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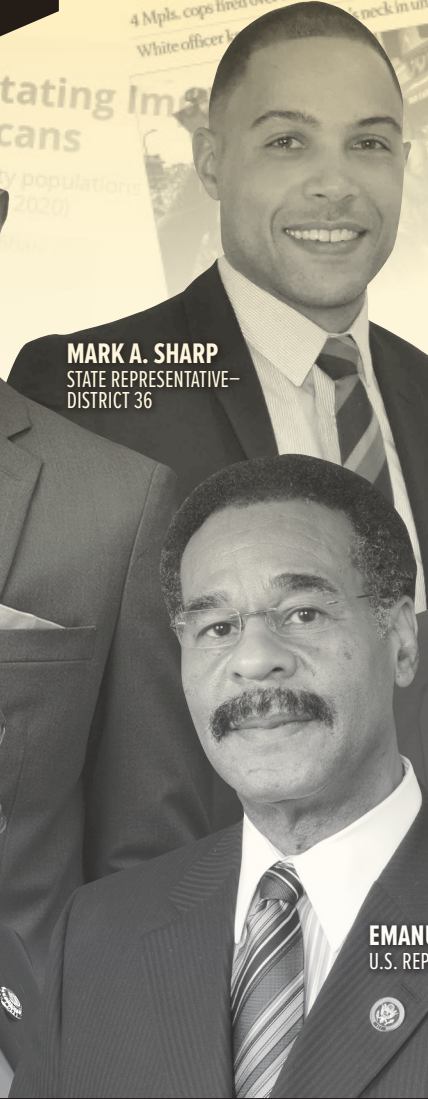
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OFFICIAL VOTERS GUIDE

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION / TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020



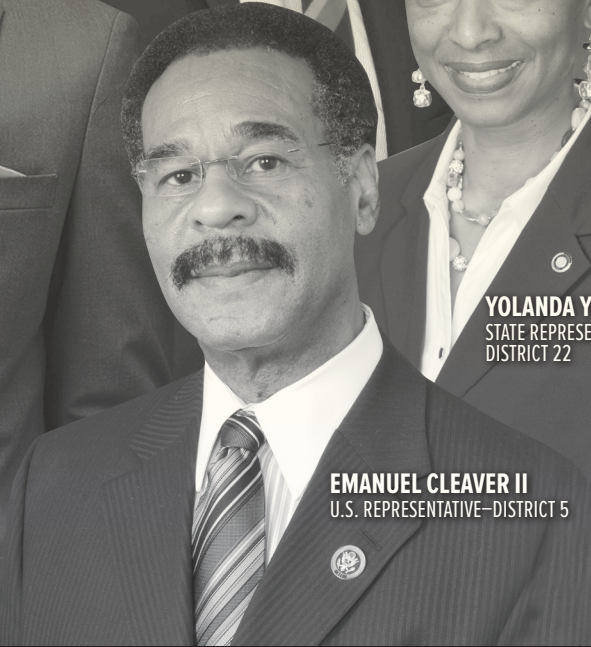
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 23



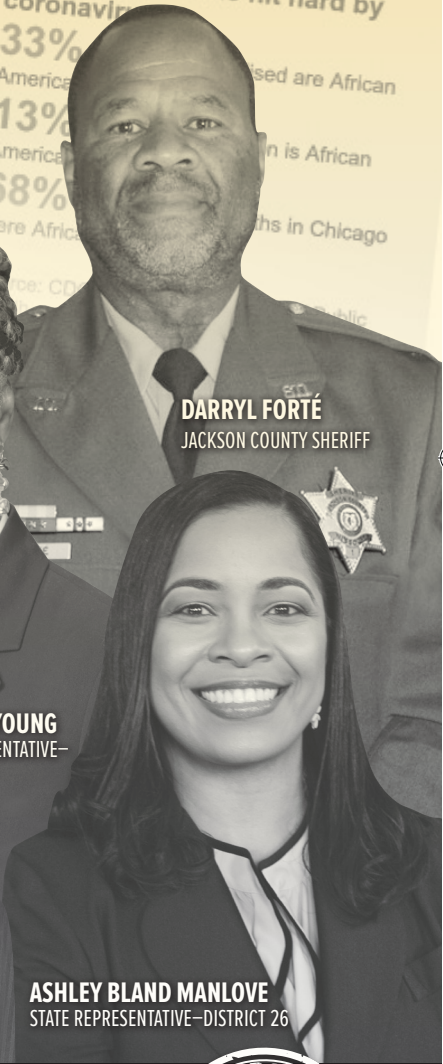
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 36



YOLANDA YOUNG
STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 22



EMANUEL CLEAVER II
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 5



DARRYL FORTÉ
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

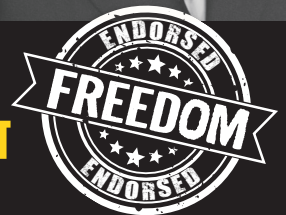


BARBARA ANNE WASHINGTON
STATE SENATOR—DISTRICT 9



ASHLEY BLAND MANLOVE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE—DISTRICT 26

NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE MUST ELECT LEADERS WHO WILL RISE UP & TAKE ACTION IN TIMES OF CRISIS & UNCERTAINTY



VOTE FREEDOM'S BALLOT! AUGUST 4, 2020

"Straight Talk" from FREEDOM'S PRESIDENT

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Our mission is to impact public policy decisions, foster economic development, and generate wealth to improve the quality of life for African Americans.

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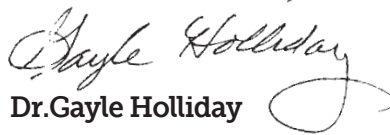
The struggle for Medicaid Expansion in Missouri didn't just start with this election. Several years ago, 21 Kansas City ministers and many followers traveled to Jefferson City to demand Medicaid be expanded. Taking a stand for our people, who could not afford insurance, these ministers went to jail. Republican State Legislators and Senators failed to take action. Some of our African-American Representatives tried to move Medicaid Expansion forward, but were blocked by the Republican majority. Fast forward to today, and by the heroic efforts of many people, who collected 350,000 signatures, Medicaid Expansion is on the ballot. **Now it is your time to take action! Please vote "Yes on 2: Healthcare for Missouri" – Tuesday, August 4th.** Over 50,000 African Americans in Missouri may receive medical benefits because of your vote.

Many outstanding candidates, including legislators and senators, are working hard to represent you in Jefferson City. Read about Freedom's endorsed candidates in this voter's guide. The difficult groundwork for election day is done by the men and women of the Democratic Committee, who represent the wards and townships of Jackson County and Kansas City. We support Committee candidates who will best represent you, the voter. **Vote Freedom's Ballot on August 4, 2020!**

Finally, **Hickman Mills School District** needs your support for a \$30 million, zero tax rate change bond issue. **Please vote Yes for school building repairs and maintenance. There are no tax increases!**

Thank you for voting Yes for Medicaid Expansion in Missouri (Constitutional Amendment 2) and the entire Freedom Ballot!

Yours in service for Freedom, Justice and Equality,


Dr. Gayle Holliday



DR. GAYLE HOLLIDAY



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BARBARA ANNE WASHINGTON

for STATE SENATOR—DISTRICT 9

EXPERIENCED. EFFECTIVE. ENGAGED.

*"I will bring my experience and success as a State Representative to the Missouri Senate. I will be a **STRONG VOICE** for Kansas City's 9th District."*

- ★ **Top-quality schools for ALL!**
- ★ **Medicaid Expansion in Missouri and access to healthcare for ALL!**
- ★ **More local workforce training and job opportunities for ALL!**
- ★ **Safe, healthy and affordable neighborhoods for ALL!**
- ★ **Fair application of criminal laws for ALL!**



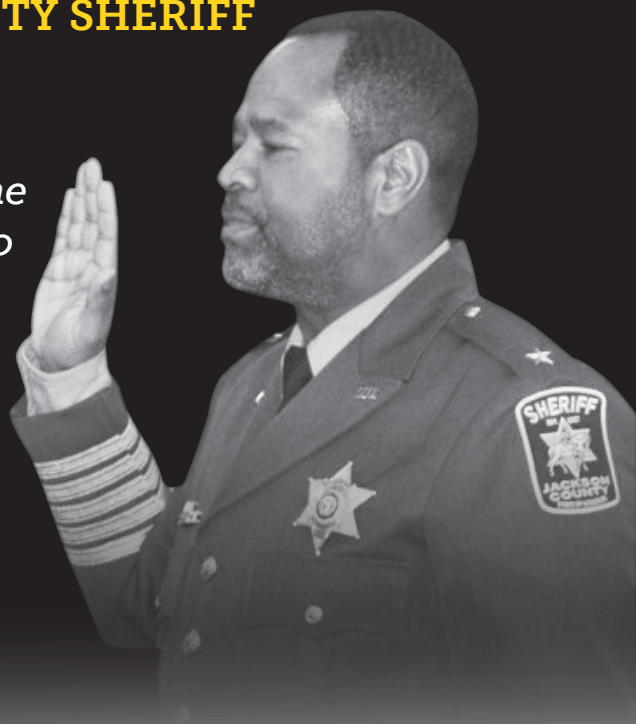
DARRYL FORTÉ

for JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

"I'm an African American man, born and raised in Kansas City, and I've been racially profiled myself, so I understand the frustration level and protests in regards to the recent tragic death of George Floyd.

*I pledge to remain steadfast in my philosophy that one should always treat people with **respect, dignity and compassion**. It is incumbent on law enforcement to serve the community in a manner that proactively promotes **professionalism, integrity and trust**."*

— SHERIFF DARRYL FORTÉ



“OF ALL THE
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INEQUALITY,
**INJUSTICE IN
HEALTHCARE**
IS THE MOST
SHOCKING AND
INHUMANE.”

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE MUST INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE

VOTING YES FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION IN MISSOURI (Constitutional Amendment 2)
will be a positive step to achieving **HEALTHCARE FOR ALL!**

How **MEDICAID EXPANSION** will benefit hardworking Missourians:

- Approx. 230,000 Missourians, including nearly **50,000 AFRICAN AMERICANS,**
WOULD GAIN ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE COVERAGE
- An **INDIVIDUAL EARNING UP TO \$18,000 PER YEAR WOULD BE ELIGIBLE**
- **MEDICAID EXPANSION** would bring more than a billion of our tax dollars home
from Washington, D.C., every year. **CREATING MORE THAN 16,000 NEW JOBS**
ON AVERAGE PER YEAR IN MISSOURI

“YES ON 2: HEALTHCARE FOR MISSOURI”

OUR STRUGGLE FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION IN MISSOURI DIDN'T JUST START WITH THIS ELECTION



MINISTERS ARRESTED BY CAPITOL POLICE IN SENATE'S UPPER GALLERY, 2014

(FRONT L-R) REV. JOHN BENNETT; THE LATE REV. WALLACE HARTSFIELD, SR.; REV. SAM MANN; AND REV. DR. VERNON HOWARD, JR. READING FROM SCRIPTURE (BEHIND)

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Yes on 2
Healthcare
FOR MISSOURI

**EXPAND
MEDICAID**
BRIDGE THE GAP

VOTE FREEDOM'S BALLOT! AUGUST 4, 2020

GREG RAZER

for STATE SENATOR—DISTRICT 7

"In this age of politics, we need leaders who are informed, engaged, and thoughtful. My priorities as your next State Senator will be to invest in higher education, protect LGBT rights, and reduce gun violence and the alarming homicide rates in our great city."



for MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

"Each of us are committed to helping our communities thrive and getting the resources we need to do so."

DISTRICT 19

INGRID BURNETT

DISTRICT 22

YOLANDA YOUNG

DISTRICT 10

MICHAEL JOHNS

ALL FREEDOM CANDIDATES SUPPORT: ★ LOCAL JOB DEVELOPMENT ★ EQUAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ★ CRIME PREVENTION

REP. BURNETT ALSO SUPPORTS:

- Reducing blight in our diverse and historic neighborhoods
- Removing tuition barriers for DACA students
- Protecting children's right to counsel through improved child advocacy laws

REP. YOUNG'S FOCUS IS ON COVID-19:

- More testing and quicker result times
- Financial relief for struggling families and small businesses
- Protecting our children and teachers when they go back to school in the fall

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WHO BELIEVES THAT COMMUNITY PEOPLE, VOLUNTEERING TOGETHER IS THE KEY TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

ELECT FREEDOM-ENDORSED CANDIDATES

JOHN RIZZO

for STATE SENATOR—DISTRICT 11

*"As your State Senator, I will continue to engage police and prosecutors to find out what they need to **keep our neighborhoods safe**. I will push for **more state dollars for our schools**. And my **support for labor unions** has been unwavering and will continue to be in the Senate."*



OF REPRESENTATIVES

**and informing the people of our districts
we need to stop COVID-19."**



DISTRICT 23
MIKE JOHNSON

DISTRICT 26
**ASHLEY BLAND
MANLOVE**

DISTRICT 36
**MARK A.
SHARP**

**DEVELOPMENT ★ ECONOMIC GROWTH ★ EXPANDING MEDICAID
CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS ★ EQUALITY FOR ALL!**

**REP. MIKE JOHNSON
CONNECTING WITH
LIVING AND WORKING
PEOPLE TO A SAFE AND
COMMUNITY.**

REP. MANLOVE ALSO SUPPORTS:

- Reforming our criminal court system
- Protecting our voting rights – she recently supported laws that protect voters during the pandemic
- Providing more funding for education services – focusing on trauma-informed support and workforce development

REP. SHARP ALSO SUPPORTS:

- Giving Kansas City officials the tools they need to reduce our city's homicide rate and passing state legislation to crackdown on violent crime
- Protecting "Clean Missouri" reforms
- Opposing voter suppression schemes

DEBATES! TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020



FREEDOM, INC. SUPPORTS THESE CANDIDATES for t



“People-centered and strategically-minded, I will work with public officials to get things done in the 3rd Ward.”



“I ask for your continued support to represent the people of the 7th Ward on crime, housing, jobs, and other important issues.”



“I serve to provide information, positive representation and sustainable outcomes for all generations.”



“I am honored to serve as your Democratic Committeewoman and respectfully ask for your continued support.”



“I am committed to serving and empowering the residents of the 17th Ward and helping them get their voices be heard.”



“I will bring my deep community roots and desire to be a part of positive changes in Kansas City to the Democratic Committee.”

Secure Student Success

VOTE YES!

for HICKMAN MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT—BOND ISSUE

YOUR YES VOTE WILL HELP FUND DISTRICT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES:

- Roof repairs and replacements
- HVAC improvements
- Playground /football/soccer field turf
- Interior and exterior painting
- Parking lots and sidewalks
- Updates to locker rooms and gyms
- Restroom renovations
- Added security for entries
- New fine arts theater at Ruskin High School

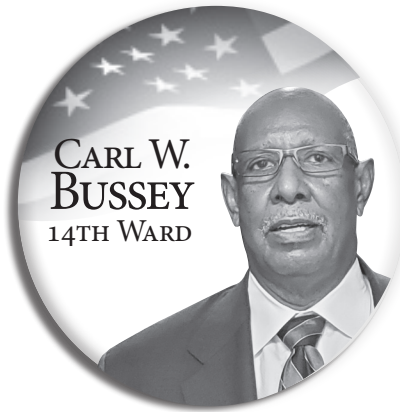
ZERO TAX INCREASE!

for the JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE



ASHLEY
BLAND
MANLOVE
10TH WARD

"I will continue bridging the gap between the people and government. I will be a strong voice for our democratic values."



CARL W.
BUSSEY
14TH WARD

"I will proudly serve as a liaison between government officials and the residents of the 14th Ward."



LAWRENCE
CRAWFORD
15TH WARD

"I want to strengthen communications between city and state officials and the people of the 15th Ward."



ANGELA
WHITE
18TH WARD
WRITE IN

"Next to education, community service is extremely important to me. That's why I want to be your Democratic Committeewoman."



LEWIS
JONES
23RD WARD
WRITE IN

"I will focus on restorative justice in healthcare and tax-free living for veterans. I will be a strong voice for the community."



NIKKI
CROCKER
JOHNSON
25TH WARD

"I will continue to strive to protect the values and address the issues facing the residents of the 25th Ward."

JEAN PETERS BAKER

for JACKSON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

- ★ **Child Abuse & Neglect** – Jean has driven a renewed focus on intervening earlier in child abuse and neglect.
- ★ **KC's No Violence Alliance** – Jean supports this initiative that helps bring the community and law enforcement together to reduce violence.
- ★ **Re-entry Program** – Jean developed the program to address high recidivism rates through a partnership between Prosecutors, Probation and Parole, and the Court, offering clients a path to living a crime-free life.





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YOU TO
THE POLLS
ON TUESDAY,
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- FOR GOVERNOR
NICOLE GALLOWAY

- FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
YINKA FALETI

- FOR STATE TREASURER
VICKI LORENZ ENGLUND

- FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
RICH FINNERAN

- FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 5
EMANUEL CLEAVER II

- FOR STATE SENATE – DISTRICT 7
GREG RAZER

- FOR STATE SENATE – DISTRICT 9
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MICHAEL L. JOHNSON

- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 26
ASHLEY BLAND MANLOVE

- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 27
RICHARD BROWN

- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 28
JEROME BARNES

- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE – DISTRICT 36
MARK A. SHARP

- FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – JACKSON COUNTY
JEAN PETERS BAKER

- FOR SHERIFF – JACKSON COUNTY
DARRYL FORTÉ

JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

WARD	FOR COMMITTEEMAN	FOR COMMITTEEWOMAN
2 ND	ALBERT JACKSON	VIRGINIA DEE EVANS
3 RD	ALAN A. YOUNG SR.	BARBARA ANNE WASHINGTON
7 TH	KEITH MARTIN THOMAS	ROSA M. JAMES
10 TH	TOM WYRSCH	ASHLEY BLAND MANLOVE
14 TH	CARL W. BUSSEY	MELISSA PATTERSON HAZLEY
15 TH	LAWRENCE W. CRAWFORD	VELDA COOK
16 TH	KENNETH BACCHUS	GAIL McCANN BEATTY
17 TH	CRAIG C. BLAND	MELISSA A. DOUGLAS
18 TH	WRITE-IN RONALD WHITE	WRITE-IN ANGELA WHITE
19 TH	CECIL D. WILLIAMS	KRISTI D. WHITAKER
20 TH	ALVIN L. BROOKS	
23 RD	WRITE-IN LEWIS JONES	VENESSA HUSKEY
25 TH	DARRELL CURLS	NIKKI CROCKER JOHNSON
26 TH	BYRON TOWNSEND	ANN E. COLEMAN

SPECIAL ELECTION – STATE OF MISSOURI

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2

VOTE YES

“EXPAND MEDICAID IN MISSOURI”

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- adopt Medicaid Expansion for persons 19 to 64 years old with an income level at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, as set forth in the Affordable Care Act;
- prohibit placing greater or additional burdens on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies or practices on persons covered under Medicaid Expansion than on any other population eligible for Medicaid; and
- require state agencies to take all actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance under Medicaid Expansion?

SPECIAL ELECTION – HICKMAN MILLS C-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTE YES “IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES”

Shall Hickman Mills C-1 School District of Jackson County, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of \$30,000,000 and issue its general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, furnishing and equipping school facilities, including, but not limited to, repairing roofs, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, security entries, playground, athletic, fine arts and parking facilities for certain existing school facilities throughout the District?

**ZERO
TAX
INCREASE!**

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COVID-19 VOTER SAFETY TIPS:



BRING HAND SANITIZER WITH YOU
OR WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE
LEAVING FOR THE POLLS



WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN
YOU ARE AT THE POLLS



FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING
INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY
POLL WORKERS

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