

# FREEDOM FORWARD



# OFFICIAL VOTERS GUIDE

**JASON KANDER**  
U.S. SENATOR

**CHRIS KOSTER**  
MISSOURI GOVERNOR

**FRANK WHITE, JR.**  
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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE –  
DISTRICT 5

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MISSOURI  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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GENERAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016



*U.S. SENATOR* **JASON KANDER**

“I’m committed to equity and opportunity for African-American communities.”



*MISSOURI GOVERNOR* **CHRIS KOSTER**

“I will work with officials to attract businesses and create new jobs for all Missourians.”



*LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR* **RUSS CARNAHAN**

“It is my job to listen, lead and deliver for the citizens of the Show-Me State.”



*ATTORNEY GENERAL* **TERESA HENSLEY**

“I will seek justice with honesty and integrity for Missouri’s families.”



*STATE TREASURER* **JUDY BAKER**

“I will work to educate and prepare our young people with financial life skills.”



*SECRETARY OF STATE* **ROBIN SMITH**

“I will provide fair, unbiased and truthful professionalism.”



*U.S. REPRESENTATIVE* **EMANUEL CLEAVER II**

“As elected officials, we must work together to create and restore jobs, revitalize our communities, and protect our shared beliefs.”

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**STATE SENATOR / DISTRICT 9 “KIKI” CURLS**

“My priorities are to innovate, expand, and create new jobs!”



**STATE SENATOR / DISTRICT 11 JOHN RIZZO**

“I will address the important issues – jobs, education and safety.”



DISTRICT 23  
**RANDY D. DUNN**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

“We are committed to working together to provide quality jobs, education and healthcare for all Kansas Citizens!”



DISTRICT 26  
**GAIL MCCANN BEATTY**



DISTRICT 27  
**RICHARD BROWN**



DISTRICT 28  
**JEROME BARNES**



DISTRICT 36  
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SHERIFF  
**MIKE SHARP**

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT ISSUES:

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### NO. 1

NO

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?

The measure continues and does not increase the existing sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for 10 years. The measure would continue to generate approximately \$90 million annually for soil and water conservation and operation of the state park system.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### NO. 2

NO

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- establish limits on campaign contributions by individuals or entities to political parties, political committees, or committees to elect candidates for state or judicial office;
- prohibit individuals and entities from intentionally concealing the source of such contributions;
- require corporations or labor organizations to meet certain requirements in order to make such contributions; and
- provide a complaint process and penalties for any violations of this amendment?

It is estimated this proposal will increase state government costs by at least \$118,000 annually and have an unknown change in costs for local governmental entities. Any potential impact to revenues for state and local governmental entities is unknown.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3 – CIGARETTE TAX

NO

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- increase taxes on cigarettes each year through 2020, at which point this additional tax will total 60 cents per pack of 20;
- create a fee paid by cigarette wholesalers of 67 cents per pack of 20 on certain cigarettes, which fee shall increase annually; and
- deposit funds generated by these taxes and fees into a newly established Early Childhood Health and Education Trust Fund?

When cigarette tax increases are fully implemented, estimated additional revenue to state government is \$263 million to \$374 million annually, with limited estimated implementation costs. The revenue will fund only programs and services allowed by the proposal. The fiscal impact to local governmental entities is unknown.

**“This tax is about big tobacco, not about early childhood education. Funds raised will provide just \$481 per child per year, with no provisions for additional funding going elsewhere. **OUR CHILDREN DESERVE A BETTER PLAN—VOTE NO!**”**

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

#### NO. 4

YES

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to prohibit a new state or local sales/use or other similar tax on any service or transaction that was not subject to a sales/use or similar tax as of January 1, 2015?

Potential costs to state and local governmental entities are unknown, but could be significant. The proposal's passage would impact governmental entity's ability to revise their tax structures. State and local governments expect no savings from this proposal.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT****NO. 6 – VOTER SUPPRESSION****NO**

Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to state that voters may be required by law, which may be subject to exception, to verify one's identity, citizenship, and residence by presenting identification that may include valid government-issued photo identification?

The proposed amendment will result in no costs or savings because any potential costs would be due to the enactment of a general law allowed by this proposal. If such a general law is enacted, the potential costs to state and local governments is unknown, but could exceed \$2.1 million annually.

**“There is an estimated 200,000 Missourians who are currently registered to vote who would not be able to vote if this amendment passes. It disproportionately impacts poor people, minorities, and the disabled. STAND UP FOR EQUAL RIGHTS—VOTE NO!”**

**PROPOSITION A****NO**

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- increase taxes on cigarettes in 2017, 2019, and 2021, at which point this additional tax will total 23 cents per pack of 20;
- increase the tax paid by sellers on other tobacco products by 5 percent of manufacturer's invoice price;
- use funds generated by these taxes exclusively to fund transportation infrastructure projects; and
- repeal these taxes if a measure to increase any tax or fee on cigarettes or other tobacco products is certified to appear on any local or statewide ballot?

State government revenue will increase by approximately \$95 million to \$103 million annually when cigarette and tobacco tax increases are fully implemented, with the new revenue earmarked for transportation infrastructure. Local government revenues could decrease approximately \$3 million annually due to decreased cigarette and tobacco sales.

**“Proposition A is just another cigarette tax—VOTE NO!”**

**JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI****QUESTION #1 – COMBAT!****YES**

Shall Jackson County continue its anti-crime sales tax, commonly known as COMBAT, at the rate of one-quarter of one cent for a period of nine years for the purpose of promoting and providing public safety within Jackson County, including the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addiction and the prevention, investigation, prosecution, and detention of violent criminals and drug dealers? The proceeds of this tax shall be deposited in a special Jackson County Anti-Crime Sales Tax Trust Fund, separate from the general fund or any other county funds.

**“The COMBAT tax provides vital drug/crime prevention and intervention programs to our community. WE MUST CONTINUE TO FIGHT DRUGS AND VIOLENCE—VOTE YES!”**

**JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI****QUESTION #2****NO**

Shall Jackson County, solely for the purpose of establishing a Community Children's Services Fund for the purpose of providing services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth 19 years of age or less and to strengthen families, be authorized to levy a county wide sales tax of one-eighth of one cent for a period of seven years? This fund will be transparently administered in a manner independent of County government, by a diverse, geographically representative, nine-member citizen board appointed by the County Executive, with at least one member residing in each Jackson County legislative district. Revenues will be solely used to benefit the residents of Jackson County.

**JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI****QUESTION #3****NO**

Shall Jackson County discontinue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Approval of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide vital services for Jackson County and will place Missouri dealers at a competitive disadvantage with non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers.

**CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
QUESTION NO. 1**



Should the City of Kansas City remove from the park system vacant property of about 1.2 acres located generally between E. 23rd Street and E. 24th Street west of Flora Avenue, which has been determined by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners to be no longer necessary or appropriate for park, parkway, or boulevard use?

**CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
QUESTION NO. 2**



Should the City of Kansas City remove from the park system vacant property of approximately 2.6016 acres located generally east of Lister Avenue and south of E. Linwood Boulevard, which has been determined by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners to be no longer necessary or appropriate for park, parkway, or boulevard use?

**CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
QUESTION NO. 3**



Shall the City of Kansas City enact the following three sales taxes:

- (a) a new 1/8¢ sales tax for 25 years beginning April 1, 2017, pursuant to sections 94.600 through 94.655, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the transportation sales tax; and
- (b) a shifting of the current 3/8¢ sales tax currently devoted to the KCATA, for 25 years beginning April 1, 2024, pursuant to sections 94.600 through 94.655, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the transportation sales tax; and

(c) a new 1/4¢ sales tax for 25 years beginning April 1, 2017, pursuant to sections 94.575 through 94.577, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the capital improvements sales tax, with the proceeds of said taxes and any other additional funds, which may include federal matching funds, to be used for the purpose of funding, or funding as much of as is possible, the construction, operation and maintenance of a citywide light rail transit system (rapid electric trains operating in their own right-of-way separated from traffic) to include a north/south line operating from Kansas City International Airport to the Corner Campus at Bannister with scheduled stops at Twin Creeks, Vivion Road, North Kansas City, Downtown, Union Station, the Plaza, Brookside, and the Kansas City Zoo; and including an east/west line operating from Union Station to the Jackson County Sports Complex (utilizing Linwood Boulevard and Rock Island Rail right-of-way) with scheduled stops at Troost Avenue and Prospect Avenue (to connect to the city's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system), and also including a fleet of electric mini-buses (to transport passengers to and from light rail stations) with all station stops at or near designated locations and with the light rail system utilizing, where possible, city parkland, medians of city boulevards, and existing rail right-of-ways, and including necessary bridges and other infrastructure?

**CONSOLIDATED LIBRARY DISTRICT #3  
PROPOSITION L**



For the purpose of renovating and replacing aging library facilities, enhancing spaces and programming for children and adults, expanding services and collections to serve public demand, and for the general operation of public libraries, shall there be an eight cent tax increase over the thirty-two cent tax per hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Consolidated Library District #3, known as the Mid-Continent Public Library?

**VOTE "YES" ON ALL JUDGES**



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*Freedom has been at the forefront of registering and mobilizing African American voters for over 50 years. Our community has achieved a lot, but we have much more to do.*

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