



VOTER GUIDE
FOR THE
APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION

Columbia City Council Wards 2 & 6
Columbia School Board
State Representative, District 45

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Voter Guide – Ballot Order of Candidates for the April 6, 2021 Election

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Candidate for Columbia City Council – Ward 2 – April 6th Election

Name: Bill Weitkemper

Qualifications for office: Sanitary Sewer Superintendent for City of Columbia for 37.5 years

Website/Facebook page for candidate: Bill Weitkemper

Questions and Answers:

- 1. Do you agree with the City Council decisions to support pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department (such as masks, limits on dining, etc.)? yes. What would you do different?** Enforcement of pandemic control measures seems to be non-existent.
- 2. Do you believe that climate warming is a serious problem for our country and the world? Somewhat serious. In what ways is the City addressing that problem and what actions would you like to see them take in the future? Are you familiar with the climate action plan and what parts are you willing to champion?** The city may be promoting a false sense of security with statements like the following: “the increase in demand has been contained thanks to water conservation efforts, as the average Columbia resident now uses less water per day than in the past”. There are approximately 10,000 master water (and electric) meters in the city of Columbia. A master meter is where the developer installs a single meter on a building to measure all the water or electricity used in the building. There is a substantial cost savings to the developer to install a master meter. There is absolutely no incentive for the businesses occupying the building or the residents living in the building to conserve water or electricity, because they do not pay for water or electricity usage. The city is allowing developers to install hundred’s, if not thousands, of master water and electric meters annually. The city claims to not even know where the master meters are located. The city should take immediate steps to prohibit the use of master meters and require the owner of any building with master meters to install sub-meters to meter and charge the individual occupants of the building for their water and electric usage. There are studies that reflect that when an occupant pays for their utility usage it is possible to realize a savings if 20 to 45%. All Columbia residents should be using less water per day than in the past”.
- 3. What is the best way for Columbia to improve its economy, help businesses and families and also address the covid-19 pandemic and save lives?** Increase the vaccination rate.

Candidate for Columbia City Council – Ward 2 – April 6th Election

Name: Jim Meyer

Qualifications for office: I have been a Columbia resident since 1977 other than periods of active military duty. I have had more than 33 years of public service in the military and 4 years service to the community as a Boone County Firefighter/EMT. I have been actively engaged in meeting of various boards and commissions, taskforces and city council meetings for the past 6 years. I have an extensive history of civic engagement and leadership. I can bring balance to the city council philosophically and from the perspective of a small business owner.

Website/Facebook page for candidate:

Questions and Answers:

1. Do you agree with the City Council decisions to support pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department (such as masks, limits on dining, etc.)?

What would you do different? I can understand why the city council made those decisions initially, given the lack of knowledge about the disease and I recognize that our response was not as damaging as some other cities and states in the country, but I don't think that the halting of "non-essential" businesses was effective and was glad that it was quickly relaxed. I don't think that the original 10% or now 50% occupancy limits have any strong basis in evidence and I don't support them. I don't agree with the limits to operating hours of bars, etc. I think mask wearing should be voluntary and not compulsory. I think that the city does a good job of making information about the disease public and that it should focus on informing people who should then be free to make their own risk management decisions given their own personal situations and vulnerabilities.

2. Do you believe that climate warming is a serious problem for our country and the world? In what ways is the City addressing that problem and what actions would you like to see them take in the future? Are you familiar with the climate action plan and what parts are you willing to champion?

I believe that the climate is changing as it always has and that global temperatures have increased about 1° C since 1850. I don't see this as a global crisis. I am not convinced that the bulk of the temperature increase is due to human activity. I do not support the Climate Action Plan. In my opinion, the speculative predictions in the plan, for example in the summary on page 21, do not come close to justifying the costs that the plan would impose and the plan makes no real attempt to balance costs with supposed benefits.

3. What is the best way for Columbia to improve its economy, help businesses and families and also address the covid-19 pandemic and save lives? See answer to #1 above.

Candidate for Columbia City Council – Ward 2 – April 6th Election

Name: Andrea Waner

Qualifications for office: Masters of Public Affairs – University of Missouri, BA in English – University of Missouri. Columbia Commission on Human Rights, Chair (2017 – present). Central Methodist University, Director of Operations & Advancement (2018 – present). Institute for People, Place, & Possibility (2017-2019), Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services (2013-2016).

Website/Facebook page for candidate: andreawaner.com, facebook.com/voteandreawaner

Questions and Answers:

1. Do you agree with the City Council decisions to support pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department (such as masks, limits on dining, etc.)?

What would you do different?

I strongly agree with the Council's decision to support pandemic control measures implemented by our local health officials. We all want a return to normal. We all want the economy and our schools to open. We also want to protect our friends and family from the pandemic. Each county is charged with making decisions that are in the best interest of their community. In Boone County, our public health officials - with the support of City and County leaders - took a science-based approach to pandemic protocols. We need to continue taking steps and adjusting our actions now so that we can return to a strong economy and normal day-to-day activities in the coming weeks and months.

2. Do you believe that climate warming is a serious problem for our country and the world? In what ways is the City addressing that problem and what actions would you like to see them take in the future? Are you familiar with the climate action plan and what parts are you willing to champion?

This ongoing threat needs dedicated resources and actions at every level of government. The City's work to develop a plan focused on activities to achieve the greatest emission reductions and to increase our community preparedness in a cost-effective and equitable way should be commended. Within the Plan, I would like to see further movement on increasing energy efficiency funding options for families, building a thriving public transit system alongside a more bikeable and walkable community.

3. What is the best way for Columbia to improve its economy, help businesses and families and also address the covid-19 pandemic and save lives?

In the short term, we need to find ways to waive fees and allow businesses the flexibility to adjust to the limitations in place. That means allowing curbside pickup of alcohol drinks or unprepared foods. Encouraging creative use of outdoor spaces usually reserved for vehicular traffic. Uplifting and rewarding businesses that are being creative while following safety guidelines. Long term, we should focus on creating family-supporting careers by fostering opportunities for technical training, apprenticeships, and education to provide economic stability. However, in order to attract and retain those careers, we must continue to prioritize the health of our community, specifically when it comes to addressing systemic inequities that hold our community back.

Candidate for Columbia City Council – Ward 6 – April 6th Election

Name: Betsy Peters

Qualifications for office: I live in the 6th ward, and have represented the ward for the last 6 years on the city council

Website/Facebook page for candidate: BetsyPetersforCouncil.com

Questions and Answers:

1. Do you agree with the City Council decisions to support pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department (such as masks, limits on dining, etc.)? What would you do different?

I do agree with the pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department. In a pandemic, we need to follow the science and the experts on infection control. By following the science and CDC recommendations, we were able to curb the number of deaths predicted in Columbia. We were also able to support our health system, allowing our hospitals to care for the sickest citizens both in Boone County and in the wide catchment area that Columbia serves. The cooperation between the public health department, Boone Hospital and MU Healthcare was a great model how to handle a public health crisis.

The hand washing, masking and social distancing guidelines allowed those citizens that needed or wanted to get out to do so with confidence in their improved safety. This allowed us to support our businesses and allowed all of us to get back to the business of living. I have heard from many citizens that were grateful for the control measures as they felt the public health department was responsive to the safety concerns of the ordinary citizen.

2. Do you believe that climate warming is a serious problem for our country and the world? In what ways is the City addressing that problem and what actions would you like to see them take in the future? Are you familiar with the climate action plan and what parts are you willing to champion?

Yes, I do believe climate warming is a serious problem. Although we might not be able to prevent global climate change and a future ice age, we can do our part to improve the air quality we breath and decrease the causes of air and water pollution. I am familiar with the city of Columbia's climate action plan. Encouraging energy efficiency, increased use of renewal energy and more locally grown food are all ways to combat climate change.

3. What is the best way for Columbia to improve its economy, help businesses and families and also address the covid-19 pandemic and save lives?

Columbia has been rocked by the Covid pandemic as has every community, but we have a good economic foundation. We need to support our great corporate partners, work with the Chamber of Commerce and REDI, work with our institutions of higher education and support our small businesses. We need to continue to grow our workforce and support training that attracts new businesses to Columbia. Currently, I expect the city council to support Swift foods coming to town. Swift is expected to add 250 good paying jobs to the city. We can get through this together and we will.

Candidate for Columbia City Council – Ward 6 – April 6th Election

Name: Randy Minchew

Qualifications for office:

Website/Facebook page for candidate:

Questions and Answers:

- 1. Do you agree with the City Council decisions to support pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department (such as masks, limits on dining, etc.)? What would you do different?** I do not pretend to understand all there is to know about this pandemic. I was not a fan of some of the control measures put into place. I personally have followed the mandates because we all must do our part to help stop the spread. I would like to see an indicator or number where we combine factors like Columbia's COVID positivity rate, the population vaccination rate, and the hospitalization rate so that we have a rating as we do for other health related issues. Columbians would then know if we were headed in the right direction. This would encourage our community to continue safe practices and work toward better outcomes. I would like to see more communication with the public on the science and the metrics used to make the decisions to mandate restrictions. The restrictions have hurt our business community and I believe leadership has to be mindful of everyone involved. We need to listen to our business owners and allow them to operate in a safe manner and continue to stimulate the local economy.
- 2. Do you believe that climate warming is a serious problem for our country and the world? In what ways is the City addressing that problem and what actions would you like to see them take in the future? Are you familiar with the climate action plan and what parts are you willing to champion?** I believe the city's action plan is simple enough to understand and moves us in a direction that helps address the climate concerns. We should continue to audit the application of the plan with all city functions so that we are an example to the rest of the community. I strongly believe an awareness campaign for the public is essential as things move forward.
- 3. What is the best way for Columbia to improve its economy, help businesses and families and also address the covid-19 pandemic and save lives?** Columbia's economy could be made stronger in several ways:

 - a. more efficiency in all city departments
 - b. internet sales tax needs to happen
 - c. make the city an inviting place to do business so we can attract large employers. Our small businesses will grow as a result of more good-paying career-type jobs that large companies will bring to our City.

Candidate for Columbia City Council – Ward 6 – April 6th Election

Name: Philip Merriman

Qualifications for office: American citizen 😊 (nothing else is relevant here).

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.philipmerriman.com

Questions and Answers:

1. Do you agree with the City Council decisions to support pandemic control measures implemented by the city/county health department (such as masks, limits on dining, etc.)? What would you do different?

I do not. Every individual has the right to decide for themselves how to conduct their affairs. When, where, and how to work, and with whom. It is a gross overreach of our government to decide what people wear on the face, when they may leave their homes, and where they can eat.

Fear will always be present in life - there will always be things that frighten or concern us. If we allow that fear to destroy our freedoms, then we become slaves to that fear. A life without freedom is no life at all. Consider the phrase: "Give me liberty, or give me death".

2. Do you believe that climate warming is a serious problem for our country and the world? In what ways is the City addressing that problem and what actions would you like to see them take in the future? Are you familiar with the climate action plan and what parts are you willing to champion?

I do. I think that the most important thing for us to do is understand the scope of the problem, and hold the biggest offenders (China, India, etc.) accountable. While there are things we can do better locally, we must prioritize changes in the parts of the world that will bring about the most meaningful change.

3. What is the best way for Columbia to improve its economy, help businesses and families and also address the covid-19 pandemic and save lives?

Immediately lift all covid restrictions and return sovereignty to the individual members of our community. Stop restricting when businesses may open, and whom they may serve. Begin healing from the damage done by these mandates (lost jobs, homes, depression, suicide, drugs, crime, etc.). The "cure" has become dramatically worse than the disease.

Candidate for Columbia School Board – April 6, 2021

Name: Teresa Maledy

Qualifications for office: Over the years I've served on numerous nonprofit boards and a corporate board. I understand the importance of strong and balanced board leadership. I believe my business experience serves me well on the CPS Board. I have direct and relevant experience in budgeting, human resources, regulation and compliance, construction and facilities management. I have over 30 years' experience leading a variety of teams and I've developed a reputation for being a pragmatic problem solver, for collaborating, and for asking the right questions to guide the organization towards success.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: N/A

Questions and Answers:

1. There are many ways to address racial equity in school districts. If you had to make one a priority for CPS, what would it be, and why?

One of my top priorities is closing the achievement gap across all student demographics through equity in education and enrichment opportunities. This means systematically reviewing every CPS process and program through an equity lens. Like many cities, achieving racial equity is a big challenge for Columbia. It is critically important we identify successful strategies we can implement now, and in the future, as our school district continues to grow. I believe the solution is not just the responsibility of the in Columbia Public Schools. It is up to each one of us to ensure racial equity across our student body and community.

2. What do you believe should be the role of teachers in participating in decisions about school policies?

Teacher input is very important as we update our policies. The vision of the District, and supporting policies, need to represent and balance the goals of the stakeholders: 1) the students 2) the teachers and staff 3) the parents 4) all tax payers/community members.

3. Given our current social divides, some commentators think we should revive the teaching of social studies, history, and civics in schools. If you agree with that, how do you think the district could make more room for those areas in the curriculum.? If you do not agree, why not?

Yes, I believe these courses are important. As an example, every ninth-grade student currently takes civics, and starting two years ago, each year the course culminates with a project-based learning experience at the Truman Library. Students have to take different roles in Truman's Cabinet and consider the political decisions associated with Stalin's decision to try and squeeze the allies out of West Berlin. Additionally, most of the civics classes are co-taught with literature teachers so they can read books like Tale of Two Cities and compare the French Revolution to what was happening in the US at the time.

4. Charter schools are being promoted in the MO State Legislature. Is there a role for Charter Schools in Columbia and how should they be funded and held accountable?

The current charter school model used in Missouri is not sustainable. It is not sustainable in Kansas City, or anywhere we use this same approach. In addition to the financial implications, the current charter school structure is failing many of the students it is trying to help; it is confusing and frustrating for the parents; and the Charter schools are not accountable to the tax payers.

Candidate for Columbia School Board – April 6, 2021

Name: Luke Neal

Qualifications for office: I have a degree in mathematics education. I have seventeen years of experience working directly with high school students through my work with Young Life, and sixteen of those years I coached track at Hickman. Because I run a non-profit, I have spent my entire career working with boards, budgets, policies, and procedures.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.Lukeforcps.com

Questions and Answers:

1. There are many ways to address racial equity in school districts. If you had to make one a priority for CPS, what would it be, and why?

My top priority would be recruiting and retaining a more diverse group of teachers because representation is so important. When students walk down the hallway and see teachers that look like themselves, it impacts their self-esteem, their educational experience, and their interest in entering the teaching profession later in life.

2. What do you believe should be the role of teachers in participating in decisions about school policies?

Educators are the district's most valuable asset. As such, their voices need to be heard in the decision-making process. Allowing teachers' organizations (e.g., CMSTA/CMNEA) to have a "seat at the table" is vitally important. Also, it is crucial that board members actively seek a diverse cross-section of teachers and administrators when weighing decisions.

3. Given our current social divides, some commentators think we should revive the teaching of social studies, history, and civics in schools. If you agree with that, how do you think the district could make more room for those areas in the curriculum.? If you do not agree, why not?

Our current social studies curriculum addresses history and civics adequately as far as time allocated. However, a more honest presentation of our nation's history is required. Most curriculum is from the perspective of white, European settlers. We need to also include the viewpoints of African Americans and indigenous peoples.

4. Charter schools are being promoted in the MO State Legislature. Is there a role for Charter Schools in Columbia and how should they be funded and held accountable?

If charter schools make an appearance in Columbia, and how these schools are funded, is outside of the authority of the school board. If the State of Missouri passes legislation to allow them, we need to be ready to move forward as a community. Both Indiana and Colorado have strong public and charter school systems working in tandem. We could learn a great deal by taking a look at these two states, from the accountability perspective.

Candidate for Columbia School Board – April 6, 2021

Name: Aron Saylor

Qualifications for office:

I am a CPS parent of two elementary school students. I have a history of public service and care for all in the community.

Website/Facebook page for candidate:

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Questions and Answers:

1. There are many ways to address racial equity in school districts. If you had to make one a priority for CPS, what would it be, and why? The two primary strategies you see at play are removing opportunities for some in an effort to bring everyone down to the least common denominator or building and advertising opportunities available to all. Both bring about equity, but one improves lives. I would take the second approach. I would focus on studying success and advertising opportunities to immortalize and build success. For example, Asian Americans are statistically the most successful students and yet by definition, they are a minority.

2. What do you believe should be the role of teachers in participating in decisions about school policies? I believe teachers are important voices, especially since they are educating our students. They should have an opportunity to give their opinions on policy being discussed. The same is true for students, parents, administrators, and other community members. Each role brings a unique perspective, and the more perspectives we have involved, the better vetted the policy, which will result in a higher chance of success.

3. Given our current social divides, some commentators think we should revive the teaching of social studies, history, and civics in schools. If you agree with that, how do you think the district could make more room for those areas in the curriculum.? If you do not agree, why not? Yes, I do believe we should revive social studies, history, and civics in school. These are very important subjects, and they should be covered in the curriculum. It is important to learn from history; otherwise, we are doomed to repeat it. In order to answer the follow-up question, I would need to research which buildings are not covering these subjects. This year my wife and I have been education coordinators for our children. I can confirm that my third grader and kindergartener have both discussed social studies, history, and civics. I am very interested to learn more about where these subjects have been cut from the curriculum.

4. Charter schools are being promoted in the MO State Legislature. Is there a role for Charter Schools in Columbia and how should they be funded and held accountable? If elected, I will need to research Missouri law to thoroughly understand the relationship between charter schools and the local school board. Columbia Public Schools are required to operate within Missouri State Legislation. From what I understand, if charter schools are included in the school district, they will be funded by the district and held accountable like any other school in the district. If they are not a part of the Columbia Public School district, the charter schools will need to follow the guidelines of the state. It will not be the role of the Columbia School Board to hold them accountable or manage funding. There are larger factors at play than a local school board.

Candidate for Columbia School Board – April 6, 2021

Name: Katherine Sasser

Qualifications for office:

I'm a career-long educator. If elected, I will be the only CPS Board Member with public school teaching experience. I taught at CPS for 9 years. I hold two graduate-level Education degrees and have worked in international education. Now at eMINTS National Center, I direct a federal educational grant for 60+ high need rural schools in Missouri and Kansas. I'm also the mom of three CPS children (two currently enrolled and one who will enter kindergarten in 2021-2022). As a school board member, I will empower CPS families, teachers, and staff to work together to transform our schools.

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.sasserforcps.com / www.facebook.com/kat4como/

Questions and Answers:

- 1. There are many ways to address racial equity in school districts. If you had to make one a priority for CPS, what would it be, and why?** The top priority I have around addressing racial equity would be to create a system by which we could filter all decision making through a racial equity lens. This means that every question we ask, every goal we establish, and every decision we make that impacts our staff, students, and families must be filtered an investigation of how that impacts our BIPOC stakeholders as well as other high impact groups, and we must engage those very folks in the conversation and give them a seat at the table in that decision-making.
- 2. What do you believe should be the role of teachers in participating in decisions about school policies?** As a career long educator, including 9 years of teaching grades 6-12 in Columbia Public Schools, I think teachers provide a critical perspective in building effective policies. In building policy, the Board should center the voices and experiences of teachers, students and families that policies have harmed or marginalized in the past.
- 3. Given our current social divides, some commentators think we should revive the teaching of social studies, history, and civics in schools. If you agree with that, how do you think the district could make more room for those areas in the curriculum.? If you do not agree, why not?** As a former Social Studies teacher, I am in full support of expanding our Social Studies curriculum to tell the whole story of our past and current history, from ALL perspectives. At Rock Bridge High School, the 9th grade interdisciplinary Civics class culminates with a citizenship project where students apply their learning to their real life. We need more of this student-driven, place-based learning for our students not only in our social studies classes but across all of our curricula.
- 4. Charter schools are being promoted in the MO State Legislature. Is there a role for Charter Schools in Columbia and how should they be funded and held accountable?** Education is a basic human right, and government leaders have an obligation to ensure that right is guaranteed for all. Under the state's current budget formula, the state has underfunded education by over \$500 million. We need strong public education funding to ensure schools can support the health and growth of our kids, especially students whose families have been pushed to the margins by harmful government policies or inaction. For the lack of accountability and vulnerable position that Charter Schools pose for our community given the current legislation, I oppose the charter school bills being promoted in the MO State Legislature. You can read more about my beliefs on these topics in a post I shared about [Public School Divestment and Vouchers](#) on facebook.

Candidate for Columbia School Board – April 6, 2021

Name: Jeanne Snodgrass

Qualifications for office:

- Extensive and ongoing experience as an educator – in traditional and non-traditional settings as well as graduate level course work in educational theory and practice
- Previous small business owner
- Non-profit Executive Director – experience working with a board, setting budgets and implementing programming, and navigating constituent priorities and tensions
- Parent perspective – three school age children in elementary, middle, and high school
- Advocate for strong public schools

Website/Facebook page for candidate: www.snodgrass4cpsboard.com

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Questions and Answers:

1. There are many ways to address racial equity in school districts. If you had to make one a priority for CPS, what would it be, and why?

There is no one thing that will make racial equity work successful, it needs to be addressed holistically. That said, we need to start by affirming the experiences of Black and other racial minoritized students and teachers and actively work to address the issues raised. This includes looking at accessibility to programs and resources at the various schools, ongoing education for the entire district around equity, addressing discipline and the role school discipline plays in the school to prison pipeline, and building a community of teachers representative of the students being served.

2. What do you believe should be the role of teachers in participating in decisions about school policies?

Teachers spend the most time face-to-face with students and are often tasked with enforcing school policy, this makes it essential that they are an integral part of discussions of school policies. As well, I believe it is important that student and parent input be considered as students and families are directly impacted by policy.

3. Given our current social divides, some commentators think we should revive the teaching of social studies, history, and civics in schools. If you agree with that, how do you think the district could make more room for those areas in the curriculum.? If you do not agree, why not?

I agree that the teaching (and learning) of social studies, history, and civics is important and I'm thankful that our current curriculum includes these topics in various ways. In addition, I believe we need to focus on critical thinking skills in all our subject areas.

4. Charter schools are being promoted in the MO State Legislature. Is there a role for Charter Schools in Columbia and how should they be funded and held accountable?

The way charters are structured in Missouri does not provide accountability to local communities. I believe we need to focus on fully funding our existing public schools, which are mandated to provide services to everyone, and building our district programs to even better serve students and families.

Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 45 DEMOCRAT

Name: David Tyson Smith

Qualifications for office:

I grew up in Columbia. I have been serving the community through my law firm for over 15 years. I have also led the effort for a Citizens Police Review Board and am currently on the Missouri Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Website for candidate: davidtysonsmith.com

Questions and Answers:

1. What are your top priorities if you are elected as a state representative? Why did you select these priorities?

The major hurdle that we are all facing right now is Covid. We need to get a handle on this problem and make sure that our local health departments have the ability to receive and distribute the vaccines as fast and efficiently as possible. As a product of the public education system, I want to make sure that we protect our public schools. Currently, there are bills moving through the legislature that would effectively undermine public school funding by expanding charter schools and providing tax credits for private school scholarships. In addition, we need to make sure that Medicaid expansion is fully implemented in Missouri. Through ballot initiative, the voters have spoken and we need to honor their choice by making sure that the required state match for Medicaid expansion is budgeted and available.

2. Do you support the Wayfair tax fix, that would level the playing field for Missouri brick and mortar businesses, without reducing other state taxes?

I support the "Wayfair Fix". Online sales have had a serious detrimental effect on revenue for our county and municipalities. Being one of only two states having failed to do so is not a mark of honor. We need to make sure that the legislature acts on this so that our business community is no longer placed at a competitive disadvantage. This must be done without a revenue offset at the state level.

3. What are your recommendations to ensure voters have access to voting, such as early voting, no excuse absentee voting, automatic voter registration?

There is an assault on the voting rights of all Missourians. We need to push back against all of the proposed legislation advanced by the majority party aimed at undercutting this most basic of citizen rights. We need to constantly assert the right of every Missourian to vote through early voting, no excuse absentee voting and automatic voter registration.

**Candidate for Missouri State Representative, District 45
LIBERTARIAN**

Name: Glenn Nielsen

Qualifications for office:

Website/Facebook for candidate:

Questions and Answers:

What are your top priorities if you are elected as a state representative? Why did you select these priorities? No response.

Do you support the Wayfair tax fix, that would level the playing field for Missouri brick and mortar businesses, without reducing other state taxes? No response.

What are your recommendations to ensure voters have access to voting, such as early voting, no excuse absentee voting, automatic voter registration? No response.

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<https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/>