health facilities. Ingle was awarded the National Association of Social Workers Elected Official of the Year for Missouri in 2021, and the Missouri Kids Win Legislator of the Year in 2022.

A military brat, Rep. Ingle was born in Oklahoma, traveled the world, and chose Missouri to plant her family’s roots. Rep. Ingle lives in the city of Lee’s Summit with her husband, Kenny, and their two children, Dylan and Hattie.

District 36

Dave Thomas (R): Dave Thomas, a resident of Jackson County, has been married to his wife for 47 years. Together, they have four children and two sons-in-law. A Vietnam-era veteran, Dave is passionate about protecting parental rights and family values. His commitment to these causes drives his political aspirations.

***Anthony Ealy (D):** State Representative Anthony Ealy, Jr., a Democrat, represents part of Jackson County (District 36) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022. Ealy is the first Black Representative to represent the city of Grandview, and the youngest representative to represent the district as a whole.

In addition to his legislative service, Ealy is a licensed attorney and the managing partner of Ealy Law, Notary & Consulting, LLC. He previously worked with one of the nation’s leading labor law firms. Ealy has also served as a Judicial Intern for the 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, as a Legislative Fellow for the Office of Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, and as an Emerging Leaders Fellow for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

A graduate of Grandview High School, Ealy attended Northwest Missouri State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Ealy earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law.

Active in his community, Ealy has served with a number of civic organizations including: Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Board of Directors, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Young Lawyers Board of Directors, Genesis School Board, 100 Black Men of Greater Kansas City, South Kansas City Alliance, and Grandview Youth Court Board of Directors.

Born in Philadelphia, Ealy grew up in Grandview where he currently resides. He attends Second Missionary Baptist Church where he is a deacon in training. Ealy is the cousin of former New York Giants linebacker, Harry Carson, who was a team captain for the Giants team that won Super Bowl XXI in 1987 and is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

District 37

***Mark A. Sharp (R):** Representative Mark A. Sharp, a Democrat, represents Jackson County (District 37) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected in a special election in November 2019.

Born and raised in south Kansas City, the same area he now represents, he is a product of the Hickman Mills School district and graduated from Hickman Mills High School in 2004.

Sharp, who was a student-athlete in high school, received several athletic scholarships for football and baseball. Sharp made the decision to accept a baseball scholarship to Clark Atlanta University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration on Marketing in December of 2009.

After a stint playing minor league and independent league baseball in New York, Arizona, and Texas, Sharp went on to become a certified teacher so he could coach. As a teacher and coach he was able to further his passion for athletics and continue his mission to help young people, knowing the positive impact athletics had on him.

Sharp was a teacher and coach for five years beginning in Texas before moving back home to Kansas City, Missouri where he continued teaching at a Kansas City public charter school with KIPP KC: Endeavor. He last taught 3rd grade English Language Arts before being sworn-in as a Missouri state legislator.

As a legislator, Sharp has focused his efforts on reducing violent crime and increasing public safety by sponsoring policy that would seek to reduce gun violence, make it safer for Missouri drivers on our roads, and make it safer for our children to attend public schools.

In 2022 at the end of Sharp's freshman term, he was voted by his Democrat freshman colleagues as the freshman Crime Prevention and Public Safety champion. He was also recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving as a 2022 legislator of the year.

As a member of the super minority party in the Missouri House, Sharp has worked across the aisle and has had several pieces of legislation to pass in his short time in the Missouri House, including establishing that Missouri recognize February as Black History Month and November as Native American Heritage month codifying state law with federal law.

Sharp also passed legislation to create the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum special license plate, celebrating the 100 years of the inception of the Negro Leagues in Kansas City, Missouri in 1920. He also offered the amendment that was adopted on House Bill 26 to reform prison policy for our juvenile offenders to have a second chance at being productive members of society.

During a record breaking homicide year in Kansas City, Missouri in 2020, Sharp co-sponsored the Pretrial Witness Protection Program to empower witnesses and victims of violent crime in our state, the only Democrat to do so during that special session.

Lastly, from an economic standpoint, Sharp co-sponsored the legislation that allowed the city of Kansas City, Missouri to secure itself as one of the North American host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup that will bring in hundreds of millions of dollars to Missouri.

Sharp lives in south Kansas City with his wife, Renee, and their daughter. When back home, in his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, playing baseball and going golfing.

District 38

***Chris Lonsdale (R):** Chris Lonsdale was born in Missouri and lives in Liberty. Lonsdale graduated from Liberty High School in 2014. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2018. His career experience includes working as a data engineer with ProMax, a sales consultant at Max Motors Dealerships, a deputy state data director for the Republican Party of Iowa, and an actuarial analyst for Willis Towers Watson.

Martin Jacobs (D): Marty Jacobs has dedicated decades to the schools and students of Liberty, demonstrating a strong commitment to creating a safe and inclusive community for all citizens. His extensive experience and tireless work ethic have been instrumental in his leadership within Liberty's school district. These qualities will be crucial as he aims to represent the community in Jefferson City.

District 39

Mark Meirath (R): No bio found.

District 40

***Chad Perkins (R):** Representative Chad Perkins, a Republican, represents parts of Ralls, Monroe, Lincoln, and Pike counties (District 40). He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Perkins has worked as an on-air radio host at KJFM Radio since 2001.

Perkins graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1997. He attended John Wood Community College from 1998-1999 and the University of Missouri from 2000-2001.

Born June 22, 1978, in Hannibal, Perkins resides in Bowling Green.

Sheri Jay (L): No bio found.

District 41

***Doyle Justus (R):** Representative Doyle Justus, a Republican, represents part of Lincoln County (District 41) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative service, Justus is a retired agriculture teacher of 26 years, as well as a farmer and sales representative for Schaeffer Manufacturing.

A 1987 graduate of Troy Buchanan High School, Justus received his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 1992, as well as his master's degree in 1996.

In the community, Justus is known for his faithful attendance at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and as a member of the Lincoln County R-III School Board.

Justus was born in Troy and currently resides there with his wife, Virginia. They are the proud parents of two children.

Hans H Stock (D): No bio found.

Dalton P. Johnson (L): No bio found.

District 42

***Jeff Myers (R):** Representative Jeff Myers, a Republican, represents Warren and Montgomery Counties (District 42) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative service, Myers is the owner of two local businesses: a firearms training company and a garage door installation company. He also is a recently retired trooper for the Missouri State Highway Patrol after almost 30 years of service. A 19-year-member of the Missouri State Trooper Association, Myers served as vice president for the majority of his tenure.

A 1987 graduate of Warren County R-III, Myers received his bachelor's degree in Physical Education from the Central Methodist College in 1993.

Myers is active in his faith and is involved with the Calvary Orphan Outreach and Greater Love Ministries that serve in Uganda to help orphaned children. He also volunteers as coordinator for Financial Peace University hosted through Calvary Chapel in Troy.

A lifelong Missourian, Myers currently resides in Warrenton with his wife of 30 years, Julie. They are the proud parents of two adult children. They enjoy spending their spare time volunteering with their church and remaining active in their community.

Shaun Sparks (D): Growing up in a family business, Shaun values hard work and community. His career includes community engagement work for Compass Health Network, managing events and a food pantry program. Currently, he owns franchise locations specializing in chocolate, overseeing daily operations and staff. Shaun supports traditional Democratic values, including social justice, women's and civil rights, common sense gun laws, strong public schools, and public funding for public schools.

District 43

***Kent Haden (R):** Rep. Kent Haden, a Republican, represents Audrain and Callaway Counties (District 43) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to his legislative duties, Haden worked for eight years for the Missouri Department of Agriculture as the state epidemiologist. Haden has also worked in private veterinary practice and

as a disease control veterinarian for Missouri. He also worked for 28 years for MFA, Incorporated, last serving as vice president in charge of feed and animal health.

Haden is a member of the Missouri Pork Producers, American Quarter Horse Association, the Mexico Chamber of Commerce, and Missouri Farm Bureau. He has been named the American Feed Industry's Man of the Year and the National Cattlemen's Regional Innovation winner.

Haden is a 1969 graduate of North Callaway High School. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1973 before going on to veterinary school, where he graduated in 1976.

Born in Fulton, Haden currently resides in Mexico with his wife, Brenda. They have three children: Brent, Tyler, and Jennifer. Haden is a member of First Baptist Church of Mexico, where he teaches Sunday school, and is currently chairman of the deacons.

Erik Richardson (D): No bio found.

District 44

Bryce Beal (R): Bryce Beal grew up in a rural community in mid-Missouri, where he experienced life below the poverty line and worked manual labor jobs in high school to support his family. He became the first in his family to attend college directly after high school and the first to obtain a graduate education. Bryce earned his bachelor's degree with honors from Knox College and his law degree from Washington University School of Law, funding his own education through both college and law school.

With a strong commitment to preserving the American Dream, Bryce is dedicated to ensuring that this dream remains attainable. His family's roots in mid-Missouri extend over four generations, and his personal journey from scarcity to success embodies the opportunities available in America.

Bryce and his wife, Rachel, are active members of Ashland Baptist Church and recently welcomed their first child. They are involved in their community, participating in the Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Federalist Society, the Boone County Pachyderms Club, and supporting the Ashland FFA.

During his college years, Bryce recognized the influence of liberal ideologies on his peers and decided to counteract it by studying law. As the president of the Washington University chapter of the Federalist Society, he organized numerous events to challenge the prevailing liberal perspectives on campus.

Bryce began his career at the Missouri Attorney General's Office in the consumer protection division, where he fought against fraud across the state. Currently, he works in special litigation, addressing issues such as pro-abortion policies, transgender child healthcare, and voter fraud, aiming to counteract what he sees as the "woke liberal agenda."

John Martin (R): John Martin is the owner of Pro Pumping & Hydrojetting LLC, a small business based in Columbia, MO. His commitment to the community extends beyond his

professional work; he is a former pastor who actively organizes Back the Blue and Back the Flag rallies, volunteers with the local 4-H club, and serves on the Republican Central Committee of Boone County.

John and his wife, Lisa, are proud parents of a University of Missouri student and enjoy cheering on the Mizzou Tigers with their four children. In addition to his community involvement, John helps coach a Little League Baseball team. When not on the campaign trail, John and Lisa love exploring local restaurants and the natural beauty of Boone County.

Dave Raithel (D): Dave Raithel is a 68-year-old army veteran, husband, father, and grandfather who has lived in Boone County, Missouri for four decades. Throughout his diverse career, Dave has worked as a truck driver, farm hand, musician, and teacher. He is a pro-choice gun owner advocating for Red Flag laws and Universal Background Checks for all gun sales.

Dave supports public, non-sectarian schools, the authority of local school boards, the direction of county boards of health, and the reasonableness of librarians. He firmly believes that personal affairs, including those of children, are private matters, and that no one owes an apology for their natural body.

A strong advocate for labor unions, Dave believes in ensuring a living wage for all workers and universal healthcare based on scientific principles. He emphasizes the importance of sustainable agriculture to prevent hunger and support communities.

Dave calls for the Missouri Legislature to stop cutting taxes and properly fund schools and public infrastructure. He acknowledges human responsibility for climate change and stresses the necessity of local actions to address it. Dave values representative democracy, trusts in local vote counting, and believes in accepting electoral outcomes without conspiracy theories.

Committed to the principles of the Four Freedoms—freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from fear, and freedom from want—Dave reaffirms his belief in these fundamental values.

District 45

***Kathy Steinhoff (D):** Representative Kathy Steinhoff, a Democrat, represents part of Boone County (District 45) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Steinhoff taught math in Columbia Public Schools for 34 years. She is a National Board Certified Teacher. She earned the National Education Association's highest honor of Teaching Excellence, and MU's College of Education and Human Development 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Steinhoff was extensively involved with Columbia NEA, where she served in many capacities, including as president from 2015 to 2021. She also served for nine years on the negotiations team. She is a volunteer with Moms Demand Action.

A graduate of Truman High School, Steinhoff obtained a bachelor's degree in Math Education, and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Born in St. Louis, Steinhoff now resides in Columbia with her husband. She is a proud mother and grandmother. She is a longtime member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

District 46

***David Tyson Smith (D):** Rep. David Tyson Smith, a Democrat, represents part of the City of Columbia and Boone County (District 46) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was first elected in a special election in April 2021.

In addition to serving in the legislature, Smith is an attorney who has practiced law for approximately twenty years. He is a founding partner of the law firm Smith & Parnell LLC.

Smith holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1996 and a Juris Doctorate from Tulane Law School in 1999.

Smith has been an active member of the Columbia community through various community and civil projects, and has served in several capacities regarding civil rights, including the formation of Columbia's Citizens Police Review Board and an appointment to the Missouri Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. David was also involved in Columbia's arts community by serving on the Ragtag Board of Directors.

Smith grew up in Columbia, Missouri, where he graduated from Hickman High School in 1991. Smith attends the Crossing Church with his two children.

District 47

John Potter (R): John Potter is a resident of Columbia, Missouri. He has a background in education, having worked as a teacher and coach. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and a master's degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

***Adrian Plank (D):** Representative Adrian Plank, a Democrat, represents part of Boone County (District 47) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his service in the legislature, Plank is employed as a union carpenter. He previously owned and operated a small business.

He graduated from Westran High School and attended Central Missouri State University.

Born in Huntsville, Plank resides in Boone County with his wife and daughter.

District 48

***Tim Taylor (R):** Representative Tim Taylor, a Republican, represents Chariton, Cooper, Howard, and parts of Randolph counties (District 48) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Taylor retired from the Columbia Fire Department after a long career.

Born in Mexico and raised in Boonville, Taylor entered the United States Air Force in 1987. Rep. Taylor is past president of the Cooper County Youth Fair, past member of the University of Missouri Extension, member of the Masonic Wallace Lodge #456 and active as a firearms and archery instructor for 4H.

Taylor resides on a farm near Speed with his wife and son, Dawn and Carter. The family has owned and operated Taylor's Bake Shop in Boonville since 2002.

Joseph Jefferies (D): Joseph Jefferies' journey to candidacy reflects his commitment to social justice, equity, and community well-being. As a student of social work and a Certified Peer Specialist living in long-term recovery, Jefferies advocates for marginalized communities and aims to amplify their voices. Growing up as a queer individual in Mid-Missouri, he faced challenges that shaped his dedication to ensuring no one feels voiceless or marginalized.

Jefferies' personal experiences with mental health and substance use have driven his advocacy for expanded access to treatment and support services for all Missourians. His campaign is built on values of equity, justice, diversity, and belongingness, with a focus on bringing communities together. Jefferies' mission is clear: to serve as a tireless advocate for the people of the 48th District, championing their rights and well-being, and ensuring that their voices are heard and represented in the Missouri House of Representatives.

District 49

***Jim Schulte (R):** Representative Jim Schulte, a Republican, represents part of Callaway County (District 49) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his service as a legislator, Schulte is a cattle farmer who raises registered Dexter cattle and the owner/operator of Sand Spring Shooting Academy. He also is a 41-year veteran of the Missouri Army National Guard and was a Trooper with the Missouri Highway Patrol for 5 years.

Schulte retired in 2013 from the Missouri National Guard as the State Command Sergeant Major. He served two combat tours in Afghanistan where he earned several honors including the Combat Infantry Badge, Legion of Merit, and Bronze Star Medal.

Schulte graduated from Hazelwood High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Management from Tarkio College.

He has served as Chairman of the Board for the American Red Cross of Central and Northern Missouri, is a program coordinator for neighborhood watch, and is a life member of the VFW, NRA, and MO National Guard Association.

A lifelong Missourian, Schulte was born in St. Louis and now resides in New Bloomfield with his wife, Janelle. They have two children and two grandchildren, with the third on the way. Schulte and his wife attend Trinity Lutheran Church in Jefferson City and are regular volunteers. They enjoy hosting Veteran hunts several times a year at their property.

Jessica O'Neal-Slitz (D): Jessica Slitz, formerly Jessica O'Neal, is a Callaway County native deeply rooted in her community. Raised in the countryside, she cherishes memories of creek swimming, backyard baseball, and spending time with family and neighbors. Active in high school clubs and organizations, including FFA, FBLA, and cheerleading, Slitz developed a strong sense of community involvement from a young age. After graduating, she pursued a degree in Political Science at Westminster College, all while working as a pharmacy technician to support herself.

Slitz's career path led her to work in Missouri Medicaid, where she experienced firsthand the challenges faced by vulnerable individuals due to bureaucratic hurdles. Motivated by a desire to make a positive difference, she transitioned to a role at University Hospital, where she could actively help people and collaborate with community organizations to provide assistance to those in need.

With a deep understanding of her community's needs, Slitz is committed to advocating for issues such as bodily autonomy, economic prosperity through higher-paying jobs, support for local farms, law enforcement, and conservation efforts. She believes in the importance of preserving natural resources and promoting safety while enjoying them. As a candidate, Slitz aims to represent and serve her community, drawing upon her diverse experiences and values to enact positive change.

District 50

Joshua Ray Blakeman (R): No bio found.

Jeffrey Kyle Basinger (D): Jeff Basinger is a lifelong resident of Missouri dedicated to improving the state. As a trial attorney, small business owner, and civil rights activist, he is committed to advocating for others. Basinger's journey into law was driven by a desire to assist people, initially representing labor unions before dedicating eight years to legal aid. He has served on the boards for legal aid and the Boone County Bar, demonstrating his commitment to community service and legal advocacy. Co-owning his law firm, Basinger has achieved success in litigating several appellate court cases. He resides in Columbia with his wife, daughter, and son, where he continues his efforts to make positive changes in Missouri.

Gregg Bush (D): Gregg Bush, a nurse and advocate, has witnessed firsthand the detrimental effects of dysfunctional politics on healthcare systems and communities in Jefferson City. With a commitment to patient care and the well-being of nurses, Bush believes that healthcare policy should be shaped by those who work directly with patients on the front lines. If elected, he would be the only nurse in the House, bringing invaluable expertise to the table.

As a proud union member, Bush is dedicated to fighting for working families and small businesses in Columbia, aiming to level the playing field in Jefferson City and ensure access to resources for growth and prosperity.

Furthermore, Bush is a parent and passionate advocate for Columbia Public Schools. With his children attending these schools, he is personally invested in protecting and improving the public education system. Alongside his wife, Bush is a staunch supporter of Columbia Public Schools and is committed to addressing any issues within the system.

District 51

Mark W Nolte (R): Mark Nolte is a professional land surveyor and public servant. With a background in surveying and a commitment to public service, Nolte seeks to bring his expertise and dedication to the state legislature. He aims to represent the interests of his district and work towards positive change for the community.

Kerrick Alumbaugh (R): Kerrick Alumbaugh, currently serving as the Lafayette County Sheriff, brings extensive law enforcement experience to his role as a candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives. With a notable career spanning 15 years in the Higginsville Police Department, including a decade as Chief, Alumbaugh has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to public safety and community service. His dedication to law enforcement is further evidenced by his service on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Sheriffs Association.

Beyond his professional duties, Alumbaugh is actively engaged in the community as a Little League Baseball and Football Coach in Higginsville. This involvement underscores his passion for mentoring and supporting youth development. Alumbaugh's candidacy for the Missouri House reflects his ongoing commitment to serving his constituents and advocating for their needs at the state level.

Glenda Bainbridge (D): Glenda Bainbridge holds the position of Treasurer for the Missouri Democratic Party and works as a field program manager for the Family Court. She earned her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Missouri Warrensburg in 2006.

District 52

***Bradley Pollitt (R):** Representative Brad Pollitt, a Republican, represents parts of Johnson and Pettis Counties (District 52) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Pollitt is the owner and operator of Rocher P. Cattle Company LLC. He previously worked as an educator and administrator for 34 years. Pollitt served as a teacher and coach in North Shelby and Sedalia, a principal in Smithton, assistant superintendent in Knob Noster and superintendent in Sedalia.

He is a member of the B&G Club, Rotary Club, Pachyderm Club, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association and the Sedalia Chamber of

Commerce. Rep. Pollitt has also been active in working with other community leaders to address local military needs at Whiteman Air Force Base, which is located in his district.

Rep. Pollitt was recognized as Girls Basketball Missouri Coach of the Year in 1990 after winning a state championship. In 2017, while he was superintendent in Sedalia, the Sedalia School District was selected by the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education as a model district and tasked with implementing a new educational initiative to improve student outcomes.

Rep. Pollitt received his bachelor's degree from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) and his master's in education from William Woods University. He also received a educational specialist certificate from the University of Central Missouri.

Rep. Pollitt resides in Sedalia with his wife, Danette. They have three children: Kevin, Whitney, and Brianna. They attend Maplewood Church in Sedalia.

Rene Vance (D): Rene Vance was born into a military family. She enlisted in the USAF in 1978, during which time women were just entering into new non-traditional jobs. As an Aerospace Ground Equipment Mechanic, her training ranged from jet engines, hydraulics, electronics, and more. After several assignments, she requested and served as a technical instructor for three and a half years. Immediately transitioning from active duty, she served a year in the USAF reserves and medically retired from the Florida Air National Guard in 1992 after serving almost 18 years. Her diversified civilian portfolio ranges from fast food employee, long-distance telephone operator, bookkeeper, maintenance supervisor at a lumber yard, farmhand, school bus driver, substitute teacher, correctional officer, retail sales, and store management. She moved from Florida to Sedalia in 2016. She is a board member of the Sedalia Senior Center, a PAR driver, a volunteer driver for meals to homebound seniors, and the Silver Hair Representative for Pettis County. Her son Brian is currently serving in the Navy in Florida and her daughter Krystal and two grandsons are in Tennessee.

District 53

***Terry Thompson (R):** Representative Terry Thompson, a Republican, represents Lafayette and parts of Jackson and Johnson Counties (District 53) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Thompson was a banking executive for 40 years in Lafayette County. He was a member of the American Bankers Association Ag and Rural Committee.

Thompson is a former Lexington R-V School Board member and past member of the Missouri State School Board Association. He served as past president for the Lexington Rotary Club, as a member of the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Committee, the Higginsville Enhanced Enterprise Zone Committee, and he was an inaugural board member for the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City and the Lafayette County Children's Service Fund. He is also a deacon at First Baptist Church in Lexington.

Born in Lexington, Thompson obtained degrees from the University of Central Missouri, Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University, and a Financial Planning Diploma from

UMKC. He currently resides in Lexington with his wife, Marcia. They have one daughter, Charity, one son, Austin, and a grandson, Owen.

Beth Grubb (D): Beth Grubb resides in Odessa, Missouri, and holds the position of Senior Manager at TEVA PHARMA, where she has dedicated thirteen years of service. She attained a PhD in Public Policy Analysis/Health Services Research from Saint Louis University.

District 54

Brandon Phelps (R): Brandon Phelps is a longtime resident of Warrensburg, Missouri, where he owns and operates a small landscape business. Over the past three decades, he has been deeply ingrained in the community alongside his wife, Angie, who practices family medicine at Western Missouri Medical Center. Together, they have proudly raised their two daughters in Warrensburg, a testament to their love for the area.

As a staunch fiscal conservative, Brandon is committed to keeping taxes low and reducing wasteful spending. He is a fervent advocate for the armed forces, staunchly supporting veterans and law enforcement. Drawing from his experience as a business owner, Brandon is dedicated to promoting small businesses, safeguarding Missouri's agriculture, and supporting family farms to bolster the local economy.

Recognizing the pivotal role of education, Brandon prioritizes ensuring that Missouri's education system is of the highest standard to empower the youth for a successful future. With a deep sense of duty and a passion for his community, Brandon looks forward to representing his district in Jefferson City. He vows to uphold the district's values and tirelessly work towards positive change for all.

Matthew Sergent (R): Matt Sergent has been a resident of Johnson County, Missouri, for over 27 years, where he has built his life alongside his wife, Mindy, and daughter. Although not originally from the area, Matt and his family are proud to call Johnson County home.

For the past two decades, Matt has owned and operated Get Er Done Heating & Cooling, providing essential services to the community. Before venturing into entrepreneurship, he gained valuable experience working at Stahls for nearly 7 years and Enersys for 1.5 years, where he developed skills and knowledge alongside great colleagues.

Matt is dedicated to providing effective leadership and vision for Missouri's future. As a staunch conservative, he is committed to representing the constituents of the 54th District with the same vigor and tenacity he demonstrates in his roles on the Warrensburg School Board and as a small business owner. Matt believes that strong leadership and fiscal management are vital, especially in challenging economic times, and he pledges to continue delivering both for the people of his district.

Eric Stevens (D): Community advocate, education leader, and family man dedicated to bringing balance to Missouri.

District 55

William (Bill) Irwin (R): Bill Irwin, a dedicated public servant, has led a life committed to service and excellence. With 33 years of service in the United States Navy, including as a Navy SEAL, CAPT, and combat veteran, he has demonstrated his unwavering dedication to protecting his country. Additionally, Irwin served as a police officer in Lee's Summit before retiring. His commitment to service extends beyond his professional life; Irwin is an Eagle Scout and a Bible-believing Christian.

Married to Barbara for 25 years and the proud owner of two dogs, Irwin values family and community. He earned his bachelor's degree from Mizzou and is a graduate of the Naval War College. With a strong sense of duty and a deep-rooted faith, Irwin is determined to stand for Missouri and advocate for its citizens.

District 56

Todd Berck (R): Todd Berck, a native of Centralia, MO, has dedicated his life to education and coaching. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Southwest Baptist University, where he also excelled as a tight end for the Bearcat football team, earning all-conference honors. Additionally, he holds a Specialist Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Throughout his career, Coach Berck taught math and served as an administrator in the Missouri public school system in St. Charles County before retiring in 2017. Following retirement, he moved to the Kansas City area to be closer to family and joined Summit Christian Academy in Lee's Summit as a teacher and head football coach for six years.

Currently, Coach Berck works with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) as the football representative for the Kansas City Area, where he focuses on increasing the number of FCA huddles sharing Christ in the region. He resides in Raymore, MO, with his wife Becky, and they will soon celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. With their three grown children, all teachers, and two grandchildren, the Berck family is deeply rooted in their community. Coach Berck is committed to ensuring Raymore remains a safe, prosperous, and excellent place to raise a family, reflecting his highest priority.

***Michael Davis (R):** Representative Michael Davis, a Republican, represents part of Cass County (District 56) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Davis works in education. He previously worked for Americans for Prosperity as a Grassroots Engagement Director for the Kansas City area.

Davis holds a bachelor's degree in education from Harris-Stowe State University and a Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law. During law school, Davis served as president of the Washburn Law chapter of the Federalist Society.

Davis currently resides in Belton.

Ryan Johnson (R): Ryan Johnson, a lifelong Missourian, is deeply passionate about public service. Residing in Raymore with his wife, Becky, and their three children, he is an active member of Abundant Life Church and remains deeply engaged in his community through various civic organizations. Johnson's dedication to public service is evident through his extensive experience, including serving as Cass County Commissioner and former Chairman of the Cass County Republican Party.

During his tenure as Commissioner, Johnson prioritized keeping Cass County free and open during the COVID-19 pandemic, implementing tax cuts, reducing spending, fully funding law enforcement, and opposing government overreach. As a veteran of the U.S. Army and Coast Guard, he is a strong advocate for military families and veterans' issues.

With over 30 years of experience in business, public policy, advocacy, and military service, Johnson is committed to bringing principled, conservative values and real solutions to the state of Missouri.

Pam Jenkins Hatcher (D): Pam Hatcher, a native of Belton, Missouri, and current resident of Raymore, is a prominent figure in the local business community. With a background spanning telecommunications, technology, and real estate, she has established herself as a successful entrepreneur and business leader. Hatcher spent three decades at Sprint before venturing into real estate, where she now owns and operates Integrity Group Real Estate and HFI Properties, LLC.

Alongside her husband, Tom, and their daughter and grandson, Hatcher resides in District 56, where her parents also live. Her son and his family are nearby, adding to the strong family ties within the district. A proud graduate of Belton High School, Hatcher is deeply committed to supporting public education and is actively involved in various community organizations.

Hatcher's philanthropic endeavors extend to numerous causes, including Heart 'N Hand, Eagle Community Outreach, Cass County Public Library Foundation, Boys Hope/Girls Hope, Blessed Homes, The Niles Home for Children, and Summit Theater Group. She is dedicated to giving back to her community and is a member of both the Raymore and Belton Chambers of Commerce. Through her business acumen and philanthropic efforts, Hatcher continues to make a positive impact within District 56 and beyond.

District 57

***Rodger L. Reedy (R):** Rep. Rodger L. Reedy, a Republican, represents parts of Benton, Pettis, and Johnson Counties (District 57) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in 2018 and was re-elected to office in 2020 and 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Reedy and his family own and operate a cattle farm, raising both feeder cattle and breeding stock. He also served as the Benton County Assessor from 1992 until 2018.

Reedy is a member of the Missouri Farm Bureau and the Missouri Cattleman's Association. He is a past member of the Missouri Assessors Association and the Missouri Association of Counties.

Reedy is a 1979 graduate of Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Missouri.

Born August 15th, 1961, in Clinton, Missouri, Reedy currently resides in rural Windsor, Missouri with his wife Rhonda on their family farm. They have three grown children, Kayley, Austin, and Wesley, as well as one grandson. They attend Mt. Olivet Baptist Church near Roseland, Missouri.

Michael D. Walbom (D): No bio found.

District 58

***Willard Haley (R):** Representative Willard Haley, a Republican, represents District 58, which consists of Morgan and Moniteau counties and a small portion of Cooper County, in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in the general election of November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Haley is a farmer and former educator, serving as a career and technical school administrator, as well as an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

Haley is a graduate of Pilot Grove High School and received his Bachelors of Science in Agriculture and Masters in Practical Arts and Vocational and Technical Education at the University of Missouri.

Haley has been honored as an Eldon Distinguished Citizen of the Year and Teacher of the Year, and has served as president of the Eldon Chamber of Commerce and the Miller County Fairboard.

Born in Boonville, Missouri, Haley currently resides in Eldon with his wife, Jerri Haley. They attend Eldon United Methodist Church. They have two children, Jeremy Haley and his wife, Meredith, of Columbia and Jana Flynn and her husband, Kelsey, of Troy. They also have four grandchildren.

District 59

***Rudy Veit (R):** Representative Rudy Veit, a Republican, represents parts of Cole and Miller counties (District 59) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Veit is a practicing attorney at Carson & Coil Law Firm in Jefferson City.

Veit attends church at Saint Stanislaus and is a member of the Wardsville Lions Club, Jefferson City Park Foundation, Missouri Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Bar Association, Cole County Bar Association, Cole County Republicans, Lincoln University Blue Tigers Club, and the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus. He has served with the Jeff City Parks and Recreation Commission, Special Olympics Missouri, and the American Heart Association.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Veit resides in Wardsville with his wife, Jeri. They have four children and six grandchildren.

District 60

***Dave Griffith (R):** Representative Dave Griffith, a Republican, represents Cole County (District 60) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to his legislative duties, Griffith served as the executive director of the American Red Cross for six years. Griffith also served on the city council for Jefferson City. Prior to that, he spent 23 years working for KRCG TV in a variety of roles ranging from production to account executive.

Griffith served in the U.S. Army 8th Special Forces Group as a Green Beret.

Griffith is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Rotary International, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Easter Seals Association, Red Cross Board of Directors and the Special Olympics. He has been recognized with the Red Cross Heart of a Hero Award and an American Cancer Society Lifetime Achievement Award.

Griffith is a graduate of Missouri Southern State University.

Griffith resides in Jefferson City with his wife, Leigh. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Jamie Howard (D): Jamie Howard, a native of rural Missouri, witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by hardworking families striving to make ends meet. Committed to supporting policies that prioritize education, public services, affordable childcare, healthcare, and housing, Howard advocates for uplifting communities and ensuring access to essential resources.

As a veteran of the Missouri Army National Guard, Howard prioritizes service to the people of Missouri over politics. He firmly believes in protecting the rights and dignity of every individual, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status. With a focus on fostering opportunities for all to succeed and thrive, Howard is dedicated to addressing systemic issues and providing equitable access to resources.

Drawing from his experience as a former law enforcement officer, Howard understands the complexities of the state's legal system and the challenges faced by Missourians. His decision to pursue higher education in medical coding at the University of Cincinnati reflects his commitment to personal and professional growth. As a non-traditional student, Howard excelled academically and was elected as Student Government Vice President, demonstrating his leadership and dedication to serving others.

District 61

Paul Gerard Stratman (R): Paul Stratman currently serves as the Osage County Public Administrator, a position he has held for 24 years. In addition to his role in public administration, Stratman works as a customer service representative at Mid-America Bank in Freeburg, where he has been employed for 25 years.

Residing in Westphalia, Stratman has been a resident of Osage County for 25 years and lives on a family farm in a rural area. His decision to run for office was motivated by various factors, including a desire to advocate for individuals with disabilities who often face challenges due to funding shortages. Additionally, he aims to address concerns raised by farmers in his community regarding property rights, particularly regarding state interference with land use, such as the proposed installation of a bike trail on farmers' land.

Stratman believes that many people in his community lack representation and a voice at the Capitol to address their concerns effectively. Encouraged by the support and encouragement of those around him, he seeks to provide a voice for his constituents and address their issues at the state level.

Brian L Tharp (R): Brian Tharp, a longtime resident of Gasconade County, has dedicated his career to healthcare administration and public service. He holds a master's degree in healthcare administration from Washington University and completed doctoral studies in public policies and administration at Central Missouri State University.

Recently retired from hospital administration, Tharp and his wife embarked on a new venture, purchasing a winery in St. James as their retirement project. With a deep connection to his community, Tharp's decision to run for the Missouri House of Representatives stems from his desire to serve his fellow residents.

"I've always been interested in politics and public policy," Tharp remarked. "I was looking for an opportunity to serve my community, and it's always been a dream of mine." With his wealth of experience and passion for public service, Tharp aims to represent the interests of his community in the Missouri House.

***Bruce Sassmann (R):** Representative Bruce Sassmann, a Republican, represents all of Osage and Gasconade Counties and parts of Miller and Montgomery Counties (District 61) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. Sassmann has been named the Chair of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee for the 102nd General Assembly. He will also serve as a member of the Committees on Higher Education, Special Committee on Tourism, and the Special Committee for Small Business.

Representative Sassmann is retired from a century-old family funeral business in Bland and Belle. He has owned and operated a convenience store for 25 years. As a landlord, Sassmann continues to provide residential and commercial services.

Sassmann was named the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in 2009 and Conservation Educator of the Year in 2017 by the Conservation Federation of Missouri. In the past years, he

has been honored with the 2010 Missouri Department of Conservation Private Land Services Partnership Award, the 2012 Missouri Quail Forever Leopold Land Ethic Award, the 2013 Missouri Chapter of Wildlife Society Andy G. Runge Award, and the 2020 NACD Hugh Hammond Bennett Conservation Excellence Farm. For over a decade Sassmann has participated as a mentor in the Governor's Youth Spring Turkey Hunt.

District 62

***Sherri Gallick (R):** Representative Sherri Gallick is responsible for portions of Cass and Bates counties (District 62) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

Gallick went to the University of Missouri. She holds a BS in Education and her MBA. She continues to be active with her alma mater, serving on executive boards for 15+ years, and as president of the MIZZOU Alumni Association in 2015. She is a committed community leader and volunteers for a variety of nonprofits. She is currently a Court Appointed Special Advocate with CASA and serves on the board at CASCO, a workshop for the developmentally disabled.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Gallick was an executive in the food industry with companies such as Jimmy Dean Foods. Her business expertise served her well during her first year in the Missouri House. She was named the 2023 Freshman of the Year by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce for her business insight and economic development experience.

Gallick is married. She and her husband, Randy, reside in Cass County. They have two sons, one a master trainer in the Indiana Army National Guard and the other an attorney in Miami, Florida.

District 63

***Tricia K. Byrnes (R):** State Representative Tricia Byrnes, a Republican, represents part of St. Charles County (District 63) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her service as a legislator, Byrnes is a licensed real estate agent with Byrnes Realty Group. She also has decades of online marketing experience working for Fortune 100 companies. From 2020 to 2023 Byrnes served on the Board of Aldermen for the City of Wentzville.

A graduate of Francis Howell High School, Byrnes received a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication/Media Studies from Southeast Missouri State University and a master's degree in Education from Lindenwood University.

Born in St. Louis, Byrnes now resides in Wentzville with her husband, William. They have three sons.

Jenna Roberson (D): Jenna Roberson, originally from Hazelwood, Missouri, embarked on her educational journey attending Garrett Elementary School and later Hazelwood West Middle School. In 1997, her family relocated to O'Fallon, MO, where she graduated from Fort Zumwalt

South High School. She further pursued her academic interests by studying biology and chemistry at Missouri Baptist University, where she honed her scientific skills.

Raised in an entrepreneurial household, Jenna imbibed the value of hard work from a young age, having her first paying job at the tender age of 6. Throughout her teenage years and college, she worked for her family's commercial janitorial and floor care company, assuming the role of Director of Operations after her father's passing in 2012.

In 2013, Jenna became a member of MENSA, showcasing her intellectual prowess and dedication to continuous learning. Celebrating 13 years together with her partner, Chris, Jenna currently resides in Wentzville.

Driven by a belief in politicians working for the people rather than engaging in political grandstanding, Jenna is determined to represent the interests of her constituents in the Missouri State Legislature. With her patient listening skills and dedicated leadership, she aims to bridge divides and foster collaboration across party lines in Jefferson City. Jenna's calm demeanor and knack for humor will undoubtedly make her an invaluable asset in navigating the complexities of legislative governance.

District 64

***Tony Lovasco (R):** Representative Tony Lovasco, a Republican, represents St. Charles and Lincoln Counties (District 64) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Lovasco has worked for the last 16 years selling off-lease computer equipment to resellers, end-users, and businesses. He also has extensive experience in Linux software deployment and maintenance, and has maintained the Nexradix GNU/Linux distribution for nearly ten years.

Lovasco serves as the Township 11 Committeeman on the St. Charles County Republican Central Committee. He also serves on the board of the Lewis & Clark Pachyderms.

Lovasco is a 2003 graduate of Duchesne High School and attended the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

A lifelong St. Charles County resident, Lovasco and his wife, Eva, currently reside in unincorporated St. Charles County, just outside St. Paul.

Deanna Self (R): Deanna Self holds an M.A. in Counseling (2007) and an M.A. in General Theology (2001) from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. As a state Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), she specializes in Individual, Marriage, Couples & Family Therapy, operating her private practice office in Lake St. Louis.

In addition to her professional work, Deanna is dedicated to community service. She served for approximately three years as the North County Chapter Chairman and for about two years as the St. Charles County Chapter Chairman for Missouri Right to Life.

Since 1988, Deanna has been an integral part of her husband Mark's ministry as a pastor's wife. Throughout this time, she has held various leadership positions including Worship Leader, Music/Choir Director, Bible Study Teacher, and has been actively involved in committees for building and expansion/renovation projects.

Deanna's commitment to her community is further demonstrated through her donations and memberships to organizations such as the Church, Missouri Right to Life, St. Charles County Pachyderm Club, and Ultimate Defense. Her dedication to service and advocacy reflects her deeply held values and beliefs.

Cheryl Hibbeler (D): Cheryl Hibbeler, a proud 7th generation resident of St. Charles County, has dedicated herself to serving her community through active involvement in local politics and advocacy work. After her sons reached adulthood, Cheryl became increasingly engaged in local politics, serving as an O'Fallon Alderman for five and a half years, followed by five years on the County Council.

Throughout her 23 years of advocacy and volunteerism, Cheryl has been a staunch supporter of numerous citizen candidates and causes. She is particularly proud of her lobbying efforts for MO Health Care for All and Mom's Demand Action, as well as her service on the MO Community Service Commission and the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

With a wealth of experience in parliamentary procedure and data management, Cheryl has played a crucial role within the Central Committee for the past 16 years, including six years as parliamentarian and ten years as township committeewoman and data manager. In her retirement, Cheryl continues her dedicated work in organizing, candidate preparation, door-to-door outreach, and social media campaigning, all aimed at electing honest and committed officials.

Cheryl is highly regarded within St. Charles County and the Central Committee for her expertise, sense of humor, and willingness to mentor others. Her contributions are deeply appreciated, and she remains an invaluable asset to the community.

District 65

***Wendy L. Hausman (R):** Representative Wendy Hausman, a Republican, represents part of St. Charles County (District 65) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her legislative duties, Hausman works as the director of marketing and public relations for a locally owned marketing company in St. Peters.

Hausman attended Eastern Illinois University, where she studied political science.

She is very involved in her local business community where she has served on many boards both professional and philanthropic. Hausman has been recognized for her work by several organizations and was nominated as Woman of the Year by the Little Black Book professional

business organization for 2020 and 2021, as well as the 2020 Ambassador of the Year by the St. Charles Regional Chamber.

Born in Belleville, Illinois, Hausman currently resides in St. Peters with her husband, Brian. They have five children.

District 66

***Marlene Terry (D):** Representative Marlene “Yvonne” Terry, a Democrat, represents St. Louis County (District 66) in the Missouri House of Representatives, including Spanish Lake, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Glasgow, Village of Riverview, and Castle Point. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2020.

As a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, Marlene Terry serves as the Chairwoman of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus. On the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, her assignment to this committee supports her continued and active involvement with the Riverview Gardens School District and Hazelwood district. She also serves as the Minority Chair of Corrections, the Ethics Committee, and the Committee for Children and Families.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Terry worked as an accounting clerk for BJC Healthcare for 20 years. Marlene Terry was the first African American elected to Riverview Gardens School Board. During her nine years of service, Terry served as secretary and vice president of the board, eventually leading the board as President of the School Board.

Born in St. Louis, Terry attended University City High School and UMSL. She attends Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Florissant. She has two children and four grandchildren.

Tommie Pierson Sr. (D): Tommie Pierson Sr., born in 1946 to a sharecropping family in Ripley, Tennessee, embarked on a journey that would define him as a stalwart advocate for his community. At the age of 17, he ventured to St. Louis with his sister, laying the foundation for a life dedicated to service and activism. Pierson spent 32 years on the assembly line at General Motors, where he not only contributed to the workforce but also emerged as a staunch voice for labor rights, serving as a union representative.

In 1977, Pierson's calling led him to establish the Great St. Mark Family Church, where he assumed the role of senior pastor, shaping the spiritual and social landscape of his congregation. His commitment to social justice extended beyond the pulpit; in 1978, he fervently opposed the Right to Work legislation, advocating for the rights of workers alongside his church community.

In 1999, Pierson's unwavering dedication to equality and fairness manifested in his arrest during a protest against discriminatory hiring practices within the Missouri Department of Transportation. This pivotal moment ignited his foray into public service, propelling him to champion the causes that resonated deeply with him and his community.

Pierson's illustrious career in public service saw him elected as the Representative for House District 66 from 2011 to 2016, where he tirelessly fought for the interests of his constituents.

Simultaneously, he continued to serve as a guiding figure at the Greater St. Mark Family Church, enriching the lives of many through his spiritual leadership.

In his most recent role as Mayor of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, Pierson remains steadfast in his commitment to uplifting his community, blending his deep-rooted faith with pragmatic governance to effect meaningful change. Tommie Pierson Sr.'s life journey stands as a testament to the transformative power of advocacy, faith, and unwavering determination.

District 67

Neil Smith (D): Neil Smith is a devoted family man, married to Jeanne Smith, and blessed with five children: Shannell, Toneil, Orlando, Sterling, and Delores. Deeply rooted in his Christian faith, Neil is an active member of the Christ Temple Family Church, where he finds spiritual strength and community support.

With a commitment to continuous learning and growth, Neil graduated with honors from John F. Kennedy and pursued further education, earning a certificate in Telecommunications Fiber Optics and Low Voltage Cabling. His professional journey reflects a diverse range of experiences, from serving as Vice President of Marketing to excelling as an Operations Manager, Business Contract Negotiator, and Project Manager over Underground Construction Planning. With a robust twenty-year career in the Automobile Industry, Neil has honed his skills as a Sales Associate, Sales Manager, Floor Manager, and Inventory Manager.

Neil's legislative priorities are a reflection of his deep concern for his community's well-being. He is dedicated to crime prevention and public safety, advocating for lower taxes and education reform, and tirelessly working towards reducing insurance rates and utility bills. Neil is a staunch supporter of initiatives aimed at providing support and services for youth and senior citizens, creating job opportunities, promoting health and wellness, fostering business development, and preserving neighborhoods and housing.

With a heart for service and a vision for a better future, Neil Smith is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of those around him, both within his family and in the broader community.

Tonya Rush (D): Tonya Rush is a dedicated advocate for family and community, embodying a profound commitment to service and leadership. For over 25 years she has passionately devoted herself to empowering and uplifting her community, leveraging her roles as a devoted wife and parent to two wonderful adult children to fuel her passion for mentorship and advocacy.

Tonya's journey towards community empowerment is rooted in her unwavering dedication to family values and Christian faith. She draws strength and inspiration from her role as a committed member of the Christ Temple Family Church, where she finds solace, spiritual strength, and a sense of belonging.

Education has been a cornerstone of Tonya's personal and professional growth. She pursued higher learning with dedication, graduating with honors from John F. Kennedy and furthering her education to earn a certificate in Telecommunications Fiber Optics and Low Voltage Cabling.

This commitment to continuous learning reflects her belief in the power of knowledge to drive positive change.

Tonya's professional endeavors span a diverse range of roles and responsibilities, showcasing her versatility and adaptability. From her tenure as Vice President of Marketing to her success as an Operations Manager, Business Contract Negotiator, and Project Manager over Underground Construction Planning, she has consistently demonstrated her capacity for effective leadership and strategic decision-making.

Her legislative priorities mirror her deep-seated concern for the well-being of her community. Tonya is a vocal advocate for crime prevention and public safety, advocating for lower taxes, education reform, and initiatives aimed at reducing insurance rates and utility bills. She is committed to supporting youth and senior citizens, creating job opportunities, promoting health and wellness, fostering business development, and preserving neighborhoods and housing.

District 68

Kem Smith (D): Dr. Kem Smith is deeply ingrained in the fabric of St. Louis County, with roots that extend across various communities. A graduate of Hazelwood Central High School and an alumna of the Ferguson Florissant School District's Berkeley High School, she holds a rich educational background that includes experiences at Berkeley Middle School and Walnut Grove Elementary. Over the years, Kem has called Florissant, Black Jack, and Berkeley, Missouri, her home, embodying a true sense of belonging and connection to her surroundings.

In addition to her dedication to her community, Kem is a devoted wife and mother, having shared over 18 years of marriage with her husband, Orlando Smith, and nurturing five children and five grandchildren with love and care.

As an educator with over 24 years of experience, Kem has made a significant impact in shaping young minds and fostering academic excellence. Her educational journey includes earning a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration Leadership, a Masters of Fine Arts in Writing, a Masters of Arts in Education, and a Bachelors of Business Administration. She has contributed her expertise to various school districts, including Ferguson Florissant, Clayton, Hazelwood, Jennings, and Riverview, as well as institutions like St. Louis Community College and Fontbonne University.

Beyond her role in education, Kem is a dynamic entrepreneur, serving as the Founder and CEO of Cultural Competency Educational Consultants LLC. She also leads ventures such as DrKem Smith with Luxevo Vacations and KSmith Studios, showcasing her versatility and entrepreneurial spirit. Previously, she owned K.I.S.S. Fitness Studio, demonstrating her commitment to promoting health and wellness within her community.

Dr. Kem Smith's multifaceted journey embodies a profound dedication to education, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. Her tireless efforts to empower others and create positive change reflect her unwavering commitment to making a lasting impact on the world around her.

Janay Mosley (D): Janay Mosley, a native of Saint Louis hailing from the 68th district, embodies a rich tapestry of experiences and a deep-rooted commitment to her community. Her formative years were spent at McCluer North High School, where she actively engaged in various extracurricular activities, including serving on the Homecoming Committee, Senior Committee as Vice President, participating in Pep Club, and contributing to Best Buddies. Janay's dedication to academic excellence was evident as she graduated with honors and earned the esteemed title of Prom Queen during her senior year.

Following her high school journey, Janay embarked on a new chapter of her academic pursuits at Tennessee State University, where she received a scholarship to pursue her degree. However, her path eventually led her to The Healing Arts Center, where she underwent training and obtained certification as a Licensed Massage Therapist. Today, Janay operates her own small business, specializing in Massage Therapy, and extends her expertise as a guest teacher in her field.

Steeped in a legacy of public service, Janay's familial ties to politics run deep. As the daughter of Senator Angela Walton Mosley and State Representative Jay Mosley, and the niece of former State Representatives and County Councilwoman, Rochelle Walton Gray, and Alan Gray, she was destined for a career in politics. Since 2008, Janay has been an integral part of winning campaign teams, starting with Rochelle Walton-Gray, showcasing her unwavering dedication to effecting positive change within her community.

With a blend of passion, dedication, and a profound commitment to service, Janay Mosley embodies the essence of leadership and community engagement. Her journey into politics is not only inevitable but also a testament to her relentless pursuit of a better future for all.

Pamela Paul (D): Pamela Paul is a dedicated advocate with a diverse background and an unwavering commitment to serving her community. With a multifaceted career spanning various fields, including pastoral leadership, early education, peer specialist certification, community engagement, and mental health first aid training, Pamela has established herself as a leader and servant with unparalleled dedication.

For over 20 years, Pamela has been a steadfast voice for appropriate practices, fair and humane treatment, and the protection of individual rights. Her extensive experience has equipped her with the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate complex issues and effect meaningful change within her community.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Pamela is deeply involved in various boards throughout Missouri, focusing on advocacy, citizen responsibility, and fair practices. Her involvement reflects her commitment to championing causes that promote equity and justice for all.

Pamela's decision to embark upon a political platform is driven by her desire to continue the impactful work she has been doing while also learning from others with proven track records. She aims to ensure that North County is represented fairly and that its schools uphold exemplary standards that support both children and their families. Moreover, Pamela is dedicated to fostering a safe and prosperous community for all residents.

District 69

Scott A. Miller (R): Scott Miller, a distinguished business owner, Army veteran, and staunch advocate for education and economic development, has thrown his hat into the ring for the position of State Representative in St. Charles County. With a proven history of leadership and a deep-seated commitment to community service, Miller aims to leverage his business acumen and dedication to make a difference in the state legislature.

A proud graduate of Pattonville High School, Miller holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), alongside a Master of Telecommunications Management from Washington University, an MBA, and a Master of Science in Strategic Management from Indiana University.

Since 2013, Miller has been at the helm of EadsCo Cleaning, and more recently, Meat Your Kitchen since 2022. Through his ownership experience, he intimately understands the hurdles and prospects confronting small businesses in the region. He pledges to streamline bureaucratic processes and regulations hindering small business growth in St. Charles. Actively involved in the Cottleville Chamber of Commerce, Miller is committed to fostering economic prosperity and entrepreneurship in the community.

Miller champions school choice to empower parents and ensure every child receives a quality education. He advocates for enhanced curricula to equip students for success in trades, college, and beyond. Firmly rooted in conservative principles, Miller stands for election integrity, the right to bear arms, property rights, and limited taxes. He is dedicated to championing policies that fortify communities and uphold cherished Missouri values.

Chris Chapman (D): No bio found.

District 70

Rickey Joiner (D): No bio found.

Stephanie Boykin (D): No bio found.

Durell Reeves (D): No bio found.

Dustin Coffell (L): Dustin Coffell brings a wealth of expertise in accounting to his role as Accounts Payable Lead at Benson Hill. Armed with a Masters of Science in Accounting from Western Governors University, he has a solid foundation in financial management. Dustin's academic journey also includes the attainment of two Bachelor of Science Degrees, one in Accounting and another in Meteorology, reflecting his diverse interests and aptitude for analytical thinking.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Dustin is deeply engaged in political advocacy, serving as the Chair of The Libertarian Party of Missouri. His leadership in this capacity demonstrates his commitment to advancing principles of individual liberty, limited government, and fiscal responsibility within the political sphere.

District 71

***LaDonna Appelbaum (D):** Representative LaDonna Appelbaum, a Democrat, represents part of St. Louis County, including portions of Chesterfield, Creve Coeur, Maryland Heights, Olivette, Overland and a large portion of unincorporated St. Louis County (District 71), in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to her legislative service, Appelbaum worked in orthopedic medical sales and eventually started her own company in 2002, which she ran for eight years.

She currently serves as a committee member for the St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick's Day Parade. She was a delegate for the 2012 Democratic National Convention and is active in the Maryland Heights Township Democratic Club. Appelbaum organized the first ever Welcome Home to Heroes Parade to honor those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Appelbaum won an American Legion Award of Merit in 2012 and was recognized in 1994 as Student Athlete Trainer of the Year.

A graduate of Kickapoo High School in Springfield, Appelbaum received her Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training and Sports Medicine from Tulsa University.

Born in Harrison, Arkansas, Appelbaum currently resides in St. Louis with her husband, Tom.

District 72

***Doug Clemens (D):** Representative Doug Clemens, a Democrat, represents St. Louis County (District 72) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Clemens previously worked with a company that installs live captioning phones in the homes of the hearing impaired through the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also served for more than four years as the chairman of the West Lake / Bridgeton Landfill Community Advisory Group. As a founding member of the group, Clemens has been very active in efforts to remove radioactive waste from his community.

Clemens is an active member of his community and has been a member of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, the Home Builder's Association, the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, the St. Louis Realtors Association, the Regional and Commercial Growth Association, and UAW Local 282 and UFCW Local 655.

A graduate of Pattonville Senior High School, Clemens went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in Political Science – International Relations and Economic Studies at the University of Missouri – Columbia.

A lifelong resident of the 72nd House District, Clemens currently resides in St. Ann with his wife, Stephanie.

District 73

Mike Person (D): Michael Person, a dedicated public servant, served as the Representative of the 74th District following his election victory in November 2019, assuming office in January 2020. With a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, earned in 1978 when it was known as the University of Missouri–Rolla, Person brought a wealth of expertise to his role in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Prior to his state legislative career, Person served as a member of the Riverview Gardens School Board from 2004 to 2007, advocating for quality education and community engagement. He further demonstrated his commitment to community service through his roles as a torchlighter for United Way and a diversity and inclusion facilitator for Ameren. Additionally, Person contributed his leadership skills to the Ferguson Township Democratic Committee, actively participating in party activities and initiatives.

Although his tenure in the House ended in January 2023 due to redistricting placing his home in district 73, where he lost the next primary to incumbent Raychel Proudie, Person's dedication to public service remains unwavering. Despite challenges, his contributions to the Missouri House of Representatives and his community underscore his commitment to advancing the interests of his constituents and promoting positive change.

***Raychel C Proudie (D):** Representative Raychel Proudie, a Democrat, represents parts of North St. Louis County (District 73) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first term as a state representative in November 2018.

Proudie is a certified Classroom Teacher and School Counselor in Missouri, Illinois, and Louisiana and has extensive experience working in public schools in urban and rural areas in both traditional public and charter schools.

Proudie is known for her expertise on Pre-K 12 policy and procedures. She has earned a B.S in Elementary Education and a Doctoral Candidate (Ed.D) at Grambling State University, and an M.A. in Mental Health Counseling at Southern University and A&M College.

Proudie also is a member of several professional organizations including National Association for Developmental Education, National Academic Advising Association, National Alliance of Black School Educators, and the Missouri National Education Association.

Experience and community engagement drives Proudie's desire to be involved in leading and implementing sound policies. In addition to her work as a legislator, she is actively involved in several community, neighborhood and township organizations. She is honored to deliver meals to seniors, organize coat and glove drives, attend local high school sporting events to cheer on the home team, and mentor students as they prepare for post-secondary life.

Proudie is the middle child of an Honorably Discharged Army Veteran (late) and a State of Missouri employee who has dedicated her life and career to mental health care. She is proudly parenting her nephew, who is a student at M.S. Berkeley High School in Ferguson, MO.

District 74

Jack Howard (R): No bio found.

***Kevin Windham (D):** Representative Kevin Windham Jr. represents 22 municipalities in St. Louis County and portions of unincorporated St. Louis County (District 74) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in November 2018 at 25 years old.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Windham served the state of Missouri as a staffer in the Missouri Senate and the United States Senate. He is also a FOCUS St. Louis Impact Fellow and CWC Neighborhood Leadership Fellow alum.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Windham has served as a state committeeman with the Missouri Democratic Party and the interim executive director with the St. Louis County Democratic Central Committee.

Rep. Windham is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and has served in many organizations including the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, U.S. Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus, Congressional Black Associates, and Normandy Kiwanis Club.

Rep. Windham plays basketball for leisure and attributes his passion for politics in large part to his great-grandmother, Rose Simon.

District 75

Catina Howard (D): Catina Howard, a devoted Democrat, wife, and mother, has called Black Jack, Missouri, home for over 14 years. Currently serving her third term as Vice President of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 788, Catina is deeply committed to labor advocacy and community service.

In addition to her role in the labor union, Catina is an active board member of Citizens of Modern Transit and serves as a trustee of the Bi-State ATU 788 Pension Fund. Her dedication to community engagement is further demonstrated through her previous work as a Community Outreach Specialist for the Human Development Corporation and as a former Missouri Licensed Realtor.

As a member of various community labor organizations, including Job for Justice, the National Women's Political Caucus, AFL-CIO, and the Coalition of Women's Trade Union, Catina actively confronts labor issues, advocates for economic development, and promotes equal justice under the law.

Catina is particularly passionate about women's rights and improving academic outcomes for students in North County. With her proven leadership and commitment to her community, Catina

Howard is prepared to represent the citizens of the Missouri House of Representatives 75th District with integrity and dedication.

Chanel Mosley (D): No bio found.

A.J. White (D): AJ White, a dedicated professional and community leader, has deep roots in North County, having been a resident for 43 years and a Black Jack resident for 20 years. With a wealth of experience as a Licensed Electrical Contractor and holding an Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering from Western Illinois State University, AJ brings a unique blend of expertise and knowledge to his endeavors.

In municipal government, AJ has served as an active Councilmember for Ward 3 for nine years, demonstrating his commitment to public service and community engagement. He is a member of the Missouri Municipal League, contributing to the Administration Intergovernmental Relations committee, and has previously chaired the Civil Rights Committee in Black Jack. AJ's involvement extends to professional organizations, where he is a member of the Project Management Institute and the International Code Council Building Safety Inspectors.

Outside of his professional and municipal roles, AJ remains actively engaged in his community. He serves as the Vice President of Jamestown Subdivisions, leveraging his leadership skills to enhance the quality of life for residents. Additionally, AJ is the Chairman of the 501(c)(3) Society Of the Antebellum Islamic Ancestors, reflecting his commitment to religious affiliation and cultural heritage.

With a strong dedication to service, professional expertise, and community involvement, AJ White is a respected figure in North County, dedicated to making a positive impact in both his professional and personal spheres.

District 76

***Marlon Anderson (D):** Representative Marlon Anderson, a Democrat, represents St. Louis City (District 76) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Born and raised in North St. Louis, Anderson is a proud product of St. Louis Public Schools. He graduated from Gateway Institute of Technology in 2000, and obtained an associate's degree from St. Louis Community College.

Anderson completed his bachelor's degree in Mass Media from Clark Atlanta University, where he participated in NCAA Division II sports and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He completed a juris doctorate from Southern University Law Centers in 2011.

Anderson worked for the Louisiana Public Defender in the Juvenile Litigations Division, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis Public Defender's Office, and the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole before opening his own law firm in 2013. He continues to provide zealous legal representation at the Law Office of Marlon S. Anderson.

Community engagement includes serving as chairman of the 27th Ward Safety Committee, Vice-President of the Northside Neighborhood Action Association, Co-Chair of a Voter Empowerment committee and as a member of the 27th Ward Housing Committee Board. Anderson is the co-owner of Brother's Property Management, a lifetime member of St. Paul Saturdays Manhood and Development Group, and a member of the New Northside Missionary Baptist Church.

Cameron McCarty (L): Cameron McCarty, a native of St. Charles, Missouri, has dedicated himself to both military service and professional endeavors. Since 2008, Cameron has served in the U.S. Air National Guard, demonstrating his commitment to his country and its defense.

In addition to his military service, Cameron has built a successful career as an IT consultant, leveraging his skills and expertise to provide valuable support and solutions to clients. With a strong background in information technology, Cameron brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his work in the field.

Driven by a sense of duty and a passion for technology, Cameron McCarty continues to excel both in his military service and his career as an IT consultant, making meaningful contributions to both sectors.

District 77

***Kimberly-Ann Collins (D):** State Representative Kimberly-Ann Collins, a Democrat was elected to her first term in 2020 to represent the City of St. Louis. She is a lifelong and current resident North city St. Louis.

Collins is well known across the state for advocating for Correctional reform and for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. She has opened up homeless shelters in the City of St. Louis and in her few years of serving in the House of Representatives, she has conducted more than 200 prison pop-ups at all 19 correctional facilities in the state. Collins is dedicated to creating change in Missouri prisons through policy and boots on the ground support in both men and women prisons.

Collins graduated from the University of Missouri Kansas-City with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Sciences and a minor of Arts in Chemistry. Although her background is in public health, her passion is serving her community.

Collins is the current President for The Ville/Greater Ville Neighborhood Association, Board member for Northside Youth and Senior Services, and a appointed member of the Missouri Justice Reinvestment Executive Oversight Council, which oversees and monitors the implementation of policies designed to reduce the prison population and make more efficient use of Missouri taxpayer dollars.

Representative Collins is the daughter of Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith, 21st president and the first Black woman president of Harris-Stowe State University.

District 78

Jim Povolish (R): Jim Povolish, a dedicated Missourian and St. Louis resident, brings over three decades of experience in management, finance, sales, and marketing to his role as GOP committeeman for the 8th Ward in the City of St. Louis. With a focus on telecommunications for the past twenty years, Jim has honed his skills in effective communication and relationship-building, recognizing the importance of connecting with others.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Jim has always felt deeply connected to the local community. His roots run deep in the McKinley Heights/Soulard/Lafayette Square area, where he has lived for the past 20 years. Remarkably, Jim discovered that his current home is within blocks of some of his great-grandparents' former residences, with his family having called the district and neighborhood home for over 125 years.

An active member of the community, Jim engages with local businesses and residents whenever possible, fostering strong connections and understanding the needs of the community firsthand. He also maintains ties to St. Pius V, the church where he was baptized and where his parents were married, further highlighting his deep roots in the area.

With a profound commitment to serving the people of St. Louis and the 78th district, Jim Povolish is dedicated to addressing key issues facing both the community and the state of Missouri, leveraging his experience, passion, and strong work ethic to make a positive impact.

Jami Cox Antwi (D): Jami Cox Antwi, a third-generation native of St. Louis, Missouri, was deeply impacted by gun violence at a young age when she lost a former classmate at the age of 14. This tragic event sparked her passion for activism and led her to establish a grassroots organization dedicated to eradicating gang violence in her neighborhood. Jami's vision was to create a safer and more prosperous community where people could thrive, inspiring her to become a committed community developer and advocate focused on strengthening neighborhoods.

After graduating from Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School, Jami pursued higher education at Vanderbilt University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy Studies with a focus on housing and urban development policy. Her internship experiences in the Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clark and the U.S. Department of Commerce during college further fueled her passion for public service and policy advocacy.

In 2018, Jami was awarded the prestigious Schwarzman Scholarship, allowing her to earn a Master's Degree in Global Affairs with a concentration in Economics and Business in Beijing, China. Observing the vibrant entrepreneurial economy of Beijing's neighborhoods reinforced her commitment to fostering economic vitality in her own community.

Upon returning to St. Louis, Jami channeled her passion and expertise into a career in development finance. She assumed leadership roles in various organizations, including Chair of the Rise Young Professionals board and Policy Chair of Reform St. Louis. Currently, Jami serves as the chair of the Economic Vitality committee of Delmar Main Street, where she leads efforts to support small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Jami resides in south-city with her husband, Jason, and their rescue cats, Simone and Pumbaa. Her vision for the 78th district revolves around uplifting its twelve communities through strong leadership and advocacy. Running for the Missouri House of Representatives, Jami is driven by her commitment to creating safer, more robust communities and hopes to earn the trust of the people of the 78th district as their advocate in Jefferson City.

Marty (Joe) Murray (D): Marty Joe Murray’s journey in St. Louis began over a decade ago when he was captivated by the city's charm while brushing up at the riverfront. In 2011, Marty earned a bachelor of science in Business Management from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, marking the commencement of his career in corporate America.

Throughout his professional career, Marty has worked for prestigious organizations such as the Federal Reserve Bank, BJC Healthcare, Centene, Express Scripts, and World Wide Technology. As an International Project Manager, he has spearheaded multi-million dollar projects aimed at improving the lives of over 100,000 people globally. In 2015, Marty became the youngest person ever enrolled in the University of Missouri-Columbia’s Executive MBA program, further solidifying his expertise in business and management.

Politically, Marty's journey began with grassroots organizing for President Obama’s first campaign. Since then, he has held political internships, served as a consumer advocate for Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and worked as a community organizer on various social issues. Marty's commitment to civic engagement led him to beat a 23-year incumbent for the 7th ward Democratic Committeeman seat in August 2016. He subsequently served as chairman of Missouri’s 78th legislative district committee, vice chair of the 1st congressional district committee, and state committeeman of the 5th Senate district. In these roles, Marty worked tirelessly to ensure that the party platform reflected the views of the 78th District, organizing voter registration drives, get-out-the-vote efforts, and engaging voters on critical issues.

Currently, Marty serves as Committeeman representing Missouri’s 5th Senatorial District to the Missouri Democratic Party, continuing his advocacy for progressive values and effective leadership.

Jessica Pachak (D): No bio found.

District 79

***LaKeySha Bosley (D):** Representative LaKeySha Bosley, a Democrat, represents part of St. Louis City (District 79) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She is now serving her first term in office after being elected in November of 2018. She was elected by the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus to serve as the Caucus Secretary. She also was instrumental in forming the Black Caucus for the Missouri Democratic Party.

Bosley has been involved in politics since she was a young woman, being a part of the hometown neighborhood organization and ward organization. She currently serves as a Democratic State Committeewoman. She also works with the “Communities First” not-for-profit

organization to serve communities through various programs such as Father- Son Camping in the Park, Toy Drives, Business Start-Ups, and more.

While earning her degree in Business Administration, Bosley is studying for her certification in Nursing.

Bosley comes from a long history of public servants. Members of her family in public service include: her father, Freeman Bosley, Sr., who was the longest sitting Alderman in the City of St. Louis, her brother, Freeman Bosley, Jr., who was the first African- American Mayor of the City of St. Louis; her brother, Brandon Bosley, who is a current Alderman of the 3rd Ward in the City of St. Louis; and her mother, Lucinda Frazier, who is a Committeewoman and Vice-Chair of Democratic Central Committee.

District 80

Kirk Hilzinger (R): According to his LinkedIn profile, Kirk Hilzinger is a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in the computer industry spanning back to 1997. Throughout his career, Kirk has specialized in computer networks, wireless technology, and security, focusing on optimizing network performance and reliability.

Kirk's specialties encompass a wide range of areas within computer network architecture and administration, including network engineering, security, and administration. With expertise in fiber, wired, and wireless networks, as well as proficiency in Cisco technologies and network redundancy, Kirk is well-equipped to tackle complex network challenges and deliver reliable solutions. His proficiency in network management tools like SolarWinds further underscores his commitment to excellence in network performance and security.

Ben Murray (D): Ben Murray has worked supporting progressive candidates and causes in Missouri for over 20 years. He has been a part of campaigns for Russ Carnahan, Jason Kander, Tishaura Jones and Megan Green.

He currently serves as a Legislative Assistant in the Missouri House of Representatives. In this role he helps craft legislation and answers constituents who are having trouble accessing state government.

He enjoys comics and is a part owner of Apotheosis Comics on South Grand.

He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy Administration from the University of Missouri- St. Louis as well as graduate certificates in Local Governance Management and Economic Development.

Elizabeth (Lilly) Fuchs (D): Elizabeth 'Lilly' Fuchs is a lifelong St. Louisan with more than 20 years of dedicated community service. The roots of her family tree are woven deeply under the city's cobblestone streets. On her father's side, her ancestors were farmers and stonemasons. Two German brothers who took a commission with the Catholic Church of France to come to America and build the Old Cathedral. This rock of faith in downtown St. Louis still sits on the bank of the Mississippi River. On her mother's side, her ancestors were public servants and

laborers who built and served our city with pride. Ever heard the story about the public official who died at their desk in city hall? Well, that was Lilly's great-grandfather, Tom Jennings Sr., who, when he died, was the longest serving city official having the pleasure of serving eight mayors. Lilly is ready to follow the path her family paved before her to serve the people of the city of St. Louis.

Growing up in south St. Louis County, Lilly's lens for understanding life was from the perspective of the two very Catholic branches of her family tree. Lilly went to private Catholic schools and lived in a community where everyone was mostly white, middle-class and Catholic. Lilly's parents were working class. Her dad managed grocery stores and her mom was an early childhood educator. Even with their modest income, her parents believed that for their family an education with a religious curriculum was a priority. Lilly attended grade school at St Margaret Mary Alacoque and went to Notre Dame High School- go Rebels! While Lilly is no longer a member of the Catholic Church, she is grateful for the frame of reference and foundation provided to her by the nuns at Notre Dame who introduced her to social justice, singing for connection, and the call of the spirit.

It was after high school that Lilly really started to understand her queer identity. While a traditional path of high school to college, college to marriage, marriage to kids was the expected path for a good Catholic girl, Lilly wasn't like the other girls. Lilly was different and knew that she wasn't destined for the path as prescribed. In search of her community, she found herself in the restaurant world as a waitstaff manager at Blueberry Hill. Lilly loved her time as a Blueberry and credits that time during her life for teaching her the true meaning of teamwork. Eventually in the summer of 2000, Lilly found her way to Novak's Bar and Grill on a blind date. As a young 21-year old, Lilly stepped into that community bar, saw all the pictures on the walls, and knew desperately that she wanted to be in those pictures. Lilly found her people.

Coming out was not easy for Lilly. Her family lost her beautiful and talented Uncle Jeffrey to AIDS in the fall of 1990. He was gay, contracted HIV in the late 1980s and took his life before the virus did. This tragedy in her VERY Catholic family was met with silence and shame. Unfortunately for Lilly, this was all she knew about being gay. When she stepped into that gay bar for the first time, it was like finally coming home. Finding her community gave her purpose. Lilly continued to serve her community after graduating with her Masters in Social Work from the University of Missouri St. Louis in her first job with St. Louis Effort for AIDS, now Vivant, as a case manager. In this role, Lilly was fortunate to glean insight into the very real health disparities for our Transgender community. It was then that she truly started to understand her role in solidarity with Trans people.

Taking her role of advocate to the next level, Lilly started working with PROMO as the Manager of Public Policy and Lobbyist in the spring of 2016. In the post-marriage equality world of defending queer liberation, this proved to be a pivotal moment. Lilly learned more about her mission in our movement spaces- community care container and social policy warrior. As a social worker, Lilly provided several interventions in those roles serving as invaluable mental health support while also delivering public testimony in opposition to the onslaught of anti-LGBTQ bills.

From PROMO, to the Metro Trans Umbrella Group (MTUG) Lilly continued to carve out her role in our community. While working for MTUG, Lilly held two sacred roles. She was both the policy consultant- drafting organizational policy, and she was also the community healer-managing the support group facilitators who were a vital component of the mission of MTUG. One of Lilly's favorite roles while supporting these community organizations was facilitating the learning of social work students in their practicum experiences. So when approached to interview for a role at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Lilly delighted in the honor and accepted the invitation.

In January of 2020, Lilly started working with social work students full time. Her role in the capital did not change. She is still showing up to be an advocate for liberation, but now she is teaching students how to show up as social workers in a policy space- to provide community care for those testifying and those impacted while under the dome; write and deliver compelling testimony to shift the discussion to advance equity; to strategize policy change through policy and stakeholder analysis; and to run for political office.

Lilly loves her family. She is the aunt to six young humans, and takes her role of nurturing their dreams into reality very seriously. When she isn't spending time with her family, Lilly can be found hopping around the south-side with any number of her pals. She loves music and is a very gifted karaoke singer. Lez duet, want to?

Elizabeth 'Lilly' Fuchs has a long history in political advocacy and activism in St. Louis and our state legislature. She is a proven champion of equality and was awarded this honor by the Advocate Magazine in 2018. When elected, Lilly will continue to be a champion for issues the matter to the voters and residents of House District 80.

District 81

Jake Koehr (R): Jake Koehr is a 31-year-old lifelong St. Louisan and current employee of the Laborers Union from Local 42. With previous experience at the City Water Department for five years and as a property manager in North St. Louis for six years, he has traversed various parts of the city. Jake's affection for St. Louis stems from its vibrant populace and distinctive attractions.

Motivated by a belief that the state government can better serve its people, Jake has chosen to run for office. If elected, he pledges to relocate to Jefferson City during legislative sessions, ensuring his presence for every vote. Transparency is paramount to Jake's approach; he commits to detailing all proposed bills on his website, along with explanations of his votes and those of his colleagues. This transparency extends to financial matters, with clear breakdowns of expenditure and revenue sources. Jake aims to act as a vigilant advocate for his constituents, offering accessibility through his personal phone number on all communication channels.

Bill Stephens (D): Bill Stephens served as a member of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in Missouri, representing Ward 12, from April 20, 2021, to April 18, 2023. Before his tenure in politics, he dedicated himself to community service and education. From 2018 to 2021, Bill was an integral part of the specialist three-person Early Childhood Outreach Team at St. Louis Public Library, where he oversaw library services for approximately 25-30 early childhood centers in the St. Louis City area.

Prior to his work at the library, Bill spent over two years contributing to the Saint Louis Art Museum. Beyond his professional endeavors, Bill Stephens has actively volunteered with various nonprofits. He has been involved with the St. Louis Crusaders Rugby Football Club and served as a Board Member for Growing American Youth. Bill also took on the role of Archivist at Pride St. Louis and served as Chair for the Missouri Democratic LGBTQ Caucus. Through his diverse experiences and commitment to community engagement, Bill Stephens continues to make a positive impact in the St. Louis area.

***Steve Butz (D):** Representative Steve Butz, a Democrat, represents part of St. Louis City (District 81) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to serving in the legislature, Butz is the president of the Crawford-Butz Insurance Agency. He received the President's Choice Award from Safeco Insurance in 2018. Butz is also a managing partner for Eagle Hurst Ranch in Steelville.

Butz is an Eagle Scout and continues to support the Boy Scouts of America as a Friend of Scouting. He is also a member of the YMCA, and attends St. Stephen Protomartyr Catholic Church.

Butz attended Bishop DuBourg High School and obtained a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri - St. Louis. He is counted among the Bishop DuBourg High School Distinguished Alumni.

A lifelong resident of south St. Louis, Butz currently resides there with his wife, Angie. They have six children and eight grandchildren.

Cydney E. Johnson Sr. (D): Cydney Johnson, a resident of St. Louis, brings a diverse background in communications and education to his professional journey. From 2020 to 2022, he served as a Client Communications Manager at NexCore, where he honed his skills in client relations and communication strategies.

Prior to his role at NexCore, Cydney spent three years as an Instructor at Computer Village, focusing on STEM education for both youth and adults. Here, he contributed to training numerous individuals in various technical skills, ranging from computer proficiency to hazardous materials management.

Cydney pursued his academic interests in Political Science and Government at Kansas State University, where he actively participated in the Student Government Association. His commitment to education and community involvement underscores his dedication to making a positive impact in both professional and academic spheres.

District 82

Donald W. Flecke (R): No bio found.

Nick Kimble (D): Nick Kimble, a native of St. Louis and proud resident of South City, has deep roots in the community. Raised in the Southhampton neighborhood, he attended St. Gabe's and SLU High before pursuing his studies in political science and business at Loyola University in Chicago. Together with his wife, Allie, Nick owns a home in the Princeton Heights neighborhood, where they enjoy leisurely walks with their beloved dog, Sasha, who always welcomes new friends.

Professionally, Nick serves as an associate on the healthcare industry team at a global professional services firm. However, his passion for public service and community engagement was instilled in him from a young age by his parents. His mother's three-decade-long service at the City of St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and his father's dedication as a Marine and later as a Union Sheetmetal worker taught him the values of hard work, listening, and the importance of showing up.

With family scattered across the 82nd district, including Lindenwood Park and the Hill neighborhoods, Nick and his family take immense pride in their South City heritage. They believe in the power of community to effect meaningful change and are committed to contributing to the betterment of their beloved city.

Recognizing the untapped potential and opportunities within St. Louis, Nick is driven to unite the community and work towards solutions for the city's challenges. He is inspired by the progress and innovation happening within the city and region, and believes that with hard work, listening, and collective effort, St. Louis can realize its full potential.

District 83

Ray Reed (D): Ray Reed, a native of Brentwood, is deeply rooted in the district he aims to represent, carrying the essence of his community with him to Jefferson City.

His journey in public service commenced in the office of Governor Jeremiah (Jay) W. Nixon, where he worked diligently on the policy team. Later, he extended his commitment to public service by serving the Missouri Democratic Party during the 2018 and 2020 election cycles.

In 2022, Ray made history as one of the first of his generation to pursue a seat in the United States House of Representatives. Although the campaign fell short, Ray remains undeterred, determined to channel the progressive values and lessons learned from his experience into the Missouri State Legislature.

Andrew Bolin (L): Andrew Bolin has always been driven by a desire to positively impact the lives of others, a trait not commonly associated with a career in financial services. His professional journey reflects this commitment, as he and his team work for a company dedicated to helping individuals better their lives. Their focus lies on assisting owners of maintenance and construction businesses, as well as members of churches and community service organizations in the mid-county area, particularly specializing in retirement transition and income protection.

Despite his dedication to his professional endeavors, Andrew finds immense joy in spending time with his wife and two children. Their family actively engages with their church, community, and

various service organizations, furthering their commitment to making a difference beyond their professional sphere.

Andrew Bolin's passion for helping others extends beyond his immediate circle, as he welcomes the opportunity to connect with individuals who could benefit from their services. As a Certified Financial Planner, Andrew is equipped to provide expert guidance and support to those seeking to improve their financial well-being.

District 84

Richard (Ricky) Cowell (R): No bio found.

***Del Taylor (D):** Rep. Del Taylor, a Democrat, represents St. Louis City (District 84) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Taylor worked 25+ years as an international business consultant helping global corporations improve their supply chains and financial systems.

After attending St. Louis University High School, Rep. Taylor graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He worked for 1 year with the local telephone company and 3 years building water treatment equipment. Rep Taylor then obtained his MBA from Kellogg GSM with one semester in Bangkok Thailand studying international business.

Rep. Taylor is a member of the National Black MBA Association, the National Society of Black Engineers and a lifetime member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Rep. Taylor was born and raised in the West End neighborhood in St. Louis City. Through all of his global travels, Del proudly calls St. Louis his Home, Sweet Home.

District 85

***Yolonda Fountain Henderson (D):** State Representative Yolonda Fountain Henderson, a Democrat, represents part of St. Louis County (District 85) in the Missouri House of Representatives. District 85 includes Jennings, Flordell Hills, Country Club Hills, Northwoods, Pine Lawn, Dellwood, and Moline Acres. Henderson was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to her service in the legislature, Henderson served as the first African American female mayor for the City of Jennings. She also served as the first African American female city councilwoman for Jennings. Henderson was most recently elected to serve as secretary of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus.

Henderson is a graduate of Jennings Senior High School and North County Technical High School. She graduated from Hickey Business College in Accounting.

Henderson has advocated for the Jennings School District and was elected to the Jennings School Board. During her time as board president, the school district received a CUBE Award. She also

has served with the Parents Teachers Student Organization, Missouri School Board Association, National School Board Association, CUBE Steering Committee, the Jennings Back to School Jamboree Committee, and as chairperson on the Alumni Committee.

Henderson is an active volunteer and has dedicated her time to working in the food pantry and with the Urban League for the distribution of food. She has also served on clean-up committees by picking up trash throughout various cities such as Jennings, Castle Point, and Kinloch. She also has volunteered her time at the gardens in the City of Jennings.

Henderson was born in St. Louis and currently resides there. She has two children and two grandchildren. Henderson attends Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church. She sings in Victory Sisters and Gospel Jubilees.

District 86

Donovan Meeks (D): No bio found.

Jeff Hales (D): Jeff Hales is a candidate for State Representative in House District 86, currently serving as Council Member for the 1st Ward of University City. Known for prioritizing cooperation and understanding, Jeff focuses on delivering results for his community.

With a strong dedication to public service, Jeff volunteered as an American Legion Baseball coach for a decade following a career-ending injury. He then transitioned to serving on the city's Traffic Commission before being elected as Council Member for Ward 1 in University City in 2018.

During his time on the City Council, Jeff has championed government transparency, ensuring live-streaming and recording of council meetings for public access. He has also collaborated on projects bringing significant investment and development, including the Costco and Avenir and McKenzie Apartment Developments, to University City.

In response to flooding challenges, Jeff took action to hold the Metropolitan Sewer District accountable by engaging with Storm Water Commission Members and advocating for maintenance of infrastructure. His efforts led to the removal of over 500 tons of debris from channels and storm-water tunnels.

Jeff's candidacy for State Representative is driven by his commitment to advocating for government transparency, promoting economic development, and protecting the rights of all residents of District 86 and Missouri as a whole.

Trina Nelson (D): Trina Nelson, a lifelong resident of Missouri, is a dedicated mother of three and a lifelong Democrat. With a passion for serving her community, Trina possesses the drive and determination to effect positive change. She looks forward to collaborating with the existing governing body in University City to elevate the city's standing on the state level.

Trina's core characteristics—Relationship building, Influencing nature, Strategic thinking, and Execution on actions (R.I.S.E.)—underscore her ability to be an effective leader.

Educationally, Trina holds a BA Degree in Mass Communication from the University of Missouri St. Louis, an AA Degree in Interior Design from Steven's Institute for Business and Arts (where she graduated Summa Cum Laude), and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification from Purdue University. With 18 years of experience as an interior designer and project manager, Trina has contributed to various residential and commercial spaces across industries. Her expertise in business development spans close to two decades, where she has cultivated successful sales strategies and fostered lasting client relationships.

Motivated by recent challenges to women's health, voter rights, and education, Trina is driven to serve her district and Missouri. She brings a fresh approach to lawmaking, believing in rational thought and effective communication to address issues effectively. Trina advocates for worker and labor rights, reproductive rights, diversity, inclusion, healthcare autonomy, equity in women's rights, public school advancement, LGBTQ+ rights, and economic development.

In her spare time, Trina enjoys architectural adventures, exploring Missouri's history, and spending quality time with her children in the state's beautiful parks. She values community engagement, often volunteering and hosting dinner parties for friends.

District 87

John Rommel (R): John Rommel serves as the Pre-Suit Operations Manager at Morgan & Morgan's Saint Louis, MO office, where he brings a wealth of experience in personal injury law to his role. Before joining the firm, John worked extensively as a Pre-Suit attorney, negotiating and settling numerous personal injury cases, including those involving auto and premises liability.

Prior to his tenure as a plaintiffs attorney, John gained invaluable insight into the tactics employed by insurance companies while working as a defense attorney. This firsthand experience motivated him to shift his focus towards advocating for justice on behalf of injured individuals.

John is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia's esteemed Journalism School and holds a degree from the Saint Louis University School of Law. He resides in Maryland Heights, MO with his wife, Laura, and their dog, Plato. As a member of the Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Bar, John is dedicated to serving clients in the realm of Personal Injury Lawyer Claims & Lawsuits.

Daniel Hyatt (R): No bio found.

Connie Steinmetz (D): Having resided in the St. Louis area for over 40 years, with the past 14 spent in Maryland Heights, Connie brings a strong background of service, leadership, and political action to her candidacy.

Raised in the Kansas City area, Connie understands the importance of working families firsthand, having been "born with a union spoon in her mouth" as the daughter of a locomotive engineer and proud union member. Inspired by her former mother-in-law, former Missouri State

Representative Kaye Steinmetz, Connie's campaign slogan "Connie Cares!" reflects her commitment to her constituents.

In her nearly 40-year career in public education, including 37 years as a teacher in the Hazelwood School District, Connie has been an active member and leader of the Hazelwood NEA teacher's union and the Missouri National Education Association. She served as President of Hazelwood NEA for six years and played integral roles within the Missouri NEA, including on the Board of Directors and Political Action Committee.

Connie's involvement in local, regional, and state politics spans decades, serving as a committeewoman for the Lewis and Clark Township Democrats and holding positions within the Independent Democrats in Florissant. Through her various roles, she has worked tirelessly to identify, recommend, and elect candidates to various positions, advocating for the interests of residents, school districts, labor groups, and communities across Missouri.

District 88

***Holly Jones (R):** State Representative Holly Jones, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 88) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her legislative duties, Jones works as the Business Manager for Renz Law LLC. She is also the VP of Wellness Development for Nepute Wellness Group.

A graduate of Washington High School, Jones attended Southwest Missouri State University.

Born in St. Louis, Jones now resides in Eureka with her husband, John. She has two stepchildren.

Kyle Luzynski (D): Kyle Luzynski is a progressive advocate dedicated to fighting for progressive values. He strongly believes in healthcare as a guaranteed human right, affordable education, a higher minimum wage, and environmental sustainability, among other progressive priorities.

As a community organizer, Kyle began his political journey with a passion for creating a better future. He has been actively involved in various community organizing efforts, including campaigns for increased solar energy adoption and fighting animal cruelty across the Midwest. Kyle intends to leverage his skills as a community organizer to mobilize the community in support of a sustainable future for all.

At 26 years old, Kyle is not your standard politician. He challenges the status quo and advocates for bold policy solutions that improve people's lives. Kyle is committed to combating corporate greed and will continue to fight until a livable future is secured for everyone.

District 89

George Hruza (R): Dr. George Hruza, a physician specializing in dermatology and Mohs micrographic surgery, hails from a background marked by resilience and determination. Born in

Prague, Czechoslovakia on April 26, 1956, he is the son of a holocaust survivor, Judita Ilkovic Hruza, whose harrowing experiences during World War II profoundly shaped his upbringing.

At the age of 14, Dr. Hruza arrived in New York City with his family, fleeing socialist totalitarianism in Czechoslovakia. His journey to the United States was arduous, spanning multiple countries and culminating in a new life in America. Despite the challenges of adjusting to a new language and culture, Dr. Hruza excelled academically and was accepted into Stuyvesant High School, a prestigious math and science institution in Manhattan.

After completing his undergraduate studies at New York University, Dr. Hruza pursued a career in medicine, following in the footsteps of his parents. He earned his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine, graduating at the top of his class and becoming a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Societies.

Dr. Hruza's journey in medicine led him to specialize in dermatology and Mohs micrographic surgery. Throughout his career, he has been at the forefront of patient care, treating tens of thousands of individuals with difficult-to-treat skin cancers from St. Louis and beyond.

Beyond his clinical practice, Dr. Hruza has been a tireless advocate for patients' rights and healthcare reform. He has served in leadership roles within various medical organizations, including the American Academy of Dermatology and the Missouri State Medical Association. Dr. Hruza's advocacy efforts have extended to Washington, D.C., where he has lobbied lawmakers and testified on behalf of patients' interests.

Dr. Hruza's commitment to his community extends to his personal life as well. He resides in St. Louis County with his wife, Dr. Carrie Hruza, and their Afghan Hound named Skye. Together, they have raised a blended family of three daughters and a son with disabilities, instilling in them the values of compassion, resilience, and service.

Eric Morse (D): Eric Morse is a parent, not a politician, whose advocacy centers on issues directly affecting families and children. Working at the same school where his parents taught for over three decades, Eric is deeply rooted in his community and committed to its well-being.

Concerned about the safety of his children and the state of his community, Eric is motivated to address pressing issues such as the regulation of screen time and ensuring personal responsibility in completing homework. His speeches on the house floor are tailored to a young audience, reflecting his dedication to representing the interests of everyday families.

Eric's upbringing in a Missouri that valued community, personal safety, and individual liberty has shaped his vision for the state. Disheartened by the current state of representation in District 89, Eric believes that elected officials have prioritized special interests over the well-being of their constituents.

Driven by a desire to reclaim the values of his childhood and advocate for the needs of families, Eric is committed to standing up for his children, neighbors, and community. He believes in a legislature that prioritizes results and serves citizens, not partisan agendas or corporate interests.

Through his advocacy, Eric aims to create a safer, more prosperous Missouri for future generations.

District 90

Scott Mathewson (R): No bio found.

Mark Boyko (D): Mark Boyko is a lawyer renowned for his tireless advocacy on behalf of workers across the United States. With a focus on federal court cases, including those brought before the US Supreme Court, Mark champions the rights of workers to fair retirement benefits. His work encompasses challenging hidden and excessive fees levied by Wall Street firms on 401(k) plan participants and addressing corporate practices that harm employees, such as those involving Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) and traditional pensions.

Since 2007, Mark's cases have resulted in the recovery of over \$500 million for workers and retirees who have diligently saved for retirement. His impactful litigation has led to a significant reduction in 401(k) and 403(b) fees, benefiting workers nationwide.

Beyond his legal practice, Mark is deeply committed to giving back to his community. He serves as the Vice President of the Kirkwood School Board and sits on the boards of the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and the Friends of the Kathy J. Weinman Center, a safe-haven for victims of domestic abuse in St. Louis County. During his tenure on the Kirkwood School Board, Mark has spearheaded initiatives to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on health, academic, and social fronts, earning multiple Blue Ribbon designations for Kirkwood High School. Under his leadership, the board has also prioritized reducing teacher turnover, increasing pay for educators, improving safety and accessibility on campus, and enhancing financial reserves for long-term success.

In addition to his community involvement and legal pursuits, Mark enjoys scuba diving, traveling, playing racquetball, and spending time with his wife and two children. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, a law degree from Mizzou, and an advanced law degree from New York University. Mark and his wife are proud to call the St. Louis area home, where they actively participate in and contribute to the vibrant local community.

District 91

***Jo Doll (D):** Representative Johanna “Jo” Doll, a Democrat, represents St. Louis County (District 91) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to her legislative duties, Doll worked as a physical therapist. She currently serves as vice president of the Webster Groves Board of Education.

Born in Kansas City, Doll obtained a bachelor's in psychology and a master's in physical therapy from Washington University.

Doll lives in Webster Groves with her husband, Jim. They have three children and attend the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church.

District 92

Kenneth Abram (R): Kenneth Abram is a dedicated advocate for law enforcement and staunch defender of the right to life. Committed to improving schools and curbing illegal immigration, Kenneth prioritizes protecting the 1st and 2nd Amendment rights of citizens.

With a robust business background as a Senior Manufacturing Manager at Boeing, Kenneth brings valuable leadership experience to his advocacy efforts. Additionally, his involvement in the St. Joseph Croatian Catholic Parish Executive Council reflects his commitment to community service.

Proudly hailing from Missouri, Kenneth is a devoted husband and father. His passion for serving his fellow Missourians drives his unwavering commitment to advancing their interests and safeguarding their freedoms.

Cijo Mathews (R): Cijo Mathews is an accomplished entrepreneur and small business owner based in St. Louis. His journey into entrepreneurship began at the age of 15, where he worked various fast-food and retail jobs to finance his college education, ultimately earning a degree in finance.

During the Great Recession, Mathews transitioned into sales before seizing a business opportunity at Garner's Market. Drawing upon his entrepreneurial spirit, he revitalized the business model, transforming it into the largest Bosnian grocer in the St. Louis area. Subsequently, Mathews ventured into multiple successful business ventures, including operating gas stations, real estate redevelopment, and establishing a boat and RV storage business on Tesson Ferry.

Residing in St. Louis with his two sons, Cijo remains deeply engaged in his community. He is an active member of Queen of All Saints Church and dedicates his time to coaching youth athletics as a volunteer. Mathews's entrepreneurial drive, coupled with his commitment to community service, exemplifies his dedication to making a positive impact in St. Louis and beyond.

***Michael Burton (D):** Representative Michael Burton, a Democrat, represents parts of St. Louis County including Affton, Grantwood Village, Concord and Lakeshire (District 92) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Burton attended Lindenwood University, worked as a Broadway actor and was a teacher. His success as a teacher led to him being nominated for the Center of Creative Arts' Wall of Fame.

Born and raised in Affton, Burton is most well-known for spearheading the effort to save local landmark Tower Tee. Burton currently resides in Lakeshire.

District 93

***Bridget Walsh Moore (D):** State Representative Bridget Walsh Moore, a Democrat, represents parts of South St. Louis County (District 93) in the Missouri House of Representatives, which includes parts of the neighborhoods and townships of Lemay, Mehlville, Affton, and Bella Villa. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2020.

Walsh Moore is a lifelong St. Louisan. She grew up in Kirkwood and graduated from Ursuline Academy. At Bradley University, she studied Arabic and International Relations and spent one semester at The American University in Cairo, Egypt, immersing herself in one of the world's largest cities and its role as a trade hub between Africa, Asia, and Europe. She graduated as a member of the International Relations Honor Society and later earned her Chancellor's Certificate in International Trade from the World Trade Center through a joint program with the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Walsh Moore worked in manufacturing and became a founding member of the North Broadway Business Development Association. She later worked as a customs brokerage agent, where she navigated the steel tariffs and import legalities of Chinese products during the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. She also created and managed several foreign trade zones for major Missouri companies.

Walsh Moore is a proud member of the St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick's Day Parade, an organization that was founded in part by her grandparents. She is the founder and Co-Chair of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus. In 2023, she was invited to address the Irish Parliament in her role with the organization.

Walsh Moore plays an active role in several community organizations, including the Great Rivers Environmental Law Center, the North Broadway Business Development Community, the Disabled Athletes Sports Association, and the Progressive Democrats of Lemay. Additionally, she serves as co-chair of the Sportsman's Caucus in the Missouri House.

Walsh Moore lives in South St. Louis County with her husband, Greg Moore, and the couple welcomed their first child in 2021. She is also a proud cancer survivor.

James O'Donnell (L): James O'Donnell, a resident of Lemay and US Navy Veteran, is deeply committed to community service both locally and beyond. He actively volunteers with various organizations including the Affton Elks, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians- Cardinal Glennon Div 2., St Louis Irish County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Libertarian Parties of St Louis County, Missouri, and National, and serves as the Restaurant Commissioner for St Louis County.

In addition to his local volunteerism, James extends his service to national and international levels. He contributes his time and expertise to organizations such as the Conference of Food Protection, International Association of Food Protection, National Environmental Health Association, Missouri Environmental Health Association, and Institute of Food Technologists.

District 94

***Jim Murphy (R):** State Representative Jim Murphy, a Republican, represents parts of St. Louis County (District 94) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Murphy is the owner and operator of Shoppers Rule, Inc. Before starting his own company, he was the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Tacony Corporation in Fenton.

Murphy graduated from Newport News High School before attending North Carolina State University.

Born in New York, Murphy now resides in St. Louis with his wife, Maryellen. They have three children and 12 grandchildren. Murphy and his wife attend Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Church.

Kyle W. Kerns (D): Kyle Kerns, a fifth-generation Missourian, was born and raised on a farm near Hale in rural northwest Missouri. Growing up as the son of a farmer and public school teacher instilled in him the core values of hard work and dedication. Kyle, a Democrat, observed firsthand the tireless efforts his parents put into their careers, motivating him to follow suit.

After graduating from Missouri State University with a degree in accountancy, Kyle moved to the Oakville area over 20 years ago. As a Missouri-licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), he has spent his entire career in the financial industry. Currently, Kyle serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Operations Lead at Cultivation Capital, a venture capital firm in St. Louis dedicated to fostering successful entrepreneurship.

In his spare time, Kyle enjoys running, having completed two marathons and numerous half marathons. He also has a passion for traveling, exploring the state, country, and world to immerse himself in different cultures and histories. Kyle takes pride in being a dedicated uncle to nine nieces and nephews, actively engaging in their pursuits.

Kyle's commitment to community service is evident through his involvement in various organizations. He serves on the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees and is a former chair of the board. Additionally, he is a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, embodying his belief in the importance of lending a helping hand to others.

District 95

***Michael A. O'Donnell (R):** Representative Michael O'Donnell, a Republican, represents the southern-most part of St. Louis County (District 95) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

O'Donnell spent more than 33 years in the financial services industry as a fixed-income securities trader for an investment firm headquartered in St. Louis. While he traded a wide variety of securities, the bulk of his more than three decades of experience was in the area of municipal securities.

On September 11, 2001, O'Donnell's career as a bond trader put him in New York with plans to be on the 104th floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center to meet a friend and colleague he had traded with for years. The attack would unfold before O'Donnell could get there and his friend, sadly, would perish that day. Motivated by this tragic experience, O'Donnell enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 36. He served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserve, where he continues to serve.

An Eagle Scout, Michael has served as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America at the unit, district, council, area, and regional levels since 1989. He has sponsored Missouri Eagle Scout Day at the Capitol since his second term in office.

O'Donnell is a 1986 graduate of Lindbergh High School in St. Louis. He earned his B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from the University of Missouri–St. Louis and a master's degree in Strategic Intelligence from American Military University.

Born in St. Louis, O'Donnell currently resides in Oakville with his wife, Lisa. They have two children: Emma, currently a PhD candidate at St. Louis University, and David, an engineer in central Florida.

Deb Langland (D): Deb Langland is happily employed at Washington University in St. Louis since 2019. Prior to her current position, she held roles as a Senior Business Analyst for various esteemed organizations, including Saint Louis University, Maritz Motivation, Wells Fargo Advisors, Charter Communications, Cigna, Delta Dental, and Sisters of Mercy. Deb's extensive experience in business analysis has equipped her with valuable insights and skills that she brings to her current role at Washington University.

District 96

***Brad Christ (R):** Representative Brad Christ, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 96) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Christ manages risk and benefits for companies of all sizes and industries.

A 2002 graduate of St. Louis University High School, Christ received his bachelor's degree in Finance from DePaul University in 2006.

Christ serves his community as an ambassador for the Association of Corporate Growth, a mentor for Capital Innovators, and as an investor for Greater St. Louis, Inc. He also volunteers at his parish and has volunteered with Mission St. Louis, whose vision is to empower individuals for social and economic growth.

Born in St. Louis, Christ currently resides there with his wife, Erin, and four children. They enjoy sports, swimming, and family.

Leslie Derrington (D): Leslie Derrington is a proud stay-at-home mother and progressive advocate whose real-life experience informs her perspective on how our state government should be serving Missouri families.

Leslie was born and raised in St. Louis County, the seventh of eight kids in a Catholic family. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Missouri State University. While bartending and planning for graduate school, Leslie became pregnant with her first child in 2006. This incredible news changed her life and plans forever. As a single, working mom waiting tables and taking classes, she experienced firsthand the need for a strong social safety net, including affordable childcare and universal healthcare.

She married her husband Glen, an immigrant from Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 2009. In 2012 their baby girl was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy, a rare genetic disease. She decided then to become a stay-at-home mom to care for her daughter and became an advocate for funding scientific research into rare diseases.

Leslie testified before the Missouri Legislature in 2017 to successfully advocate for adding spinal muscular atrophy to statewide newborn screenings. Thanks to her work, hundreds of Missouri families will receive early diagnoses and early, lifesaving and life-changing treatments for children with this devastating disease.

Knowing that protections for pre-existing conditions make the difference between life or death, financial security or poverty for families like hers, Leslie traveled to Washington, DC, in 2017 to advocate for the Affordable Care Act when Republicans came within one vote of repeal. In 2018 she went back to Washington to advocate for spinal muscular atrophy newborn screening nationwide. These experiences taught her the power of advocacy to make real change through the democratic process.

Since then Leslie has volunteered for progressive causes including expanding Medicaid and environmental action. She is a fierce believer in the power of a world class education and a proud Lindbergh School District parent. As the mother of a child with a disability and seven-figure annual medical bills, she will advocate for a Medicaid buy-in option for disabled workers so they will never have to choose between financial security or critical medical needs.

Leslie's family believes that the best way to impact your community is through service. Her daughter is an ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Her husband has been involved with the Disabled Athletes Sports Association for the past seven years as a coach, as well as Lindbergh's Athletic Association.

When she's not running for office, she enjoys spending time with her children, attempting to garden, and cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues.

District 97

***David Casteel (R):** Representative David Casteel, a Republican, represents part of Jefferson County (District 97) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Casteel is the president of C and C Seamless Guttering, Inc., and managing partner of The Emrie Group Real Estate. He also co-founded GutterPros and serves as the president of the Roofing and Siding Contractors Alliance.

Born in St. Louis, Casteel currently resides in High Ridge with his son. They attend St. Paul Catholic Church in Fenton.

Dan Schaefer (D): Dan Schaefer is a passionate advocate for women’s rights, democracy, economic prosperity, public health, and educational equity. With a background as an electrical engineer, Dan has dedicated his spare time to producing political podcasts and volunteering on two HOA boards. Driven by his fascination with the intricacies of the human condition, he actively seeks solutions that promise a brighter future for all.

Born in Milwaukee and raised in North St. Louis County, Dan graduated from McCluer Senior High School in 1977, where he developed a love for technology and radio as a ham radio operator with the call sign WB0QWP. He pursued his interest in electrical engineering at Mizzou, earning a bachelor’s degree while working as a DJ at radio station KCOU.

After college, Dan embarked on a diverse career that included roles in circuit board design, marketing operations, training, Adobe expertise, software development, and management in startups and major corporations. His professional journey took him from St. Louis to Los Angeles, where he lived for nearly 30 years, raising a son and gaining a global perspective through his work and family life.

Returning to Missouri, Dan brought back valuable experience and a commitment to community service. As an HOA board member, he spearheaded initiatives to protect his community’s financial and infrastructural health, collaborating with local authorities to save millions on street repair.

District 98

Carol Veillette (R): No bio found.

Jaclyn Zimmermann (D): Jaclyn Zimmerman is a lifelong resident of Missouri, currently residing in Manchester with her husband Todd and their three sons. With a background in law, she is a practicing attorney and small business owner. Originally from Steelville, Missouri, Jaclyn pursued her undergraduate studies at Missouri State University before attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Passionate about various social issues, Jaclyn is a staunch advocate for education, women's reproductive rights, and common-sense gun legislation. With her children attending public schools, she has firsthand experience of the challenges facing Missouri's public education system, including low teacher pay. Jaclyn is committed to strengthening public education in the state.

As a woman, reproductive rights hold particular significance for Jaclyn, and she is dedicated to ensuring that Missouri women have control over their reproductive health decisions. She believes strongly in the importance of privacy in these matters.

Growing up in rural Missouri has also shaped Jaclyn's perspective on responsible gun ownership. While she values the right to bear arms, Jaclyn advocates for common-sense gun laws to prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands and to keep schools safe.

In her legal career spanning 14 years, Jaclyn has focused on advocating for Missouri workers in resolving disputes with their employers. She specializes in employment discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage and hour issues, striving to support workers facing hardships in the workplace.

District 99

Boris Abadzhyan (D): Boris Abadzhyan is an American politician, political scientist, foreign policy specialist, and human rights activist. Born in Yerevan, Republic of Armenia on March 20, 1987, he emigrated to Saint Louis, Missouri on November 1, 1994. Boris holds a Master of Arts in International Relations and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with an emphasis in Public Law, both from Webster University. He also earned an Associate of Applied Science in Travel and Tourism from St. Louis Community College Forest Park. Fluent in English, Armenian, and Russian, Boris has a deep understanding of various regions, including the South Caucasus, Eastern and Western Europe, North and South America, Central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East.

Boris has been actively involved in politics, serving as the Secretary of the Ferguson Township Open Democratic Club in the City of Ferguson, Missouri since February 25, 2021. He has also run for political office, as a candidate for the Missouri State House of Representatives in District 99 in 2022 and 2024, and District 71 in 2018 and 2020.

Throughout his career, Boris has been committed to education and community service. He has received recognition for his academic achievements, including a Certificate of Senior Overview from Webster University in May 2012. Boris has contributed to academic publications, such as "Righting Wrongs: A Journal of Human Rights," with a book review on "A Shameful Act: The Armenian Genocide and the Question of Turkish Responsibility."

For the past 21 years, Boris has resided in Olivette, Missouri, where he continues to advocate for his multicultural community. He is running for the Missouri House of Representatives, District 99, in the August 6th, 2024 primary elections, driven by his belief in a bright future and the unity of his community.

***Ian Mackey (D):** Representative Ian Mackey, a Democrat, represents parts of St. Louis County (District 99) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Mackey is an attorney and former teacher.

Mackey is a 2005 graduate of Hickory County R-1 High School. He graduated from Westminster College in 2009 with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education before getting his juris doctorate from Suffolk University Law School in 2017.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, and raised in the Missouri Ozarks, Mackey currently resides in St. Louis. He attends the Church of St. Michael and St. George in Clayton.

District 100

Jason Jennings (R): Jason Jennings is a 2024 Republican Candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives (HD-100) from Ballwin, Missouri, and is Pro-America, Pro-Life, Pro-First Amendment, and Pro-Second Amendment. Jennings is the owner of Narrow Pathway Management, LLC., which specializes in representing female professional and college athletes and he also works as a substitute teacher. Additionally, he is the host of the podcast Our Faith Our Country. In the past, he has served as a football coach on the professional and high school levels as well as a high school softball coach.

Serving others is close to Jennings' heart and he has been involved with many organizations including but not limited to; Sunshine Mission (St. Louis, Missouri), Children Without A Voice USA (national spokesperson), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Wounded Warriors Project, Relay for Life, National Down Syndrome Society, Autism Speaks, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Special Olympics, Susan G. Komen For The Cure, and American Red Cross.

Brant Harber (R): Brant Harber is a longtime resident of Ballwin for over eighteen years and a parishioner at Holy Infant Catholic Church. Brant brings a wealth of professional experience in both Medicine and Information Technology to his candidacy. Having worked for esteemed organizations such as Signature Medical Group, St. Anthony's Medical Center, Novant Health, and Monsanto, among others, he has designed and implemented predictive analytic solutions utilizing cutting-edge technology to enhance clinical outcomes and financial performance in the private sector. Brant aims to leverage this expertise in information technology to maximize operating efficiency within state government, along with his extensive background in budgeting, financial analysis, and project management for large-scale technology initiatives, contributing to maintaining a balanced state budget.

As a Nurse Practitioner and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Brant possesses invaluable experience in disaster management and public health emergencies, uniquely positioning him to address the public safety needs of Missourians. His work as an EMT has fostered close collaboration with law enforcement and firefighters, granting him insights into police operations and the challenges faced by officers in the line of duty.

Brant holds multiple professional licenses and certifications, including Missouri Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Emergency Medical Technician, and Real Estate Broker. His educational background includes a Master of Science in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) from Maryville University, an MBA (Information Technology), Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Finance/MIS), all from Saint Louis University.

Active in various professional affiliations such as the Missouri State Medical Reserve Corps and the National Guard Association of the United States, Brant's commitment to service extends to his former role as a reservist with the Missouri State Guard.

***Philip Oehlerking (R):** Representative Philip Oehlerking, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 100) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his service in the legislature, Oehlerking worked at the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA). He also spent two years working for the Show-Me Institute.

A graduate of the University of Missouri – St. Louis, Oehlerking received his bachelor's degree in Political Science in 2015.

Oehlerking resides in Ballwin with his wife and daughter, and he has an active role as deacon at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Colin Lovett (D): Colin Lovett grew up in Ballwin where he graduated from Parkway South, earned his Eagle Scout, and played little league baseball. He and his husband, Brett, had the opportunity to buy his grandparents' home in the same neighborhood where his parents first met. With their daughter, 2 dogs, and 2 cats, they're growing their family in the same place he started. Their whole, modern family believes in authenticity, equality, humility, and trust. Colin serves as President of his Home Owners Association.

Colin graduated from the University of Missouri St. Louis with an undergrad degree in mathematics and business administration, and later with a Master's in Business Administration. His professional career spans experience in regulatory rate optimization, sales, education, and currently corporate pharmacy benefit management. He is also a small business owner in LGBT media as an owner of #Boom Media. Colin served in volunteer leadership roles in the Greater St. Louis community, serving on the boards of LGBT community and arts organizations, including the LGBT Center of St. Louis and the St. Louis Civic Orchestra.

As a small business owner, Colin knows firsthand the challenges in balancing budgets and making the tough decisions to serve your customers, supporting your employees, and having enough left to support your family and make it worthwhile. As an Eagle Scout, he believes in giving back to his community and will take his moral compass and passion for service to Jefferson City. As a responsible gun owner, Colin believes Missouri needs common sense measures to make access to guns safer, while maintaining our second amendment rights. With professional experience in healthcare, he understands the complexities of the industry and will work to increase our ability to provide healthcare coverage to as many people as possible and reduce fraud, waste, and abuse. Most importantly, as a son, husband, and dad, Colin will fight for your family just as hard as he fights for his own. We all want Missouri to be a safe place to raise our kids and start a business, enjoy good quality of life, and have access to quality schools.

District 101

***Ben Keathley (R):** State Representative Ben Keathley, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 101) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative service, Keathley is an attorney with a law practice in Chesterfield. Prior to his time in the legislature, he completed two terms on the Chesterfield City Council. While on the City Council, Keathley was elected to serve two terms as chairman of the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Keathley attended schools in Chesterfield for 13 years and graduated from Marquette High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Knox College and obtained a master's degree in Political Science and a law degree from Syracuse University.

A resident of Chesterfield for nearly 30 years, Keathley currently resides there with his wife, Jenny, and their two children. They attend King of Kings Lutheran Church.

Jacqueline Cotton (D): Jacqueline Cotton is a small business owner, mother and widow. She grew up in Illinois across the river from St. Louis and attended college at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX where she earned a degree in Communications and Public Relations with a minor in Music. She married her college sweetheart, Robert Cotton, moved to Creve Coeur and finally to Chesterfield to raise their family. She and Robert spent 37 happy years together bringing up their two daughters, Allison and Miranda. She was by his side as he fought brain cancer (Glioblastoma) and passed away in early 2022. She cares deeply about health insurance after having been through a 3-year losing battle with her husband, who had no health insurance at the time of his diagnosis. This gives her a unique point of view regarding health insurance. When her brother passed suddenly 2 weeks after her husband, she opened up her home to his son, Marshall, which gave him the opportunity to pursue his undergraduate education in the area. In addition, she has long been passionate about Reproductive Rights and has volunteered often with Planned Parenthood. Jacqueline wants to step up and be part of recovering those rights.

District 102

***Richard William West (R):** Representative Richard West, a Republican, represents parts of St. Charles and Warren Counties (District 102) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020. West is proud to be the mayor of New Melle Missouri and is currently serving his 4th term.

In addition to his legislative duties, West is a small business owner. Besides owning his own small business, West also retired as a law enforcement officer and criminal investigator of 21 years, and served 28 months overseas working as an international police advisor in Iraq.

West is a 1985 graduate of Bishop Du Bourg, and attended Western International University.

Born and raised in St. Louis, West resides in New Melle with his wife of 30 years, Lori. They have three children: Anthony, Megan, and Tyler.

Alex Hissong (D): Alex was raised in southern Ohio by two loving parents. The community that shaped him was very similar to the Weldon Spring community in which he now resides. He studied Biomedical Engineering at The Ohio State University with a focus on molecular and nano technology. After graduating, he spent several years as a project manager for a medical software company in Madison, WI where he met his talented wife, Sarah. The two of them moved from Madison to Missouri to California before settling outside of St Louis. Alex now works for a large hospital lab managing their microbiology information technology. When he isn't working or campaigning, you can catch him gardening with native plants, foraging along the Lewis and Clark trail, or thinning honeysuckle and restoring prairie on their property in Lincoln Co.

District 103

***Dave Hinman (R):** Representative Dave Hinman, a Republican, represents part of St. Charles County (District 103) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his service in the legislature, Hinman retired in 2021 after 35 years of service with the QuikTrip Corporation. Most recently he served his community as a member of the O'Fallon City Council.

During his time in office, he was selected to serve as the O'Fallon City Council President Pro Tempore. Hinman has also served as an Alderman for the O'Fallon City Council and as a Commissioner for the City of O'Fallon Planning and Zoning Commission. He also served on the Board of Directors for the O'Fallon Fire Protection District and as the President of the St. Charles County Municipal League.

Hinman is active in several civic and benevolent organizations such as the O'Fallon Elks Lodge and Knights of Columbus.

Hinman is a graduate of Iowa State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institution Management.

Born in Alabama and raised in Iowa, Hinman has lived in O'Fallon since 1990 with his wife, Kathy. They have three children and five grandchildren. He and his wife attend O'Fallon's Assumption Catholic Church where Hinman serves as an usher and greeter for mass services.

Lizz Callahan (D): Lizz Callahan resides in O'Fallon, Missouri, where she finds joy in raising her family and actively engaging in community activities. Co-leading a Girl Scout troop, participating in performances and costume design for O'Fallon Theatre Works, and cheering on her children at swim meets are just some of the ways she contributes to her community. With her husband, Lizz is raising four children who attend Fort Zumwalt public schools, where they have enjoyed enriching experiences.

Beginning her career as a high school English teacher and later working as a health literacy specialist, Lizz took time off to focus on her children before transitioning into IT analysis and

project management. Through these diverse experiences, she has developed a deep sense of hope for a brighter future for herself, her children, and her community, igniting her passion for creating positive change.

Committed to advocating for better education funding, improved access to healthcare and childcare, safer schools, and the protection of workers' and voters' rights, Lizz is dedicated to building a better future for Missouri. With the support of her community, she aims to make meaningful strides toward achieving these goals.

Angelica Earl (D): Angelica Earl, an O'Fallon resident, is deeply concerned about the impact of corporate practices on her community. She observes that companies in the area are acquiring properties without reinvesting in the community, particularly along Highway K. Angelica is troubled by the low wages offered by these corporations, which she believes do not support the quality of life in the area. She is especially critical of businesses like Sonic, citing instances of poor maintenance that ultimately burden the community financially.

Motivated by these issues, Angelica is running for the Missouri House Seat currently held by a candidate who accepts funds from PACs, including the Oil Industry. She views these contributions as contributing to price gouging and shares concerns about the candidate's extremist views expressed on private social media accounts.

In her campaign, Angelica aims to bring attention to these issues and advocate for change. She urges voters to support her candidacy and emphasizes the importance of community engagement to address the challenges facing Missouri.

Amanda Taylor (D): Amanda Taylor, originally from New Orleans and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, has been shaped by the diversity of her community and experiences. She attended Rosary High School in Spanish Lake, instilling in her a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence.

Her pursuit of knowledge took her to Alabama, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Science from Auburn University Montgomery. Continuing her academic journey, she obtained a Master of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Alabama, developing skills in critical thinking and problem-solving.

Following her education, Amanda embarked on a fulfilling career in brain research at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, dedicating 14 years to advancing scientific knowledge and contributing to groundbreaking discoveries.

Driven by a desire for new challenges, Amanda transitioned to a different path, founding her own website dedicated to film reviews and interviews with industry talent. Alongside her passion for the arts and entertainment industry, she is deeply committed to education, serving as a substitute teacher to support students in a local school district facing funding and teacher shortages.

Amanda's family has deep roots in the community, with her husband working as a healthcare professional at BJC and her children pursuing their education locally. This connection fuels her dedication to making the community a better place for all residents.

District 104

Terri Violet (R): Terri Violet is a U.S. Navy Veteran and a retired alderman of St. Peters, MO. As a founding member of the Mid America Veterans Museum and member of the St. Peter's Veterans Memorial Commission, Violet is well-known for her advocacy for those who selflessly served in the U.S. military. As a chaplain, her devotion to the Christian faith guides all she does. Violet is a proud wife, mother, and grandmother. Now, she is seeking to fill the seat to be vacated by term-limited Rep. Christofanelli.

With a conviction for conservative values, Violet is committed to defending the 1st and 2nd Amendments, protecting unborn life, and ensuring a quality education for all students. She knows that families and local businesses are struggling from a turbulent economy and will fight to keep taxes low. Violet is also determined to bring greater support for veterans across the state. Violet will appear on the 2024 Republican primary ballot for House Representative District 104.

Jeremy J. Lloyd (R): Jeremy Lloyd, a husband and father of five, is committed to continuing the legacy of conservative leadership in St. Peters, Lloyd emphasizes key issues such as pro-life advocacy, healthy families, fiscal responsibility, crime prevention, and education reform.

With a master's degree in theology and nearing completion of another master's in pedagogy and a PhD in Christian ethics, Lloyd brings a depth of academic insight to his platform. He has contributed articles to publications like National Review and Live Action, focusing on topics such as human dignity and pro-life advocacy.

Lloyd is a staunch supporter of pro-life initiatives and pledges to champion the rights of unborn children while providing support for mothers. He believes that strong families are essential for a thriving society and advocates for fiscal responsibility to empower hardworking citizens to keep more of their earnings.

Passionate about education reform, Lloyd emphasizes the importance of quality education and explores various options, including charter schools, scholarships, and homeschooling. He believes in fostering competition in education, drawing inspiration from the notion that "a rising tide lifts all boats."

Beyond his political aspirations, Lloyd serves as an editor at Child Evangelism Fellowship and has been involved in pastoral ministry in local churches. He and his family are active members of their community, deeply rooted in St. Peters, where they envision a safer, stronger, and more prosperous future for all residents.

Tara L Murray (D): No bio found.

District 105

Colin Wellenkamp (R): Colin Wellenkamp is dedicated to supporting law enforcement agencies and ensuring the safety and security of our communities. With a background in academia, he understands the importance of a quality education and is committed to ensuring that St. Charles schools have the resources necessary to maintain excellence. As a father himself, Colin prioritizes the well-being of students and families.

In addition to education, Colin is focused on economic growth and curbing inflation. He believes in crafting legislation that promotes economic prosperity for all Missourians. Furthermore, Colin recognizes the need for improved infrastructure in St. Charles, including water and transportation systems. He advocates for resilient and sustainable infrastructure to safeguard the local economy for future generations.

Ron Odenthal (D): Ron Odenthal has been serving as a Committee Member of the Saint Charles County Democratic Party since 2022. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

District 106

***Travis Wilson (R):** Representative Travis Wilson, a Republican, represents part of St. Charles County (District 106) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Wilson is a licensed real estate agent. Prior to his election to the House, Wilson worked in Economic Development for the City of Saint Charles and the City of Florissant. As a professional economic developer, he received the MEDC Business Retention Award in 2019 for 4,000 business visits from 2015 to 2019 in St. Charles.

A 2001 graduate of Francis Howell North High School, Wilson received his bachelor's degree in Marketing from the University of Missouri – Saint Louis in 2009.

Wilson is a graduate of VISION Saint Charles County, Class of 2017. He has been a proud member of a variety of economic development organizations including the Saint Charles County Association of Realtors, Missouri Economic Development Council, Heartland Regional Investment Fund, and the Hawthorn Foundation.

Wilson is a volunteer for both the Francis Howell School District and the school district where his children attend, Orchard Farm. He is also a volunteer for DECA, an organization for marketing students in both high schools and colleges.

Born in Creve Coeur, Wilson currently resides in Saint Charles with his wife, Kris and they have three children, Ellyana, Lincoln, and Quincey.

Karen Edge (D): No bio found.

District 107

***Mark Matthiesen (R):** Representative Mark Matthiesen, a Republican, represents part of St. Charles County (District 107) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016 and re-elected for his second term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Matthiesen is a licensed real estate agent.

A 1994 graduate of Washington High School, Matthiesen received his bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State) in 2005.

Born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Matthiesen currently resides in O'Fallon with his wife and son.

Gary Wester (D): Gary grew up in south St. Louis, the third son of six children, where he attended parochial schools from grades K-12, learned to play hockey, played baseball, umpired CYC baseball, and worked his way to become an Eagle Scout. He continued his education at Mizzou, earning a BA in Zoology, then continuing and completing his education with both BA and MS degrees in Chemistry at UMSL.

During his career, Gary held many positions with several companies and organizations that provided him a unique vision for investigation and improvement: working in wildlife conservation, aluminum and aerospace industries, as well as, research chemistry. He is now retired after working as a validation and compliance professional in the pharmaceutical industry.

Gary and his wife, Jan, have been married almost 50 years and have two children and two grandchildren. After living many places in and out of the state of Missouri over the years, Gary and Jan have been settled in O'Fallon, Missouri for the past seventeen years.

Currently, Gary spends his retirement volunteering with the Missouri Master Naturalist program, Stream Team, and was elected to the University of Missouri St Charles Extension Council where he now serves as the treasurer.

District 108

Max Calfo (R): Max Calfo has a diverse background that includes working at the U.S. Congress for Rep. Jim Jordan and teaching and substitute teaching in the Wentzville and Fort Zumwalt school districts. He is an active member of the Lake St. Louis Ambassadors community service organization and the National Rifle Association (NRA). Max holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from Quinnipiac University.

Mike Costlow (R): No bio found.

Susan Shumway (D): Susan is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She is grounded in her faith and love for all of God's children. Susan was born in Massachusetts and for the last 15 years, resides in O'Fallon. She obtained her BA in History from UMKC and her Master of Divinity from Texas Christian University. Susan has been involved in St. Charles

County Equality Coalition, St Charles Progressive Democrats and is an active member of Grace United Church of Christ in O’Fallon.

District 109

John Simmons (R): John Simmons is a Chiropractic Physician at Simmons Wellness Center. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Union College. John earned his Doctorate of Chiropractic Medicine from Logan University, where he actively participated in the Rotary Club, served as a St. Francis Borgia Men’s JV Soccer Coach, and worked as a USSF Referee. He also served as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives from the 109th district from 2019 to 2023.

***Kyle Marquart (R):** Representative Kyle Marquart, a Republican, represents part of Franklin County (District 109) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Marquart is the owner of Vanzandt’s All Purpose Seasoning. Prior to his election to the House, Marquart served for 33 years as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, where he held the position of director for the Division of Drug and Crime Control and for the Patrol Records Division, as well as serving as assistant commander of the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

A 1981 graduate of St. Francis Borgia High School, Marquart received his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Benedictine College in 1985.

Marquart attends St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Born in Washington, Missouri, he currently resides there with his wife, Erin. Together, they have five adult children.

Eleanor Maynard (D): No bio found.

District 110

***Justin Sparks (R):** Representative Justin Sparks, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 110) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his service in the legislature, Sparks was with the St. Louis County Police Department for nearly 15 years. He served as a supervisor within the Special Response Unit and also worked as an operator within the Tactical Operations Unit (SWAT). Additionally, Sparks was also a Deputized United States Marshal in the Eastern District of Missouri and supervised and participated in High Risk Fugitive Apprehension Operations.

A graduate of Granite City High School, Sparks also attended Oral Roberts University and Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville.

Born in St. Louis, Sparks now resides in Wildwood with his wife. They have six children. Sparks and his family attend Grace Church.

Scott Ottenberg (R): Scott F. Ottenberg's journey from Rockford, IL, to corporate success and public service reflects his unwavering commitment to conservative principles. Born into a working-class family, Scott's upbringing emphasized hard work and self-sufficiency. He financed his education in Electronics Technology at Rock Valley College through tireless work in a paint factory and as a dump truck driver. Eventually, he earned a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Bradley University.

Scott's professional career included key roles in Cooper Industries and CBM, where he demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit by opening a St. Louis office for CBM. Alongside his corporate endeavors, Scott remained dedicated to conservative activism, influenced by figures like William F. Buckley, Jr., and Ronald Reagan. From college leadership roles to recent victories on the Wildwood City Council, Scott consistently advocated for limited government and individual liberties, opposing measures like mask mandates and tax proposals. His commitment to conservative values extends to his family, with both his children achieving academic success and contributing to their communities.

Josh Thackston (D): Over the course of Josh's career, he's moved from high school math instruction to advising Fortune 500 clients across financial services, healthcare, and manufacturing. This journey has equipped him with a unique perspective on problem-solving and fiscal responsibility.

As a devoted spouse and parent fully committed to our district, Josh's priority lies in bolstering public education, preserving our public spaces, and enhancing community programs, to ensure comprehensive access to essential resources for everyone's success.

District 111

***Gary Bonacker (R):** Representative Gary Bonacker, a Republican, represents part of Jefferson County (District 111) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his service in the legislature, Bonacker is a farmer with more than 50 years of experience in the industry. He used to run a cattle/calving operation as well as dairy farming and cropping several acres of soybeans and corn. Now, he crops only hay.

Bonacker served on the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board from 2006-2022, the last five years as Chairman. He has also served on the Northwest R-1 School District Board since 2010.

Born in St. Louis, Bonacker lives in House Springs today. His son, Nicholas, and wife, Sarah, have granted him one grand-child to date.

Cecelie Williams (R): Cecelie Williams resides in Dittmer, Missouri, a quaint town in Jefferson County. Cecelie, a military wife and mother of seven, also cherishes her role as a grandmother.

Alongside her family commitments, she manages Turf One Landscape Management, a small business located in Cedar Hill. Married to Rich Williams, a Seabee in the United States Navy, Cecelie's children have attended and continue to attend the Northwest R1 School District.

When asked about her decision to run for State Representative, Cecelie emphasized her identity as an American Patriot rather than a politician. She believes that her community and district require voices like hers, especially during uncertain times when citizens' lives have been profoundly impacted. With a focus on advocating for families, education, and business, Cecelie aims to represent the voices of Jefferson County in the Capitol of Jefferson City, striving to usher in positive change for future generations.

District 112

***Renee Reuter (R):** Representative Renee Reuter, a Republican, represents part of Jefferson County (District 112) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to serving in the legislature, Reuter is an intellectual property attorney with Armstrong Teasdale in St. Louis. She previously worked as the first in-house intellectual property attorney for the largest car rental company in the world.

Prior to her service in the legislature, Reuter served for 12 years on the Jefferson County Council. She was the first chairman of the 7-member council and served as either chair or vice chair for seven of her 12 years on the council.

Reuter is a graduate of Windsor High School. She graduated cum laude from Colorado College with a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. Reuter obtained her Juris Doctorate from St. Louis University School of Law.

Reuter is a member of the Missouri Bar Association. She attends Immanuel Lutheran Church in Barnhart.

Born in St. Louis, Reuter now lives in Imperial with her husband, Michael, and Liberty, their Labrador Retriever. They have two grown children and one grandson.

Dave Rekosh (D): No bio found.

District 113

Joe Maddock (R): Joe Maddock, 34, owns and operates Maddock Insurance Group, an insurance and consulting firm specializing in improving the healthcare industry and positively impacting small business and their employees. The rapidly changing healthcare industry requires Maddock to maintain a forward-thinking approach that constantly adapts to the small business community's needs.

Maddock's commitment to serving the citizens and businesses of Jefferson County extends far past his own industry. Maddock currently serves as Treasurer for the Arnold Chamber of Commerce. In 2023, the Arnold Chamber awarded him the Don Earl Citizen of the Year. His

community service also extends to serving on the Jefferson County Merit System Commission, advising the county regarding its Employee Merit System. Maddock was recognized by the Arnold Rotary Club as “2022-2023 Rotarian of the Year,” recognizing his outstanding dedication and service to the Arnold community.

Maddock is actively involved in Jefferson County's conservative politics. Under Maddock’s leadership as President, the Jefferson County Republican Club has grown exponentially in membership and community activism. Maddock urges improved communication and a focused approach to common goals within politics during his frequent meetings with elected officials, community leaders, and the GOP Central Committee. His problem-solving mindset and advocacy for County issues have gained him respect across Jefferson County and the Missouri Republican Party as a devoted and effective young leader.

Maddock studied Accounting and Business Administration at Missouri State University, where he met his wife, Cara. Recognizing the need to start their family in a strong and dependable community, they chose to live in Jefferson County. Maddock and Cara are now raising their three young boys in the city of Arnold.

***Phil Amato (R):** Representative Phil Amato, a Republican, represents part of Jefferson County (District 113) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Amato is retired from a 31-year career as a manufacturer’s sales representative.

Amato is also the author of 20 books with the latest being a work of nonfiction about the history of Arnold, Missouri from 1972 to 2022. He donates the proceeds from this book to the Arnold Food Pantry, the Arnold Historical Museum, and to the Jefferson County Library.

A 1972 graduate of Jennings High School, Amato attended Fox School in Arnold for nine years. He received his associate’s degree in Sales and Business from St. Louis Community College at Meramec in 1984.

Amato has received several awards and honors, including the William T. Kemper Foundation’s Community Service Award, the Lt. Governor’s Senior Service Award, the Arnold Man of the Year Award, and the Jaycee International Lifetime Achievement Award.

Born in St. Louis, Amato has lived most of his life in Arnold and currently resides there with his wife. He is a member of St. John the Baptist Church and the Arnold Jaycees organization.

District 114

***Ken Waller (R):** Representative Ken Waller, a Republican, represents part of Jefferson County (District 114) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Waller works as an insurance agent. Prior to his election to the legislature, Waller served as the Jefferson County Clerk for four years, as well as the Jefferson County Executive and Treasurer before that.

A 1980 graduate of Festus High School, Waller received his associate's degree in Business Administration from Jefferson Junior College - Hillsboro in 1982, and his bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri – St. Louis in 1985.

Waller has served as a member of several boards and organizations, including the Missouri Association of Counties, the Missouri Clerks Association, the Missouri Treasurers Association, the Jefferson-Franklin Community Action Corp, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the COMTREA Mental Health Fund Board, the EDC of Jefferson County, and the YMCA of Jefferson County. He has been awarded the 110 Percent Award by KTJJ and was nominated as the Boy Scouts of America's Man of the Year.

Born in Festus, Waller currently resides in Herculaneum with his wife, Trina. They have three children and one grandchild. Waller is a member of Grace Life Chapel in Pevely.

Jessie Shepherd (D): Jessie Shepherd is the Committee Woman on the Democratic Central Committee for Joachim Township in Jefferson County, MO. She also serves her community as a member of the Herculaneum Parks Board. She is passionate about voter education & community organizing.

District 115

Bill Lucas (R): No bio found.

Dominic (Dom) Lawson (R): No bio found.

David George (D): David served three years in the United States Navy Seabees. After returning home, he pursued his education while serving as a volunteer firefighter/EMT at the Antonia Fire Department.

Many years later David moved to De Soto to raise a family. He continued to follow his volunteer spirit by serving the City of Olympian Village as an Alderman and as a Troop Leader/Volunteer with both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America.

As an Alderman, David focused his attention on city infrastructure by working hard to get the roads repaved as well as to repair and improve the city's aging sewer system.

In the Scouting programs David endeavored to teach the hard-earned lessons he gained in the military and the fire service to the next generation of young men and women. Eventually he even served on the River Trails District (Jefferson County) Eagle Scout Review Board.

District 116

***Dale L. Wright (R):** Representative Dale Wright, a Republican, represents portions of St. Francois and Madison Counties (District 116) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Wright is a healthcare executive, past business owner, and partner of the Actalur Group, LLC, a healthcare consulting company, and Angle Medical Solutions, a pharmaceutical and medical device distributor. During his 47 years in the industry, he received the Rising Star Award from Cardinal Healthcare, Manager of the Year from Health Services Corporation of America, and National Healthcare Executive of the Year from Allegiance Healthcare. Wright was also named to the Who's Who of American Healthcare Executives. Most recently, he was named the 2023 "Distinguished Alumni" at his alma mater, Mineral Area College.

Representative Wright has been a member of the Farmington City Council, the MCII Sheltered Workshop Board, the Mineral Area College Foundation Board, the Missouri Hospital Association's Purchasing Council Board and the Farmington Police Personnel Board. He has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, the PTA, Big Brothers, and The American Heart Association.

He is a graduate of Farmington High School and he graduated from the Mineral Area College in 1973 with an ABA.

Born in St. Louis, Representative Wright was raised in Farmington where he currently resides with his wife, Denise. They have three children, Andrea, Aaron, and Stephanie, eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. They attend The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

***Ryan Cooper (R):** No bio found.

Ethan Jones (L): Ethan Jones is a lifelong Missourian who is dedicated to making our state a better place for all. Ethan has the leadership experience and passion necessary to enact real change in our state government. He is committed to ending property taxes for disabled veterans, prison reform, public education, support for the 2nd Amendment, and the right to life. Ethan is a small business owner of SNJ Security, LLC and attends Open Door House of Prayer in Annapolis, MO. Ethan is a father of four and understands the struggles Missouri families face to make it by on a day-by-day basis. This is something career politicians are disconnected from.

District 117

Becky Laubinger (R): Becky is the wife of Pastor Bradford Laubinger, and mother of Cherith, Tyce, Ceana, and Creed. Becky grew up in rural Missouri, where farming, DIY home maintenance and waving at your neighbor when you pass on the road were normal life. A stay-at-home mom for 13 years, Becky believes in protecting the family, and the vital role parents have in teaching the next generation how to thrive.

In addition to being the wife of a pastor and a mom, Becky has worked in the service industry, the school system, and was a church secretary.

Since 2014 she has served as the Executive Director of the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center and Health Clinic nonprofit. She serves on the board of Alliance for Life Missouri and is very active at The First Baptist Church of Desloge where she teaches a women's Sunday School class, volunteers in children's programs, youth events, and the Upward Basketball program.

Over the years of caring for her family, and serving the community, Becky has seen the importance of values and responsibility not just talked about, but also lived out.

Mike Miller (R): Mike Miller is a local small business owner, Army Veteran, Treasurer of the Saint Francois County Republican Central Committee, and a founding member of the St. Francois County Conservative Club.

Miller's goal is to reduce government influence in our everyday lives, end overreaching regulations on small businesses and working families, cut taxes, and work to pass legislation that protects our children.

Miller has owned and operated small businesses throughout the 117th District for the last twenty years. He believes this experience will provide him with the right perspective on what it will take to grow Missouri's economy and increase quality jobs throughout the region.

Miller lives in Terre Du Lac and is a lifetime member of the VFW. He is the proud father of three children, grandfather to four wonderful grandkids, and a two year old Aussie, Cooper.

Chad Brown Sr. (R): Chad Brown is a conservative Republican, dedicated law enforcement professional, successful entrepreneur, and devoted family man. Born and raised in the heart of Missouri, Chad has spent his life in service to his community, building a diverse and impressive career that spans law enforcement, business ownership, and civic engagement.

Chad's journey in public service began at the Washington County Sheriff's Office, where he started as a jailer and steadily climbed the ranks through hard work and dedication. Over the course of nearly 25 years, Chad served in various capacities, from road deputy to command staff responsible for running the department.

Beyond his distinguished career in law enforcement, Chad is a seasoned entrepreneur who has successfully started and operated several businesses. Chad's business ventures have made positive economic contributions to our community.

Chad has also served as a board member for Pawstoppers Inc and remains a member of Backstoppers Inc., both organizations dedicated to supporting law enforcement and first responders.

In 2012 when, as a sergeant with the Cottleville Police Department, he uncovered embezzlement and corruption within the police department and city hall. Despite facing adversity, Chad stood firm in his pursuit of justice.

In July 2021, Chad contracted COVID-19. His battle with the virus led to a life-threatening situation, resulting in three months on a ventilator and six months of hospitalization. Despite ongoing treatments and surgeries, Chad demonstrated his determination to overcome obstacles and continue contributing to his community. This experience also reaffirmed his belief in the importance of freedom and he opposes all mask and vaccine mandates.

Chad has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 27 years and together they have two children.

Casey Cassidy (D): Casey Cassidy is a native of St. Francois County, Casey possesses a profound understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the community. With a focus on prioritizing the needs of hardworking families, Casey advocates for a new era of leadership that addresses the concerns of constituents.

District 118

***Mike McGirl (R):** Representative Mike McGirl, a Republican, represents Franklin and Washington counties (District 118) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, McGirl is a Certified Public Accountant, serving the Potosi area for more than 34 years. He served as the Washington County Collector for 24 years, winning six straight terms.

He is a member of the St. James Catholic Church, Rotary International, Elks, Knights of Columbus, and local Chambers of Commerce.

McGirl holds a degree in Business and Accounting from The College of the Ozarks.

A lifelong resident of Washington County, McGirl currently resides in Potosi and his wife, Diane. They have three children.

District 119

Rafael Madrigal (R): Rafael Madrigal, a California native, witnessed firsthand the effects of poor leadership on a state's decline. Graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, he was mentored by Professor William "Sandy" Muir, personal advisor to President Ronald Reagan. Transitioning into the financial sector after graduate school, Rafael gained experience in Fortune 500 companies and founded successful businesses. Currently, as owner & CEO of American Freedom Benefits, he advises clients on retirement planning.

In 2017, Rafael and his wife Jennifer settled in Missouri, choosing Pacific in Franklin County as their home. Actively engaged in community events and supporting local businesses, they contribute to the vibrant local landscape. Rafael's aim as State Representative for District 119 is

to enhance the quality of life and opportunities for Franklin County residents and all Missourians.

Rafael's business success enabled philanthropic endeavors, including leadership roles in various organizations. As President of St. Cornelius Parish Council and the Contra Costa College Foundation, he raised funds and established scholarships. Serving as President of a local Business Association, he facilitated community festivals and increased tax revenue. Additionally, as Vice-Chair of the Workforce Investment Board, Rafael helped create job opportunities and decrease crime rates.

As a Political Consultant for the Richmond Police Officer Association, Rafael advocated for police officers' rights. Recognized by veterans' organizations for his commitment to employing veterans, he provided support to ensure they received entitled benefits. Currently serving as Alderman for the City of Pacific, Rafael contributed to city infrastructure improvements, police salary raises, and fiscal responsibility, ensuring a safer and prosperous community.

***Brad Banderman (R):** Representative Brad Banderman, a Republican, represents part of Franklin County (District 119) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Banderman has worked as student pastor for Bethel Baptist Church in Lonedell for 23 years. Prior to being elected, Banderman also served as a substitute teacher and bus driver for the St. Clair R-XIII School District. Additionally, Banderman serves as the assistant chaplain for the St. Clair Police Department.

A 1995 graduate of Union R-XIII High School, Banderman received his bachelor's degree in Religion with an emphasis in youth education from Missouri Baptist College in 1998.

Banderman was born in Festus and has spent most of his life in the St. Clair/Union area. He currently resides in St. Clair with his wife. They have two children.

Amy Thompson (D): Amy Thompson, a progressive Democrat residing in Franklin County, is determined to amplify the voices of the unheard citizens of District 119. With 25 years of residency in Franklin County, Amy understands the frustration of having her concerns disregarded by representatives. If elected, she pledges to be a receptive advocate, prioritizing the diverse needs of her constituents.

Growing up on a century farm in Iowa, Amy developed resilience and a deep appreciation for natural resources. After earning a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa, she embarked on a journey beyond Iowa, teaching and working as a nanny in various locations, from the sandhills of Nebraska to Stamford, Connecticut. Her diverse experiences instilled in her a broad perspective and a thirst for adventure.

It was a teaching job that led Amy to Franklin County in 1998, where she has since made her home with her husband, Graden, of 18 years. Amy's focus, should she be elected, will be on addressing issues that benefit all Missourians, including expanding healthcare access, advocating

for patient and doctor autonomy, combating discrimination against minority groups, particularly the LGBTQ+ community, and safeguarding natural resources for future generations.

District 120

John W. Hewkin (R): John Hewkin is a Clinical Staff Pharmacist at BJC Hospital Sullivan, bringing a wealth of experience from his background in pharmacy ownership and entrepreneurship. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Pharmacy from St. Louis College of Pharmacy, John has made significant contributions to healthcare in his community. His tenure as the former owner of various hometown pharmacies in Sullivan and Cuba, Missouri, provided him with firsthand insights into the needs and challenges of local healthcare delivery. Additionally, John co-founded a Medical Equipment and Home Infusion Company in 1994, demonstrating his entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to improving patient care. Through his roles in pharmacy practice and business ownership, John continues to make valuable contributions to the healthcare landscape, ensuring the well-being of patients in his community.

Lancer Blair (R): No bio found.

Jen Tracy (D): Jen Tracy is a Progressive Democrat running for a seat in the Missouri House of Representatives, driven by a passion for progress, unity, and positive change. With extensive experience in professional roles, board positions, and volunteer work within the community, Jen has gained firsthand insight into the challenges and opportunities facing their district. Committed to addressing pressing issues such as healthcare access, education quality, and economic opportunity, Jen aims to pave the way for a brighter future. With a fresh and proactive perspective, a dedication to inclusivity, and a collaborative approach across party lines, Jen advocates for policies that empower all residents, protect family farms and the environment, and foster innovation. Through their campaign, Jen strives to build a stronger, more equitable Missouri that benefits everyone.

District 121

***Bill Hardwick (R):** Bill Hardwick represents part of Pulaski County and Fort Leonard Wood (District 121) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in 2020.

Prior to serving in the Missouri Legislature, Representative Hardwick was a supervisory attorney as a Department of the Army civilian, a Special Assistant United States Attorney and served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Pulaski County, Missouri. He was the City Prosecutor for St. Robert, Missouri and taught courses as an adjunct professor in political science, business, philosophy, and law.

Representative Hardwick practices law as an attorney with Lowe Dreesen Miller law firm. He is the Chairman of the Sustainable Ozark Partnership. Representative Hardwick also serves as a commissioner on the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission.

Representative Hardwick served as an enlisted Soldier and officer in the Missouri National Guard and U.S. Army. He led combat route clearance patrols in Baghdad, Iraq. He has served in leadership positions including platoon leader, company commander and battalion commander. He is a graduate of Officer Candidate School where he was selected for the Leadership Award.

Representative Hardwick graduated with honors from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he earned a skill identifier as a strategist.

Born in Rolla, Missouri, Representative Hardwick is a graduate of Dixon High School. He received his bachelor's degree in Classics from the University of Missouri and Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri School of Law in Columbia, Missouri. He enjoys hunting, Brazilian JiuJitsu, reading, and movies. He and his wife, Teresa, reside in Dixon, Missouri.

Brandon Swartz (D): No bio found.

District 122

***Tara J Peters (R):** Representative Tara Peters, a Republican, represents Phelps County (District 122) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first term in November 2022.

In addition to her service as a legislator, Peters is a real estate agent with Realty Executives – Ferrell Associates. She and her husband also own and operate Pete's Pumpkin Patch, which is a small farm and agri-tourism destination.

Peters is a dedicated public servant who has served in a variety of leadership and volunteer roles with organizations that work to promote the well-being of families, children, and seniors. During her time as the President of Rolla Junior Club she helped raise funds to purchase playground equipment for a city park and provide scholarships to deserving students. She also helped provide financial support and opportunities for retired senior volunteers through her service as a board member for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Currently, she serves on the board of the M.U. Extension Council for Phelps County, which promotes educational programs for families in surrounding counties. She also is entering her sixth year as a member on the Missouri Farm Bureau Agri-Tourism Board.

Peters is a graduate of Purdue University – Calumet, where she received a bachelor's degree in Communications.

Born in Valparaiso, Indiana, Peters currently resides in Rolla with her husband, Chris, and their two children, Landon and Ledger.

Tara Anura (D): Tara Anura is a lifelong Missourian, public educator, and civil servant who is running for Missouri State Representative. Raised in the Ozarks and Southeast Missouri by a family with a diverse background, including military service members, public educators, business owners, and farmers, Tara learned the values of persistence, honesty, and service from her upbringing. She graduated from a public high school and earned a degree from Southeast Missouri State University while working through college.

With over 10 years of experience as a public educator and civil servant, Tara is deeply committed to serving the people of Missouri. She has a rare genetic condition called Turner Syndrome,

which has given her firsthand experience in overcoming challenges and understanding the importance of access to quality healthcare. Tara volunteered to help get Medicaid expansion on the ballot and passed in Missouri.

Tara is also the co-founder of Pro-Choice Mid-Missouri, a group dedicated to promoting reproductive justice through non-violent direct action. The group includes members from across Mid-Missouri and welcomes individuals from all faith groups, ethnicities, LGBTQ+ members, classes, and cultures. With over 250 members, Pro-Choice Mid-Missouri is actively working towards its mission.

District 123

Jeff Verneti (R): Jeff Verneti is the current General Manager and minority owner of Ballparks National, one of the premier youth baseball and softball facilities in the country. The company began operation in 2020 and has already held over 4,000 games played by teams from 19 states, bringing in millions of dollars to the local community on an annual basis. He oversees a staff of over 50 people and has helped establish Ballparks National as one of the top attractions in the Lake area.

Ballparks National has won several awards, including being named Missouri's best Youth Sports Complex and Lake Area's and LOREDC Small Business of the Year.

In addition to his role at Ballparks National, Verneti is also the owner of two other Lake area businesses. He opened LOZ Sports Training in November of 2021, which is the Lake area's only youth sports training facility. Located in Osage Beach, the complex focuses on team rentals and individual training lessons for young athletes.

In June of 2023, he and his wife Kelly opened Verneti's Italian Grocer, located on the historic square in Camdenton. The store offers a wide selection of deli meats and cheeses, entrees, pastas, sandwiches, and dry good items. They have brought a taste of the St. Louis Hill to the Lake area.

Before moving to the area, Verneti worked in sports broadcasting in St. Louis for ten years, mostly as a talk show host. His duties not only included hosting a radio show but providing all of the sales and marketing support for the show on a brokered basis. He handled all of the sales, billing and collections for the show. While in radio, he also owned two indoor sports training complexes for three years in the St. Louis area.

In addition to his radio broadcasting and sports facility experience, Verneti has worked in sales and sales management in several industries. He worked as a sales manager for SBC Communications and Charter Communications and in outside sales for Glazers Distributors. For almost 20 years, Verneti has managed annual budgets, revenue projections, hitting required sales goals, and all facets of personnel oversight (payroll, HR, benefits, etc). He also worked for BSN Sports, selling uniforms and equipment to schools and teams in the Central Missouri region.

Currently Verneti is involved in a number of local organizations and charities. He sits on the board of directors for Central Ozarks Medical Center (COMC), Lake West Chamber of Commerce, Lake of the Ozarks Regional Economic Development Council (LOREDC) and the

Macks Creek Park. He is the current President of Camdenton Rotary Club and is a member of the Osage Beach Elks Club, the Camden County Republican Club, and Calvary Chapel Lake of the Ozarks.

He has been married to his wife Kelly, who is currently a teacher at School of the Osage High School, since 2001. They have two children, Dominick (20) and Isabella (17).

***Lisa Thomas (R):** Rep. Dr. Lisa Thomas, a Republican, represents the majority of Camden County (District 123) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first 2-year term in November 2020.

Prior to her legislative service, Dr. Thomas worked as psychiatrist in the private sector as well as for the State and Federal government. Dr. Lisa has experience with inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment settings. During her nearly 9 years as a staff psychiatrist at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital, she was particularly proud of utilizing telepsychiatry to expand the reach of outpatient behavioral health treatment to veterans living a considerable distance from the main hospital.

Rep. Dr. Thomas is currently the Medical Director of the Missouri Physicians Health Program, serves on the Governing Council of the Missouri State Medical Association, is a member of the American Medical Association, and recruits medical specialists for rural hospitals and clinics. She is a former Board Member and Mental Health Specialist for a local chapter of the American Red Cross and was a past President of her local medical society. Dr. Lisa is active in her community, including being a member of Rotary and the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, a Board member of the Lake Arts Council, and she attends Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Lake Ozark.

Rep. Dr. Thomas is a life-long Missourian who was born in St. Louis, graduated from Kirkwood High School, then earned her BA in both Biology and Psychology as well as her MA in Clinical Psychology from Washington University. She attended medical school at Mizzou where she completed her Psychiatry residency followed by 2 fellowships: Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry

Nancy Bates (D): No bio found.

District 124

***Don Mayhew (R):** Representative Don Mayhew, a Republican, represents parts of Miller and Pulaski County (District 124) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Mayhew, a licensed survey and engineer, is the owner of a small engineering and surveying company. He has served as the Pulaski County Surveyor for 10 years.

Mayhew has served on the Crocker School Board, including a term as president of the board. He has served on the Pulaski County Republican Central Committee. He has served on the board for

Habitat for Humanity and the Crocker Park Board, and he has chaired the Pulaski County Justice Center Task Force. Mayhew also is a member of the NRA.

Mayhew graduated in 1991 with a bachelor's of science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla (now Missouri S&T).

Born in Crocker, Mayhew still resides there with his wife, Deanna. They have four adult children and 8 grandchildren.

Tara Hallmark (D): No bio found.

District 125

***Dane Diehl (R):** Representative Dane Diehl, a Republican, represents Bates, Vernon, and Cedar Counties (District 125) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Diehl is a fifth generation family farmer and rancher. Diehl is also the District 4 Director of the Missouri Soybean Association.

A 2009 graduate of Butler R-V High School, Diehl received his bachelor's degree in Ag Systems Management from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 2013.

Diehl is a member and supporter of Missouri Corn, the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Soybean, the Nevada Elks Lodge, and the Butler Chamber of Commerce.

Born in Kansas City, Diehl currently resides in Butler with his wife. They have one child. Diehl and his family attend Pleasant Gap Christian Church.

Lynda Jones (D): No bio found.

District 126

***Jim Kalberloh (R):** Representative Jim Kalberloh, a Republican, represents Hickory, St. Clair and parts of Benton and Cedar counties (District 126) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to serving in the legislature, Kalberloh is a cattle farmer, and he owns and operates Landmark Restaurant in Lowry City. He also operates a value-added agriculture business – a corn maze. He obtained a diploma in farm management from Platte College.

Kalberloh is a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, the NRA, Missouri Farm Bureau, American Legion Post 604, and he is a member of the Lowry City Church of God.

Born in Appleton City, Kalberloh now resides in Lowry City with his wife, Cristie. They have three children.

Kirsten Hockaday (D): No bio found.

District 127

***Ann Kelley (R):** Representative Jim Kalberloh, a Republican, represents Hickory, St. Clair and parts of Benton and Cedar counties (District 126) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to serving in the legislature, Kalberloh is a cattle farmer, and he owns and operates Landmark Restaurant in Lowry City. He also operates a value-added agriculture business – a corn maze. He obtained a diploma in farm management from Platte College.

Kalberloh is a member of the Missouri Cattlemen’s Association, the NRA, Missouri Farm Bureau, American Legion Post 604, and he is a member of the Lowry City Church of God.

Born in Appleton City, Kalberloh now resides in Lowry City with his wife, Cristie. They have three children.

Marvin Manring (D): Marvin Manring, a native of Albany, Northwest Missouri, has been a lifelong resident of the state. Growing up on a rural farm, Marvin was raised by parents who instilled in him the values of hard work and sacrifice, having lived through the challenges of the Depression and the Second World War. He attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, honing his skills in music education while working in Missouri school districts such as California and Slater.

In 1993, Marvin made Stockton his family's home, where he and his wife Mary Anne raised their two children, Liz and Lucas. Their involvement in the Stockton United Methodist Church has been a cornerstone of their lives, where they've dedicated their time, talents, and resources to the community's well-being. Marvin has been actively engaged in various service activities, including serving in organizations such as the Stockton Lions Club since 1993, the Stockton Community Foundation Board since 2013, and the Cedar County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees since 2018.

With 35 years of experience in public education, Marvin has witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by schools in the 128th District and beyond. Funding, learning standards, career readiness, and teacher preparation are among his primary concerns as an educator and aspiring legislator. Throughout his involvement in various community organizations, Marvin has been recognized for his volunteerism, leadership, and commitment to service. He attributes his successes to the supportive community of Stockton, which has always embraced progress and new ideas, and to the elected county leaders who advocate for their constituents in the face of state regulations.

District 128

Derral Reynolds (R): Derral Reynolds grew up on ranches in Colorado and Wyoming where he learned the value of hard work. He finished high school in 1977. Derral and Londa were married in 1978 and began a family of three children. Currently, have been married for 46 years with grandchildren living in Colorado and Missouri. Derral began a career in commercial construction as a carpenter, often working as a certified welder in many trades. It wasn’t long before he was running commercial construction jobs from a foreman to supervisor. Work moved Derral and his family to Pennsylvania, and California over the years. After reaching the full period needed to

vest retirement, Derral went back to college, where he earned 3 degrees from 3 different universities in the span of 2-years by taking double the credit hours. With a family to raise, there wasn't time for delays. Directly out of graduate school he was hired by IBM as the highest paid student from CSU in 1996. From there Derral was hired by EDS and moved to Missouri in 1999. Derral and his family have remained in Missouri to this day. In his free time, Derral is a writer, ministers in jails, volunteers as a fireman/Chaplin, helps the homeless, visits children in the hospital and evangelizes online, as well as on the street. Derral works to support good causes, like prolife and cleaning up our school system! Derral has the diverse background and experience that will bring a solid Christian Conservative perspective to Jefferson City. He has worked in many roles; from a ranch hand to a top executive in the board room of a mega corporation. Derral is a leader. He has the skills needed for state legislature. He can effectively interface with powerful people at all levels and get things done. Derral has substantial experience dealing with large scope issues and detailed needs. He knows how to bring different personalities together in one united goal. Derral will get things done. Derral sees value in the backbone of our country and state – people like you. He supports us, the hard-working middle class of America. Real Americans! He will support you in the face of all adversaries. You can depend on him to stand his ground and Take Missouri Back!

Christopher D Warwick (R): Christopher D. Warwick, a member of the community for 34 years, is currently serving as the Mayor of Bolivar. Alongside his mayoral duties, he owns and operates Warwick Electric, contributing to the local business landscape and economy.

Christopher's involvement extends beyond his professional endeavors. He serves as the Treasurer of the Bolivar Central Church of Christ, demonstrating his commitment to faith-based initiatives and community engagement. Additionally, he is an active member of the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, advocating for local businesses and fostering economic development.

Furthermore, Christopher contributes to community events and initiatives, such as sponsoring Missouri Beef Days, showcasing his support for agricultural traditions and community gatherings. His membership in the Bolivar Planning and Zoning Board underscores his dedication to responsible urban development and infrastructure planning.

Beyond his professional and community engagements, Christopher is a former volunteer youth soccer coach, highlighting his commitment to youth development and community involvement. Christopher attended Bolivar High School and furthered his education at OTC in Springfield.

Christopher and his wife, Jody, take pride in their family of four children and are active members of the Bolivar Central Church of Christ, where they attend weekly services. They share a passion for spending quality time together and investing in their local community through volunteerism and service.

John Best (R): Dr. John Best is a respected Interventional Cardiologist and dedicated community member with a wealth of experience in healthcare and a lifelong commitment to service. Married for 17 years to Traci Busenbark-Best, Dr. Best is the proud father of three children and three grandchildren. His proven track record of community service includes serving as the Mayor of Bolivar from 2011 to 2017, where he demonstrated his ability to lead with

integrity and dedication. During his tenure, Dr. Best prioritized funding critical services such as law enforcement and public safety without increasing taxes.

Additionally, Dr. Best served as the Polk County 911 Chairman and has been actively involved as the Special Road District Chairman since 2018. He is also the founder and chairman of the Friends of Bolivar Parks, where he works tirelessly to enhance the community's quality of life for the citizens of Bolivar. Through his various leadership roles and commitment to service, Dr. Best has proven himself to be a dedicated advocate for his community's well-being.

Bill Yarberry (R): Bill Yarberry, aged 73, is a graduate of Pleasant Hope, Missouri High School, class of 1961, and has deep roots in the community. Currently, he works as a cattle farmer, bringing firsthand knowledge of the agricultural sector to the table.

With a background that includes service in the Vietnam War, ownership of a small business, and experience as a factory worker, he understands the challenges faced by the people of District 31 because he has lived through many of them himself.

Bill believes he is the best person for the job because he is committed to working solely for the people of District 31. He refuses campaign donations from lobbyists or special interest groups, ensuring that his focus remains on serving the needs of his constituents above all else.

Rich Horton (D): Rich Horton is currently employed as a project manager at The Waldinger Corporation. In addition to his role there, he also owns Horton Electric Service Company LLC.

District 129

***John F. Black (R):** Representative John Black, a Republican, represents Webster County (District 129) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to joining the legislature, Black worked as an attorney and chemical engineer. He served as General Counsel for City Utilities in Springfield for more than a decade. Black also was the first in-house General Counsel for Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State).

Black is a member of the Methodist Church and the Marshfield Optimist Club. He is a former member of the Marshfield School Board as well as the Springfield Area Chamber Of Commerce.

A graduate of Strafford High School, Black holds degrees in Chemical Engineering and Engineering Management from the University of Missouri – Rolla (now Missouri S&T). He obtained his law degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Born in Springfield, Black currently resides in Marshfield with his wife, Cynthia, who is also an attorney. They have six children between them.

Louise Hansen (D): No bio found.

District 130

***Bishop Davidson (R):** Representative Bishop Davidson, a Republican, represents parts of Greene County (District 130) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

Growing up as one of nine kids, Bishop graduated from Republic High School in 2013, and then the University of Missouri in 2016, where he studied History and Classics. Before being elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, Davidson worked at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute is a nonprofit educational organization that promotes conservative thought on college campuses.

Leslie Jones (D): Leslie Jones is a lifelong Missourian born and raised in Springfield. With a diverse range of roles, Leslie is a mother to two children, a music therapist, educator, business owner, and advocate. For 15 years, she has been a board-certified music therapist, working with individuals of all ages and abilities in various community settings, including schools, therapy clinics, hospitals, and nursing facilities. Additionally, Leslie has served as an adjunct professor at her alma mater, Drury University, where she teaches on the music therapy staff.

As a small business owner, Leslie started her business over a decade ago with determination, hard work, and dedication. She has been a staunch advocate for the music therapy profession, having recently completed her term as the Vice President for the Midwest American Music Therapy Association. In addition to her professional endeavors, Leslie has actively contributed to her community by serving as a team lead for the Springfield chapter of Moms Demand Action, advocating for measures to reduce gun violence in the community and state.

District 131

***Bill Owen (R):** Representative Bill Owen, a Republican, represents Greene County (District 131) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his second two-year term in November 2020.

Owen spent 39 years in the banking industry, and previously served in the Missouri House from 1981 -82. He sponsored the Missouri Enterprise Zone Act in 1982, and he sponsored an increase of the cigarette tax for education.

Owen has a long history of working in his community and was named “Contributor of the Year” in 2019 by the North Springfield Betterment Association. He belongs to the First and Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Born in Springfield, Owen attended Parkview High School before Drury University for his undergraduate degree. He also has a degree from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He continues to reside in Springfield with his wife, Carol. They have two children.

Ashley Cossins (R): Ashley Cossins, a small business owner and landlord, brings a firsthand understanding of dedication and the importance of stable, affordable housing. Committed to

policies supporting local businesses and driving economic growth, Ashley advocates for ensuring quality housing for all. Her personal journey fuels her advocacy for accessible and affordable health care, emphasizing the importance of privacy in health care decisions. She believes in health care reform to eliminate financial barriers and is deeply dedicated to environmental protection, striving to promote sustainability, renewable energy, and preserve the environment for future generations.

With skills in research and analysis, Ashley is ready to root out inefficiencies and corruption in government. As State Representative for Missouri's 131st House District, she is committed to creating a more equitable society and tirelessly addressing these issues to ensure that government serves the community's best interests.

District 132

Stephanos Freeman (R): Stephanos Freeman, born in Springfield, Missouri, has been affiliated with organizations such as the NRA, Greene County Pachyderms, Republican Party, TeamReach, FACL, and Greene County MRA. A graduate of Willard High School, Freeman obtained a degree in sociology from MSU, with a minor in anthropology.

Throughout his professional career, Freeman has worked in factories and the public school system, specializing in social studies as a substitute teacher. He has also worked for Burrell Behavioral Health and mental disabilities services company Alternative Opportunities. Currently, Freeman is focusing solely on his campaign.

Bernadean McAfee (R): Bernadean McAfee, a resident of Southwest Missouri since 1969, is the founder and owner of McAfee Real Estate Group LLC since 2018. As a licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Missouri, Bernadean brings over twenty-five years of experience in the real estate industry, previously working as a Realtor and mortgage lender.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Bernadean is deeply involved in volunteer work, particularly with CASA, where he has dedicated his time for the last decade. He is passionate about serving his community and has built lasting relationships with his clients through his proactive approach and strong problem-solving skills.

Outside of work and volunteering, Bernadean enjoys spending time with his daughter and his pets. He has also cultivated a fun hobby in ventriloquism since the age of twelve, with his puppet Clyde adding an extra dimension of enjoyment to his life.

Jeremy Dean (D): Jeremy Dean, a lifelong Springfieldian, is known for his dedication to serving his community. Alongside his fiancé, Zion, and their two dogs, Bentley and Josie, Jeremy can often be found enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of Grant Beach or C-Street.

Jeremy's professional journey has been rooted in the non-profit sector, where he started as a caregiver for individuals with developmental disabilities before transitioning to roles in healthcare clinics throughout Springfield. From supporting patients in Family Medicine clinics to managing operations in an OBGYN office, Jeremy gained firsthand experience of how state decisions impact everyday life.

Currently, Jeremy serves as an Operations Manager for a local non-profit dedicated to uplifting underserved communities. In this role, he channels his passion for making a difference into tangible actions that benefit those in need.

In the realm of politics, Jeremy advocates for finding common ground and prioritizing the needs of the community over partisan interests. He believes in fighting for fair pay for teachers, improving access to healthcare for women, and ensuring adequate funding for schools. As a State Rep, Jeremy is committed to being a voice for the people, working tirelessly to address their concerns and champion their rights.

District 133

***Melanie Stinnett (R):** Representative Melanie Stinnett, a Republican, represents Greene County (District 133) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her legislative duties, Stinnett is a healthcare executive and speech-language pathologist. A majority of her career has been spent as a small business owner with a recent transition to working in the non-profit sector.

She holds three degrees from Missouri State University: a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology, and a Master's in Healthcare Administration.

Stinnett currently resides in Springfield with her husband, Nathan, and their two sons.

Derrick Nowlin (D): Derrick Nowlin, a native of Southwest Springfield, is eager to represent his community. Growing up in the Oak Grove neighborhood, Derrick spent his formative years playing until dusk illuminated the streets. He graduated from Glendale High School before pursuing studies in physics and engineering at Missouri State University.

Derrick has deep roots in Springfield, having raised his children in the same neighborhoods where he grew up. Now, he delights in watching his grandchild play in the parks he frequented as a child.

With twenty years of experience as a land surveyor, Derrick has played a role in many significant developments in Springfield, including projects like the 65 and James River Freeway interchange. For the past twelve years, he has utilized his expertise as an engineer at a local sign company, collaborating with businesses and city governments nationwide.

As a representative, Derrick is committed to advocating for more affordable healthcare, safer infrastructure, and better-funded schools. He believes in fighting for a brighter future for all members of his community.

District 134

***Alex Riley (R):** Representative Alex Riley, a Republican, represents Greene County (District 134) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Riley is an attorney with the Healy Law Offices, LLC. He is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, and the Network – The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce’s Young Professionals Organization.

Riley holds a B.A. in political science from Thomas Edison State University, and a Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University.

Born and raised in Springfield, Riley resides there with his wife, Ellen, and their three young children. He and his family attend James River Church.

District 135

Michael Hasty (R): No bio found.

***Betsy Fogle (D):** Representative Elizabeth “Betsy” Fogle, a Democrat, represents Greene County (District 135) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2020.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Fogle spent her career in public health while serving as the Director of Program Advancement for Jordan Valley Community Health Center.

Born in Springfield, Fogle graduated from Springfield Public Schools. She obtained a bachelor’s of science degree from Missouri State University and a master’s in sociology from the University of Arkansas.

District 136

Jim Robinette (R): Jim Robinette is an attorney and veteran with extensive experience serving as general counsel for politically sensitive Congressional commissions, national educational institutions, and multi-billion dollar educational and training enterprises. With a background in leading complex legal practice groups, Jim has managed legislative change, litigation, investigations, transactions, client services, and organizational counsel. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame Law School in 1994.

***Stephanie Hein (D):** Representative Stephanie Hein, a Democrat, represents part of Greene County (District 136) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her service with the legislature, Hein is a professor emerita at Missouri State University. Previously, she served as the head of Missouri State University’s Department of Hospitality Leadership. Hein started her professional career in the multi-billion-dollar food and beverage industry.

Hein is an active member of the Springfield Downtown Rotary Club. She is a past chair of the Springfield Convention and Visitor Bureau Board of Directors, and has served on Springfield's Airport Task Force. Hein was named one of Springfield's Most Influential Women in 2014.

A Hartville High School graduate, Hein holds a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Restaurant Administration and a Master of Business Administration from Missouri State University. She also holds an EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Born in Rolla, Hein now resides in Springfield with her husband, Tony. They have two daughters.

District 137

***Darin Chappell (R):** State Representative Darin Chappell, a Republican, represents part of Greene County (District 137) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his time in the legislature, Chappell served as the city administrator for Chillicothe, Bolivar, and Seymour. He also is a former Missouri State University adjunct professor on the topics of the constitution and the impact of the foundational documents of American government, and public budgeting and finance at the graduate level. Chappell is a veteran of the United States Navy and the Army Reserves.

Passionate about serving his community, Chappell is involved with the Rotary Club, the MO Main Street Advisory Board, the American Legion, and the Veterans in Defense of Liberty organization. He is also an active member of the church of Christ in Fordland.

A graduate of Springfield Kickapoo High School, Chappell obtained a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration from Missouri State University.

Chappell and his wife reside in Rogersville, where his family has lived since 1836. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Bryce Lockwood (D): Bryce Lockwood, a decorated Marine veteran, attended Missouri State University, majoring in Business and Finance in 1984. He earned the Silver Star Medal and Purple Heart from the United States Marine Corps for his actions aboard the USS Liberty during a foreign country's attack. After his military service, Bryce dedicated over 30 years to the Associated Wholesale Grocers before retiring.

District 138

Tom Franiak (R): Tom Franiak is a devout Christian, conservative Republican, and active member of the Ozarks community. A stage 4 cancer survivor, he and his wife, Donni, were the co-chairs of the American Cancer Society's 2023 Cattle Baron Ball, which raises funds to support families impacted by the disease. Franiak is the proud small business owner of Midwest Cabinets

And Design. A loving father and grandfather, he is working to preserve the American Dream here in Missouri.

Undeterred by the radical left's "cancel culture" tactics, Franiak is campaigning on the conservative principles of defending the right to life, upholding the First and Second Amendments, and empowering parents and students in education. He will work to improve healthcare resources and fight the tax-and-spend mentality that is all too common in the state capitol. Securing our God-given liberties is Franiak's number one priority for the Missouri House.

Burt Whaley (R): As a United States Army veteran and a native Missourian, Whaley boasts a robust background in public service, including a distinguished 20-year career in the U.S. Army and leadership roles in various community organizations.

Having served as an educator for 28 years, teaching biology and holding administrative positions, Whaley has also been deeply involved in advocating for students and parents as a school board member. Beyond education, he has dedicated over 40 years to local and international missions and church ministries, impacting numerous communities across nine nations.

As an outdoors enthusiast and devoted family man, Whaley cherishes spending time with his wife Leah, their four children, and eleven grandchildren in the beautiful Ozarks of southwest Missouri, which they proudly call home. His commitment to pro-life values, parental rights in education, and support for local businesses underscores his candidacy, reflecting his dedication to promoting life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Missourians.

District 139

***Bob Titus (R):** Representative Bob Titus, a Republican, represents western Christian County (District 139) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his legislative duties, Titus was a business owner and agent representing a major multiline insurance company for 30 years. Serving his insurance clients well was a significant source of pride and satisfaction. Bob retired his business upon successfully gaining an opportunity to serve the residents of Missouri House District 139.

Bob and Tammy Titus first moved to Christian County in 1984. They have lived in their current home near Billings since 1994 and there raised their 10 children. God has continued to bless them with the rich addition of six children-in-law and 16 grandchildren. No family gathering is short of a happy crowd.

Bob's priorities of faith and family are not only a catalyst for government service, they are the qualities that best represent the values of Christian County. Bob uses his 30 years of business and financial service to ensure the best interests of district, county, and state, are well represented in Jefferson City.

Bob has an Accounting degree from Missouri State University. Family occupations and expertise include the fields of business, health, science, first-responders, aviation, and disabilities. The favorite family activity is outdoor recreation.

Mark Gray (D): Mark Gray's journey has been marked by transformation and a deep commitment to his principles. At the age of 12, he found himself at the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri, a pivotal moment that instilled in him a profound sense of duty and love for his country. Graduating in May 1980 as the Executive Officer of Honor Company Echo, he emerged with a firm belief in the ethos of "live or die by the sword."

District 140

***Jamie Ray Gragg (R):** State Representative Jamie Gragg, a Republican, represents Christian County (District 140) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, he is the owner and operator of his own wood working business, "Ozark Mountain Tops and Art Works". Previously he spent many years in camping ministries as well as entertaining in Branson, MO.

Gragg is a graduate from Ozark Public Schools and Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO.

Gragg's family has resided in Christian County for more than 10 generations. Gragg currently lives in Ozark. He has one daughter and three sons, as well as one granddaughter and two grandsons. Gragg regularly attends Victory Baptist Church.

Danny Garrison (R): No bio found.

Julia Curran (D): Julia Curran's journey is rooted in a commitment to advocacy and community. More than two decades ago, she and her husband made the decision to relocate their family to Missouri, where they found a welcoming community in Christian County.

With over 35 years of experience as a registered nurse, Curran has dedicated her career to being a staunch advocate for others. Throughout her tenure in the healthcare field, she has held various leadership, advocacy, and teaching roles, gaining invaluable insights into the challenges facing healthcare over the span of several decades.

Curran's belief in the importance of respect for others' beliefs and choices underscores her approach to advocacy. She understands the profound impact that access to quality healthcare can have on individuals' lives, recognizing the significance of factors such as availability, quality, equity, and cost in shaping healthcare outcomes.

District 141

John S Perperian (R): No bio found.

Melissa Schmidt (R): Melissa Schmidt is a wife, mother, and lifelong Missourian. A member of the local food bank board, Kiwanis, and the Cross Creek Ministries leadership team, she is well known for her servant's heart and dedication to helping those in need. Melissa's community involvement also includes time as a public school administrator and, more recently, an early childhood program coordinator. Additionally, she is an active pro-life ministries program developer.

With the Laclede County Republican Committee, Melissa has fought to preserve our constitutional rights and protect society's most vulnerable - including the unborn. She supports veterans & first responders and is dedicated to uplifting the next generation of workers with strong economic development. Melissa is an advocate for increased access to mental health care and a proven conservative grassroots voice for the southern Missouri region.

Zach Williams (R): No bio found.

Michael Bates (D): Bates was an officeholder of the Wright City R-II School District, At-large in Missouri

District 142

***Jeff Knight (R):** Rep. Jeff Knight, a Republican, represents Dallas County and parts of Laclede and Camden counties (District 142) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Knight was first elected during a special election in February, 2018, and he won re-election to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Knight is an auctioneer and small business owner.

Born in Lebanon, Missouri, in 1968, Knight graduated from Lebanon High School before attending the University of Missouri and Southwest Missouri State, from where he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science Education. For 25 years, Knight taught and coached in schools in Ozark, Nixa, Lebanon and Camdenton.

He is a member of the local Rotary International, the Lebanon and Buffalo Area Chambers of Commerce, First Baptist Church of Lebanon, and he serves as a board member for Heart of the Ozarks Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is also a member of Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, National Rifle Association, and National Wild Turkey Federation.

Knight has been recognized by the Missouri Farm Bureau as a Friend of Agriculture and by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce as a member of the 100% Club. He has also received recognitions from Missouri Cattlemen as Legislator of the Year 2018, Missouri Sheriff's Association 2021, Missouri Co-ops Legislative Leader Award 2021, Missouri Corn Public Servant Award 2022, and MPRA Public Achievement Award 2022.

Knight resides in Lebanon, along with his wife, Amy. They have two children, Savanna and Jordan.

District 143

Philip Lohmann (R): Phillip Lohmann's journey into politics was unexpected, guided by what he believes to be a divine calling. Born in Fallon, Nevada, Lohmann's career path has been diverse, including stints in factories, retail, and fast food. However, it was a pivotal moment in late 2018 when Lohmann felt compelled to attend the Republican Party Lincoln Days event in Springfield, Missouri, despite initially resisting the idea.

Feeling nudged by what he describes as a divine directive, Lohmann reluctantly attended the event, only to be disheartened by what he perceived as corruption and incompetence in the political arena. Despite his initial reluctance, circumstances eventually led him to lose his job during the COVID-19 pandemic, further prompting him to reconsider his path.

Despite self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy, Lohmann reflects on biblical stories of individuals like Jonah and Moses, finding parallels to his own situation. He believes he's being called to make a difference, whether through winning the election and enacting legislative changes or simply to learn humility and trust in a higher power.

Ultimately, Lohmann's decision to run for office is rooted in a deep faith and a belief that he's being guided by a higher purpose, even if the path ahead seems uncertain. He encourages others to seek guidance through prayer and to trust in divine wisdom when considering their own paths in life.

***Bennie Cook (R):** Representative Bennie Cook, a Republican, represents Texas, Phelps, and Maries counties (District 143) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Cook has maintained a commission with the Texas County Sheriff's Department dating back to 2005. He has a total of 19 years in law enforcement working for departments in Texas County, Columbia and Belle, Missouri. Rep. Cook has a strong history in social service as the director of the Texas County Food Pantry and as a field representative for Congressman Jason Smith. In each of these positions, Cook worked extensively with federal, state, and local agencies to assist his constituents.

Rep. Cook serves as a deacon of Oak Hill Christian Church, the president of the Houston Lions Club and a Board member for the Texas County Farm Bureau. Rep. Cook has also served as a Texas County 911 Board member, Texas County Emergency Management Director and on the Houston Parks and Recreation Board.

Rep. Cook has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration and an associate's degree in Human Services from Columbia College.

Rep. Bennie Cook resides on a small farm in Houston, Missouri with his wife, Dr. Amanda Cook PharmD. They are blessed with five children: Reagan, Ben, Addison, Isabella, and William.

Bernadette Holzer (D): Bernadette Holzer, a committed advocate for a stronger democracy in Missouri, was born in Minneapolis to parents Frances and Perry. As direct descendants of

Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the Hanks family carries a rich and fascinating legacy. Perry, a Marine, and Penny, a renowned gospel singer in Georgia, added diversity to the family's background. Bernadette's grandfather Hanks contributed to this tapestry with his ownership of a department store in Minnesota, marking a successful entrepreneurial chapter in their history.

Frances, Bernadette's mother, an accomplished artist and former art teacher with a bachelor's degree from Kentucky State University, hails from West Virginia. Her brothers, Frank and Raymond, pursued careers as a petrochemical engineer and Methodist missionary, respectively. Another aunt, Delaine, engaged in missionary work, residing in Argentina and traveling worldwide to aid those in need. On her mother's side, Bernadette's cousin Charles serves as a dedicated family historian, tracing the Learmouth family's journey from Failkirk, Scotland, to the United States in the 1700s, adopting the name Larmon.

Raised in St. Charles, Missouri, Bernadette attended St. Charles High School and later studied music at Southeast Missouri State University. Subsequently, she obtained a license in therapeutic massage from Missouri College in Manchester, co-owning and managing a day spa in Mountain View, Missouri, with her husband and their newborn.

In 2008, Bernadette faced a significant challenge with the diagnosis of Guillain-Barré Syndrome, a rare nerve disease that left her paralyzed for three months. Overcoming immense physical and mental hurdles, she re-learned essential skills and developed a profound appreciation for life, gaining insight into the struggles of individuals with immune-compromising disabilities.

Celebrating their twentieth anniversary, Bernadette and her husband, Johnny Holzer, lead a dynamic life. Johnny, with Hungarian roots, holds a BS in Astrophysics from UMSL and a Master's Degree in Atmospheric Physics from Johns Hopkins. Actively involved in various interests, from martial arts and archery to unicycling and mountain biking, Johnny is also a stained glass artist and a scientist who discovered an exoplanet during his university tenure.

Bernadette's sister Kristen, a singer and animal lover, contributes to her activities, fostering a strong bond. Her daughter, Béla, a multi-talented individual, is currently pursuing her HiSet and is passionate about science, music, politics, and archery.

In addition to her family and personal pursuits, Bernadette is deeply involved in community engagement, recognizing the significance of assisted in-home living programs. Her advocacy extends to environmental concerns, reproductive healthcare rights, and economic strengthening. Currently, she is actively working on projects related to the Infrastructure Act to ensure clean water and a healthier environment for all in her district, embodying her commitment to a better democracy and a brighter future.

District 144

Joe Loyd (R): Joe Loyd, a seasoned entrepreneur and community member, has built a diverse career spanning various industries. At the age of 25, he founded Loyd's HVAC & Electric, where he specialized in heating, cooling, refrigeration, electrical, and contract construction work. After

approximately seven years, Loyd transitioned to wood forest products and has remained in that field ever since, now operating under Loyd Farms & Sawmill.

In addition to his ventures in the wood products industry, Loyd is also involved in cattle farming, equipment trading, and property rental. His wide-ranging experience in business ownership and management has equipped him with valuable skills and insights into various aspects of entrepreneurship.

Born and raised near Ellington, Missouri, on the family farm, Loyd is the youngest of six boys, born to Robert and the late Bettie Loyd. Family holds a central place in Loyd's life, as evidenced by his 32-year marriage to his wife, Gina, who has dedicated her career to education. Together, they have raised two sons, Johnathan and Logan, both of whom are gainfully employed locally, and enjoy spending time with their daughter-in-law and two grandsons, aged 5 and 3.

Having downsized his main business, Loyd currently dedicates his time to various part-time endeavors while actively engaging in his community. With his wealth of experience and commitment to service, Loyd believes he is well-suited for the position of State Representative and is confident in his ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the office without conflict or difficulty.

Tony R Harbison (R): No bio found.

Paul (Buck) Usher (R): Paul Usher is a results-driven entrepreneur and project manager with over 20 years of experience in various roles, including construction contracting, property management, and maintenance management.

In the last five years, Usher has expanded his training to include virtual business management, gaining a basic understanding of web design, WordPress, analytics, SEO, hosting, and podcasts. As the owner of Usher Properties LLC, he has applied his expertise to successfully manage and grow his business ventures.

Usher holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government from Southeast Missouri State University.

Andrew J. Eye (D): No bio found.

District 145

Bryant Wolfen (R): Bryant Wolfen is a husband, father of three, and small business owner. He is a graduate of Mineral Area College and a volunteer youth sports coach. A lifelong Missourian, he is blessed to call Ste. Genevieve home and serves as the local Republican club's treasurer. He is also the county's Republican Central Committee Treasurer. A former alderman for the city, he has always fought to defend individual liberty and shrink the role of government. His priorities for the Missouri House include cutting taxes & wasteful spending, protecting the unborn, and supporting law enforcement.

Dave Soto (R): Dave Soto is a distinguished real estate broker and property management expert.

Soto's deep ties to the community are evident in his enduring 40-year marriage to his cherished wife, Joyce (Bohnert) Soto. As a devoted family man, Soto comprehends the significance of establishing a robust foundation and nurturing a prosperous future for generations to come.

Throughout his professional journey, Soto has actively engaged with various organizations, showcasing his leadership and community commitment. He has been an integral part of the Missouri Realtors Association, advocating tirelessly for homeowner and property rights. Soto's advocacy for small businesses led him to serve on the leadership council for NFIB Missouri, advocating for local entrepreneurs' growth and success.

As a proud father of five children and a doting grandfather to seven grandchildren, Soto values the importance of familial and community support. He actively participates in St. Vincent De Paul in Perryville, finding solace in his faith and engaging with the community spiritually.

Soto's dedication to fostering economic growth and prosperity is evident through his memberships in the Cape Girardeau, Jackson, and Perryville chambers of commerce. Additionally, he actively contributes to the Perryville Rotary, collaborating with fellow community leaders to drive positive change.

Recognizing his steadfast commitment to protecting constitutional rights, Soto has been a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) since 1999.

District 146

Lucas Green (R): Lucas Green, husband to Sarah, a former public-school teacher and breast cancer survivor, and proud father of four children: Joseph, Lucas Jr, Samuel, and Mary, was born in 1981 and baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson. Raised in Crump, MO, near Lake Girardeau, in rural Cape Girardeau County, Lucas excelled in sports, playing Basketball and Baseball at Delta High School, where he graduated in 1999.

At just 17, Lucas joined the Missouri Army National Guard, dedicating 11 years to service. He deployed post-9/11 to the 2002 Winter Olympics for armed security duties and served as a summer missionary in Nicaragua in 2002 and 2004 with the American Baptists. Lucas's commitment to service led him to Iraq for 16 months in 2003/04 as a Sergeant, where he received an Army Commendation Medal. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and deployed with the Missouri National Guard for Hurricane Katrina relief in 2005.

Lucas continued his education, graduating from the University of Missouri in 2005 with a Geography, BA, and a Mathematics Minor. He achieved a Graduate Certificate in Systems Engineering from Colorado State in 2011 and earned a Project Management Professional Certification in 2012.

In his professional career, Lucas advanced from a technician to program director over 15 years in the technology sector, specializing in Information Systems consultancy and project management across various industries, including Military Ranges, International Weapons Safety, Agriculture, Health Care (HIPAA Compliance), Facilities Management, State Government, and Emergency

Response. In 2020, Lucas transitioned from his program director position to buy and run a family small-business, Sikeston Trade Fair, from his retiring uncle.

Active in his Church, Immaculate Conception in Jackson, Lucas volunteers as a chaperone for youth events and teaches adult and 2nd-grade Sunday school, while his wife teaches 5th and 6th grade Sunday school.

***Barry D. Hovis (R):** Representative Barry Hovis, a Republican, represents Cape Girardeau County (District 146) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Hovis is a former law enforcement officer, having retired as a lieutenant after more than 30 years of service. He currently runs a small hay and feeder cattle farm.

Hovis is a life member and currently serves as the vice president of the Cape Area Friends of NRA. He also is a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Girardeau Pachyderms, the Missouri Farm Bureau, and the Missouri Cattleman's Association.

Hovis is a 1983 graduate of Greenville R-2 High School and graduated from Southeast Missouri Law Enforcement Academy in 1986.

Hovis was born in Lutesville and currently resides in Cape Girardeau with his wife, Laura. They attend Lynwood Southern Baptist Church, and teach third grade Sunday school class. They have three children and a son-in-law: Erica (and husband, Ben Goins), Adam, and Anna.

District 147

***John Voss (R):** Representative John Voss, a Republican, represents the City of Cape Girardeau (District 147) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

Prior to his legislative duties, Voss worked for The Procter & Gamble Corporation as a part of their management team, leading businesses in both domestic and international assignments.

Voss attended Cape Girardeau Central High School and the University of Missouri – Rolla (now Missouri S & T), graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management. An Eagle Scout, Voss has served as Den Leader, CubMaster, ScoutMaster, Unit Commissioner, and District Friends of Scouting Chair. He currently serves as the Chartered Organization Representative for Pack 8 and Troop 8 in Cape Girardeau.

Voss is married with three children.

J. Michael Davis (D): J. Michael Davis, a dedicated pastor, esteemed Navy veteran, and successful small-business owner, brings a unique blend of experience and values to the campaign trail. Born and raised in Missouri, Davis has spent a lifetime in service to both country and community.

For the past 30 years, Davis has served as a pastor of United Methodist Church, where he's led a congregation with compassion, fostering a sense of community and promoting values of generosity and kindness. Known for his ability to bring people together, transcend differences, and work towards common goals, Davis is respected among his peers and congregation alike.

As a proud Navy veteran, Davis has a proven record of dedication and discipline. Serving 4 years in the Navy, he learned the importance of teamwork, commitment, and sacrifice. This experience instilled in him a deep sense of duty to protect and serve, values that he now brings to politics. In addition to his service in the clergy and the military, Davis is a successful small-business owner.

Under his leadership, Davis's small-business has thrived, contributing to the local economy in Cape Girardeau.

Greg Tlapek (L): Greg Tlapek served as the Executive Director for the Missouri Libertarian Party from 2000 to 2023. Prior to his involvement in politics, Tlapek pursued a career as a self-employed Commodity Trader, starting in 1973.

In addition to his work in commodity trading, Tlapek served as the Branch Manager for Lind-Waldock & Company in Cape Girardeau from January 1992 to January 1998.

Tlapek's educational background includes studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1975 to 1977.

District 148

David A Dolan (R): Judge David Dolan earned his B.B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Memphis, where he laid the foundation for his legal expertise. Throughout his career, Judge Dolan has held various positions within the legal system, demonstrating his dedication to upholding the law and serving his community.

From 1982 to 1990, Judge Dolan practiced law in the private sector, then transitioned to public service, serving as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Scott County from 1986 to 1990. His dedication to justice led him to assume the role of Prosecuting Attorney for Scott County from 1991 to 1993, where he worked tirelessly to uphold the law and ensure public safety.

Judge Dolan's judicial career began in 1992 when he served as an Associate Circuit Judge in Scott County, further solidifying his commitment to the fair and impartial administration of justice. His exemplary service in this role earned him recognition and respect within the legal community.

In 1998, Judge Dolan was appointed as a Judge for the 33rd Circuit Court, a position he held with distinction until 2024. He was the first recipient of the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource training in the 33rd Circuit, showcasing his dedication to staying abreast of advancements in legal technology.

Gary Senciboy (R): Gary Senciboy, a proud native of the City of Oran, has dedicated much of his life to public service and entrepreneurship. With nearly a decade of experience as the Mayor of Oran, Senciboy has left a lasting impact on his community. During his tenure, he spearheaded several initiatives aimed at improving the city's infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for its residents. Highlights include the acquisition of a new city hall building, securing funding to modernize the water system, and collaborating to establish a resource officer program in Oran schools. Additionally, Senciboy played a key role in retaining local businesses, such as the Canadian trailer manufacturing company Manac.

Beyond his civic duties, Senciboy is a seasoned entrepreneur, owning and operating GLS Construction for over two decades. Alongside his wife, Kerri, he also manages Lillian Aire, a successful rental company. Senciboy's commitment to community extends to his involvement in various Republican organizations, including serving as Vice Chairman of the Scott County Republican Committee and membership in the Bootheel Conservative Republican Club. Furthermore, he is a staunch supporter of Second Amendment rights, maintaining longstanding membership with the National Rifle Association.

Through his leadership, business acumen, and dedication to conservative values, Gary Senciboy continues to make meaningful contributions to the City of Oran and the broader community.

District 149

***Donnie Brown (R):** Representative Donnie Brown, a Republican, represents Mississippi, New Madrid, and Pemiscot Counties (District 149) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to his legislative duties, Brown is an engineer working for New Madrid County, where he supervises the county's road and bridge department. Prior to his election to the House, Brown served as the Mayor of the City of New Madrid for 12 years.

A 1989 graduate of New Madrid Central, Brown received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Missouri S&T in 1994, where he is also enshrined in the university's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Born in Sikeston, Brown currently resides in New Madrid with his wife. They have a son. Brown and his family attend the New Madrid Church of Christ, where he volunteers as an elder.

District 150

***Cameron Bunting Parker (R):** Cameron Bunting Parker, a Republican, represents Dunklin County, the southern portion of Pemiscot County, and southwestern Butler County (District 150) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2022.

In addition to her legislative service, Parker is an attorney and has practiced law in Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas for 24 years. She currently has a law practice in Malden, Missouri.

Her past service includes serving on the Campbell School Board and the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter Board. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A graduate of Risco High School, Parker attended Central Methodist College to play basketball on a collegiate level. Thereafter, she earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri. She obtained her Juris Doctorate from Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Mississippi.

Parker resides in Campbell with her husband and two children. The family attends the First Baptist Church.

Kay Collier (D): Kay Collier is Rebuilding Missouri from the Bootheel Up. A third generation Missourian, Kay was born into a middle class family in St. Louis, Missouri, and raised in the Bootheel in Kennett, Missouri. Kay has spent her life serving her community. Through her work at a local nursing home, to serving as a City Council Member, to serving on various boards, committees, and her church.

District 151

Steve W Jordan (R): Steve Jordan, a long-time resident of the Advance area, brings a wealth of experience and dedication to public service. With 34.5 years of service as Vice President, general manager, and Co-owner of Heavy Duty TRUX in Bloomfield, Jordan has a strong background in business and leadership. Alongside his wife Danielle, he is the proud parent of four daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren, all residing in District 1.

Jordan is an active member of the Cape County Cowboy Church, where he served on the leadership team for three years and contributes to the barrel horse ministry team, organizing clinics and devotions for believers and newcomers alike.

In his previous role as Stoddard County District 1 Commissioner, Jordan demonstrated a commitment to stewardship and common sense governance. Under his leadership, the Pike Township Road Board saw significant financial growth, from a balance of \$78,000 to over \$350,000, without a tax increase. This allowed for crucial upgrades and improvements to road infrastructure.

As District 1 Commissioner, Jordan's pragmatic approach led to substantial taxpayer savings of approximately \$2 million on a bridge repair project in the Crowder-Zeta Special Road District. By advocating for innovative solutions and collaborating with engineering firms, Jordan successfully extended the bridge's lifespan by 25 years at no additional cost to local taxpayers, showcasing his dedication to efficient and responsible governance.

Donnie Lynn Hovis Jr. (D): Donnie Hovis Jr., a lifelong resident of Bloomfield, Missouri, brings a deep sense of commitment and service to his candidacy for public office. Having dedicated close to 5 years of his life to serving in the Marine Corps, Hovis has demonstrated his unwavering dedication to defending his country and upholding its values.

Following an honorable and medically discharged from the Marines, Hovis felt compelled to take action in the face of what he saw as a critical need for leadership. Drawing on his experiences and values instilled during his military service, he decided to run for office, driven by a desire to serve his community and uphold the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

As a husband, son, father, grandfather, and brother, Hovis understands the importance of family and community. His dedication to supporting veterans is evident in his ongoing efforts to build a veterans retreat in Bloomfield, Missouri, at no charge to any veteran. Motivated by the tragic loss of a fellow serviceman to suicide, Hovis has committed his own resources, time, and dedication to addressing this pressing issue and providing support to those who have served.

Throughout his campaign, Hovis plans to engage with constituents directly, embodying the spirit of openness and accessibility. Alongside his wife Julie, he intends to campaign on their Harley, reflecting their shared values and identity.

District 152

***Hardy Billington (R):** Representative Hardy Billington, a Republican, represents parts of Butler and Dunklin Counties (District 152) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Billington is also a property owner and former small business owner. For 18 years, he owned and operated a heating and cooling business in Poplar Bluff. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant after serving his country for 12 years in the Army National Guard.

Billington graduated from the Basic Institute of Technology.

Billington received the Missouri School Boards' Association "Master Board Member Award" and the Butler County Republican Central Committee's "Kenneth M. Link Service Award." He served on the Butler County Republican Central Committee, Missouri Republican State Committee, and Poplar Bluff HVAC and fair housing advisory boards, and is a former president of the Poplar Bluff R-I School Board.

Born in Los Angeles, California, Billington currently resides in Poplar Bluff with his wife, Dianne. They have three children five grandchildren. They attend Faith Baptist Church, where Billington is a deacon.

District 153

Vinnie Clubb (R): Vinnie Clubb is a Realtor and lifelong conservative Republican. A resident of Wayne County, he serves as the county's Farm Bureau president and is a member of the Ozark Foothills Cattlemen's Association board of directors. He is a member of the local Republican party and the county's MU Extension Board of Directors. Clubb is a lifetime member of the NRA and has decades of experience in AG technology. Vinnie and his wife, Rebekah, are the proud parents of two daughters.

Keith W. Elliott (R): Keith Elliott, a cattle farmer, small business owner, and committed community leader, embodies the values of faith, family, and service.

With a deep-rooted passion for hunting and outdoor sports, Elliott is a staunch advocate for Second Amendment rights, firmly believing in the importance of protecting these fundamental liberties. In addition to his dedication to defending constitutional freedoms, Elliott is a vocal proponent of the pro-life movement, advocating for the sanctity of life at all stages.

As an active member of his church in Doniphan, Missouri, Elliott has demonstrated his commitment to serving others through various mission trips aimed at addressing poverty and combating sex trafficking.

Residing in Doniphan with his family, Elliott and his loved ones operate the family farm and actively engage with their local church and community.

Sheila Bristol (D): No bio found.

District 154

Lisa Durnell (R): As a fourth-generation farmer in south-central Missouri, Durnell's commitment to agriculture runs deep. She is a proud mother of two children and a doting grandmother to one grandchild. Throughout her life, Durnell has demonstrated leadership skills, initially cultivated through her involvement in organizations like 4-H and FFA during her youth. As an adult, she has served in various capacities, including secretary and chairperson of the Howell-Oregon Electric nominating committee and chairperson of MoDOT's Employee Advisory Committee.

Durnell's dedication to her community extends beyond her professional and agricultural pursuits. She played a pivotal role in organizing a community effort to establish high school softball at Willow Springs High School, earning recognition as the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2010. Actively involved in her church, CrossWay Fellowship Church of Willow Springs, Durnell serves as both a greeter and a member of the praise and worship team.

Recently, Durnell joined the Howell County chapter of the United Federation of Republican Women, where she aims to contribute her skills and experience as an actively engaged member. With her strong leadership abilities, unwavering dedication to her community, and passion for agriculture, Lisa Durnell is committed to making a positive impact in south-central Missouri.

Larry R. Lindeman (R): Born and raised in West Plains, Lindeman received his education from local schools before earning an education degree from SMSU in 1971. With a passion for teaching, he currently serves as an instructor in a special-needs classroom for kindergarten through third grade at West Plains Elementary School.

Throughout his career, spanning over four decades, Lindeman has left an indelible mark on education in Missouri. He has taught in various schools, including Stoutland, Dora, and Gainesville, for a total of 24 years. Transitioning to a role that aligned with his love for the outdoors, Lindeman joined the Missouri Department of Conservation as an Outdoor Skills Specialist. In this capacity, he worked diligently to engage students and adults across a twelve-

county Ozark region, promoting outdoor education and supervising a large team of volunteer hunter safety instructors.

Lindeman's commitment to outdoor education extends beyond his professional endeavors. With 38 years of service as a volunteer hunter safety instructor, he has made significant contributions to promoting safe hunting practices in his community. His extensive experience has earned him several instructor certifications, including level 2 NRA shotgun and level 2 canoe instructor with the National Canoe Association.

Outside of his educational and outdoor pursuits, Lindeman is deeply involved in community service and leadership. He currently serves as the president of the West Plains Senior Citizens board of directors and is a member of the West Plains Harlin Museum, where he has held the position of past president. Lindeman's dedication to education and community involvement is further evidenced by his three-year term on the Dora School Board and his membership in the West Plains Washington Ave. Church of Christ.

Mark B. Collins (R): Mark B. Collins, a longstanding figure in Howell County and a third-generation farmer, has declared his candidacy for Missouri State Representative for the 154th District. Born and raised in Howell County, Mark has deep roots in the community, where he and his wife, Ruby, have operated their 240-acre family farm for over four decades. Together, they have raised four children and are proud grandparents to five grandchildren.

In addition to their farming endeavors, Mark and Ruby have ventured into the realm of entrepreneurship, successfully establishing and managing their small business, Rubydoo's Vintage Events, since 2014.

Mark's commitment to public service is evident in his extensive tenure as a county commissioner. He served as the Southern Commissioner for Howell County for 14 years and later spent 12 years as the Presiding Commissioner. Despite an unsuccessful bid for Collector of Revenue in 2022, Mark remains deeply involved in community affairs, serving on various boards including the Howell Valley R-1 School board, University of Missouri Extension Board, and the Workforce Development Board, among others.

Mark identifies as a fiscal conservative and holds strong convictions on issues such as pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-family, pro-education, and pro-veteran's rights. He aligns himself with past and present representatives of the 154th District, advocating for tough measures on crime, robust support for law enforcement and emergency services, and a steadfast commitment to public education.

JoJo Stewart (D): JoJo Stewart, a lifelong resident of Missouri and proud Ozarkian, wears many hats in her life. Beyond being a daughter, sister, and wife, she is also an active blogger, passionate about sharing her experiences and insights with others.

An avid outdoorswoman, JoJo finds solace and joy in nature, often exploring the beautiful landscapes of her home state. But above all else, she cherishes her role as a mom, finding fulfillment and purpose in nurturing and raising her children.

In addition to her personal roles, JoJo is deeply involved in grassroots organizing, channeling her energy into initiatives that benefit her community and fellow Missourians.

District 155

Julie AuBuchon (R): No bio found.

Matthew Overcast (R): Matthew Overcast is a dedicated Republican hailing from the Ozarks. With deep ties to his community and a blend of military service, legal acumen, and business insight, Overcast seeks to provide strong leadership and representation in Jefferson City.

Born and raised on a family-owned farm in Douglas County, Missouri, Matthew Overcast has always embraced the values of the Ozarks. He completed his education at Ava High School, Drury University, and Mitchell Hamline School of Law, earning his credentials as a licensed Missouri Attorney.

Following high school, Overcast served in the United States Air Force as a Tactical Aircraft Journeyman and Dedicated Crew Chief on the A-10C Warthog. His experience as a Veteran, coupled with service-connected disabilities, drives his advocacy for adequate resources and retirement benefits for public servants.

Beyond his legal career, Overcast boasts extensive business experience, recognizing the challenges confronting entrepreneurs in southern Missouri. He is committed to nurturing an environment conducive to local business growth and prosperity.

Married to Jessica Overcast, an elementary school teacher, for 11 years, they raise their five children on the same farm where Matthew spent his youth. With firsthand experience as a former substitute teacher and husband to an educator, Overcast is attuned to the challenges facing Missouri's education system.

Courtney Sweeney-Legore (D): Courtney Sweeney-Legore, a dedicated Special Education Teacher serving students in grades 5-12, has been committed to education in her community for 14 years. Originally from Kansas City, Courtney relocated to her current area to marry her husband and best friend, Joe.

Beyond her role as a teacher, Courtney is a devoted mother and wife, deeply engaged in her family life. She cherishes her relationships as a daughter, sister, and friend, embodying the spirit of advocacy and support for those around her. A true coffee enthusiast and proud member of Generation X, Courtney finds joy in the simple pleasures of life.

Her passions extend to her child, students, dogs, and the great outdoors, particularly through her love for camping. As she prepares for her child's graduation from the same school where she teaches, Courtney remains steadfast in her dedication to shaping young minds and making a positive impact in her community.

District 156

***Brian H. Seitz (R):** Representative Brian Seitz, a Republican, represents Taney County (District 156) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Seitz has served as the pastor of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Branson for 12 years and was the owner of Music Country News for 15 years.

Seitz served in the U.S. Army from 1983-86, earning the honor of being Trooper of the Quarter for the 82nd Airborne Division in 1984.

He obtained a bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State University in 1990.

Born in Michigan, Seitz now lives in Branson with his wife, Valerie. They have three children; Daniel, Taylor and Reagan.

Carolyn Boss (R): Carolyn Boss is a seasoned Real Estate Specialist at Keller Williams Tri-Lakes, bringing a wealth of experience to her role. With a background as a National Sales Manager in the restaurants industry, Carolyn has honed her skills in event planning, customer service, marketing strategy, hospitality, and event management.

Her robust professional skill set includes expertise in business management, marketing, operations, and business development, making her a valuable asset in the real estate field. Carolyn is known for her strong sales acumen and her ability to deliver exceptional service to her clients. With a passion for helping others achieve their real estate goals, Carolyn is committed to providing top-notch support and guidance throughout the buying and selling process.

Janis Beacham (D): Janis Beacham is a retired educator. With experience spanning elementary to high school levels, as well as career and technical education, Janis brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table. Her graduate studies have equipped her with a deep understanding of adult education, research, statistics, and public administration.

Originally from St. Louis and raised in Jefferson City, Janis chose Hollister as her home upon retirement, drawn to its natural beauty and the vibrant atmosphere of nearby Branson.

District 157

***Mitch Boggs (R):** Representative Mitch Boggs, a Republican, represents Lawrence County (District 157) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2020.

In addition to his legislative duties, Boggs is a farmer and small business owner.

Born in Carthage, Boggs currently resides in La Russell with his wife, Lynn. They have eight children and nine grandchildren.

District 158

***Scott Cupps (R):** Representative Cupps is a native of Shell Knob, Missouri. Prior to entering politics, Cupps owned and operated a farm. Cupps was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in a 2019 special election after Scott Fitzpatrick resigned from office to serve as the 47th Treasurer of Missouri.

Yma Sautbine (D): No bio found.

District 159

***Dirk E. Deaton (R):** Representative Dirk Deaton represents McDonald and Newton counties (District 159) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018 and re-elected in 2020 and 2022.

Prior to his legislative service, Deaton worked for a small Southwest Missouri manufacturer. He was the co-founder of the Noel Betterment Association and a member of the Anderson Betterment Club. Deaton is also a member of the McDonald County Chamber of Commerce, McDonald County Historical Society, Seneca Area Chamber of Commerce, Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, Neosho Lions Club, and past president of the McDonald County Republican Club.

Deaton graduated magna cum laude from Liberty University with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. He also attended Crowder College and Missouri Southern State University.

A life-long resident of McDonald County, Deaton lives in the Noel area with his wife, Nikki.

District 160

***Ben Baker (R):** Representative Ben Baker, a Republican, represents Newton County (District 160) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Baker is a lay minister, missionary, former professor and former dean of students at Ozark Bible Institute in Neosho. He also owns a small construction business that specializes in artisan trim-work. Baker also served on the Neosho City Council and as mayor of Neosho.

Baker is a past church board member, and also a past board president of Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center. He is also involved with Ozark Christian Missions and has led mission trips to India, Africa, and Central America.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ozark Bible Institute.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Baker currently resides in Neosho with his wife, Naomi, and their four daughters.

Mark Farnham (R): Dr. Mark Farnham, a Radiologist by profession, brings a wealth of experience to his role as a public servant. With a background in healthcare and leadership, Farnham has served on numerous private and corporate boards, demonstrating his commitment to community engagement and organizational governance. Currently occupying the Zone Four council seat in Joplin, a position secured through the 2022 election, Farnham continues to dedicate himself to serving the needs of his constituents and advocating for their interests at the local level.

Rebecca Stipp Jensen (D): Rebecca Stipp Jensen, hails from the Neosho area and holds deep roots in her community. After graduating from East Newton High School, she pursued her education at Crowder College and MSSU, eventually embarking on a career in education focused on special needs children, spanning over 12 years.

Married to her husband Steve, an Army veteran, for over two decades, Rebecca is also a proud mother of two daughters.

Rebecca's passion for state and district politics is evident in her commitment to understanding the needs of the people and businesses in her community. She strongly believes in upholding women's rights to reproductive healthcare, emphasizing the fundamental right to bodily autonomy and the freedom to make private healthcare decisions with the guidance of medical professionals. She opposes political interference in personal lives and advocates for the protection of individual liberties enshrined in the Constitution.

District 161

***Lane Jay Roberts (R):** Representative Lane Roberts, a Republican, represents part of Jasper and Newton counties (District 161) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to his legislative service, Roberts served as the director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety and as the chief of police for the City of Joplin. He has also served as chief of police in communities in the states of Washington and Oregon. Roberts is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Roberts is a past president of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police and a past regional vice president of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. He was named Police Chief of the Year by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association in 2013.

Roberts holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Liberty University and an MBA from William Woods University in Fulton. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session #178 and the Northwest Law Enforcement Executive Command College.

Born in Oceanside, California, Roberts currently resides in Joplin with his wife, Judy. They have three children.

Thomas Ross (R): Thomas Ross is deeply devoted to his family, prioritizing their safety and well-being above all else. Alongside his wife Suzanne and daughter Rebecca, Thomas is

committed to creating a safer environment in their hometown of Joplin. Having spent his entire life in Joplin, Thomas is disheartened by the community's descent into crime, homelessness, drug-related issues, and other challenges. Determined to reverse this downward spiral, Thomas seeks to actively contribute to making Joplin a better place to raise his daughter and for all residents to thrive.

Shawna Ackerson (D): As a former foster child and survivor of abusive relationships, homelessness, and cervical cancer, Shawna Ackerson understands the struggles faced by many in her community. Despite these challenges, she embraces roles as a mother, wife, student, and lifelong resident of Joplin.

Driven by her experiences, Shawna is committed to amplifying the voices of those often unheard and ensuring that every dream is nurtured with care. With empathy as her guiding force, she pledges to fight tirelessly for a Missouri where opportunity abounds, justice is accessible to all, and the well-being of every individual is valued above all else.

District 162

***Bob Bromley (R):** Rep. Bob Bromley, a Republican, represents parts of Jasper and Newton counties (District 162) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was first elected in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Bromley is a retired professional engineer of 35 years, as well as a former science teacher, and coach. He also served in the U.S. Army and an additional two years with the Missouri National Guard.

Bromley is a member of the Webb City and Carl Junction Chambers of Commerce, and has been involved in several professional engineering organizations, the Lions Club, and the American Legion. He also has been involved in many activities over the years, such as Boy Scouts, coaching youth sports

Bromley is a graduate of Bismarck High School. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1976 with a degree in Education, and from the University of Missouri-Rolla with a degree in Engineering.

Born in St. Louis, Bromley now resides in Carl Junction with his wife, Sandy. They have four children: Bobby, Charlie, Patrick, and Katie, and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren. They attend Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where they have been members for 36 years.

District 163

Zach Hatcher (R): Zach Hatcher, a husband and father of three, brings a wealth of experience as an engineer in aerospace manufacturing, industrial technology, and program management. Committed to guiding Missouri into the future, he aims to leverage his skills and understanding for the betterment of the state. With his own children attending public schools, Zach is dedicated to fighting against the indoctrination of children and advocating for a return to an academically focused curriculum.

Carthage holds a special place in Zach's heart, as it's where he grew up, attended school, church, and immersed himself in the community.

As a member of various organizations, including the Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Right to Life, and the National Rifle Association, Zach is deeply involved in his community. His campaign as an exempt candidate reflects his belief in people over money, with a maximum spending limit of \$500. Zach's commitment to grassroots efforts mirrors the approach he intends to take if elected, putting the needs and voices of the people first.

Cathy Jo Loy (R): Cathy Jo Loy, a devoted wife, mother of 5, and grandmother of 8, is deeply rooted in her community. Graduating from Center High School, she currently serves as the Chair of the 7th Congressional District and is an active member of the Carthage Historical Preservation group. Holding the title of Vice Chair of the Jasper County Central Committee, Cathy Jo was appointed by Governor Parson to the Missouri Charter Schools Commission.

With a strong commitment to conservative values, Cathy Jo previously served as the National Chair for the Missouri Republican Assembly. Her priorities include safeguarding God-given freedoms, streamlining government, and ensuring every student receives a quality education. In the Missouri House, she pledges to combat inflation and tax increases while advocating for first responders. Mental health advancement for all Missourians will also be among her top priorities.

Philip D. Wilson (D): No bio found.