

# Elect worker-friendly candidates next Tuesday, or RTW-for-less will be back next year

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Pro-RTW incumbents are up for re-election and must be defeated

The midterm elections are next week, and I can't recall a midterm in my lifetime that I've considered more important for myself or the people of Missouri.

While so much attention has been on the national part of these elections — just look at the sheer number of ads you've seen in Missouri's senate race between Josh Hawley and Sen. Claire McCaskill — we must remember how important our local elections are going to be.

A few short months ago, Missouri defeated Prop A, and Right-to-Work-for-Less was crushed in nearly every part of this state. It was rejected by Republicans and Democrats alike, it was

crushed by urban voters and rural farmers.

But right this moment there are politicians whose own constituents rejected Prop A that are on track to re-election, and those same politicians have supported Right-to-Work-for-Less in the past and intend to keep supporting it in the future.

Rep. Rob Vescovo and Sen. Bob Onder are examples. They are ardent supporters of Right-to-Work-for-Less, and they are not shy about it. They have promised to sponsor it again next year even though their respective districts voted against Prop A by huge margins. Putting aside our obvious difference of opinion on Prop A, how can this be possible? How can elected officials promise to ignore such a strong opinion of their constituents and expect to be re-elected?

How can Rep. Dan Shaul of Jefferson County lie to his own constituents, or consistently vote against workers, in a community where workers have a powerful voice and Prop A was crushed?

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How do they continue to vote for a man who has openly voted against their interests?

The short answer is that too many of the people who rejected Prop A will turn around and enable the same politicians who passed it because they've decided that labor issues are important, but just not that important.

These are voters who stand up for hard-working men and women, sure, but they are also drawn to candidates who say what they want to hear about guns, or immigration, or war, or trade, or social issues.

I've never suggested that someone become a single-issue voter. And I respect that we all have different priorities and concerns. But I do think we need to be honest about Missouri's future. Here is the honest truth: I don't know how we'll defeat Right-to-Work-for-Less next year if they pass it again. We won't have the energy or the funds to fight it like we did this time. And it won't be the fault of labor leaders.

It won't be the fault of lobbyists. And in some ways, it won't even be the fault of politicians.

It will be our fault. If we send these same people that attacked us right back to their jobs in Jefferson City we've sent a message that you can attack us and nothing happens to you. They have no reason not to try again and again.

In this week's issue you'll notice we are solely focused on the election. You'll see below a full list of ALL UFCW Local 655 endorsements for those running for office.

You can bet that every single person on that list is a "no" vote on Right-to-Work-for-Less. You can bet that issues impacting hard-working people on the job is what we base our endorsements on. You may not agree with them all, but at least we can tell ourselves that we didn't enable a single one of the people who attacked us over the last two years.

On November 6th, will you be able to say the same thing?

## UFCW-endorsed candidates and propositions in the Nov. 6 election

These are your UFCW Labor-endorsed candidates and propositions for the Nov. 6 election in Missouri and Illinois. Incumbent candidates are marked with an asterisk (\*).

### MISSOURI

#### U.S. SENATE

Claire McCaskill (D)\*

#### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1st District**  
Lacy Clay (D)\*
- 2nd District**  
Cort VanOstran (D)
- 3rd District**  
Katy Geppert (D)
- 4th District**  
Renee Hoagenson (D)
- 5th District**  
Emanuel Cleaver (D)\*
- 6th District**  
Sam Graves (R)\*
- 7th District**  
Jamie Schoolcraft (D)
- 8th District**  
Kathy Ellis (D)

#### MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR

Nicole Galloway (D)\*

#### AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSITIONS (VOTE 'YES')

- Missouri Amendment 1**  
Lobbying, campaign finance and redistricting initiative.
- Missouri Proposition B**  
Minimum wage initiative.
- Missouri Proposition D**  
Fuel and Transportation.
- Proposition Z (St. Louis County)**  
One-eighth of 1 percent sales tax for the St. Louis Zoo

#### MISSOURI SENATE

**2nd District**  
Patrice Billings (D)

#### 4th District

Karla May (D)

#### 6th District

Nicole Thompson (D)

#### 8th District

Hillary Shields (D)

#### 10th District

Ayanna Shivers (D)

#### 12th District

Terry Richard (D)

#### 14th District

Brian Williams (D)

#### 16th District

Ryan Dillion (D)

#### 18th District

Crystal Stephens (D)

#### 20th District

Jim Billedo (D)

#### 22nd District

Paul Wieland (R)\*

#### 24th District

Jill Schupp (D)\*

#### 26th District

John Kiehne (D)

#### 28th District

Joe Poor (D)

#### 30th District

Charlie Norr (D)

#### 32nd District

Carolyn McGowan (D)

#### 34th District

Martin Rucker II (D)

#### ST. LOUIS CITY LABOR CLUB

#### MISSOURI HOUSE

##### District 76

Chris Carter (D)

##### District 77

Steven Roberts (D)\*

##### District 78

Bruce Franks (D)\*

##### District 79

Lakey Sha Bosley (D)

##### District 80

Peter Meredith (D)\*

##### District 81

Steve Butz (D)

##### District 82

Donna Baringer (D)\*

##### District 83

Gina Mitten (D)\*

#### District 84

Wiley Price (D)

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY LABOR CLUB

##### Circuit Judge, Div. 4

Jacob (Jake) Costello (D)

##### Circuit Court Clerk

Dorothy Stafford (D)

##### County Council, Dist. 1

Brian Haskins (R)

##### County Council, Dist. 3

Krystal Hargus (D)

##### County Council, Dist. 7

Amy Jennewein (D)

##### County Clerk

Randy Holman (D)\*

##### Recorder of Deeds

Erin Kasten (D)

##### Collector of Revenue

Beth Mahn (D)\*

##### Prosecuting Attorney

OPEN

##### County Auditor

Kristy Apprill (R)\*

##### County Executive

Jeff Roorda (D)

#### MISSOURI HOUSE

##### District 111

Shane Roden (R)\*

##### District 112

Benjamin Hagin (D)

##### District 113

Karen Settlemoir-Berg (D)

##### District 114

Becky Ruth (R)\*

##### District 115

Elaine Gannon (R)\*

##### District 118

Barb Marco (D)

#### NORTH COUNTY LABOR CLUB

**St. Louis County Executive**  
Steve Stenger (D)\*

**St. Louis County Assessor**  
Jake Zimmerman (D)\*

**St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney**  
Wesley Bell (D)

**St. Louis County Council**  
**5th District**  
Lisa Clancy (D)

#### MISSOURI HOUSE

##### District 66

Tommie Pierson Jr. (D)\*

##### District 67

Alan Green (D)\*

##### District 68

Jay Mosley (D)\*

##### District 69

Gretchen Bangert (D)\*

##### District 70

Paula Brown (D)

##### District 71

Ladonna Applebaum (D)

##### District 72

Doug Clemens (D)

##### District 73

Rachel Proudie (D)

##### District 74

Cora Faith Walker (D)\*

##### District 75

Alan Gray (D)\*

##### District 84

Wiley Price (D)

##### District 85

Kevin Windham (D)

##### District 86

Maria Chappelle Nadal (D)

##### District 87

Ian Mackey (D)

##### District 88

Tracy McCreery (D)\*

##### District 89

Kevin FitzGerald (D)

#### ROCKWOOD LABOR CLUB

**St. Louis County Executive**  
Steve Stenger (D)\*

**St. Louis County Assessor**  
Jake Zimmerman (D)\*

**St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney**  
Wesley Bell (D)

**St. Louis County Council**  
**Dist. 3**  
Paul Ward (D)

**St. Louis County Council**  
**Dist. 5**  
Lisa Clancy (D)

#### MISSOURI HOUSE

##### District 89

Kevin FitzGerald (D)

#### District 96

Erica Hoffman (D)

#### District 97

Mike Revis (D)\*

#### District 98

Charles Triplett (D)

#### District 99

Mike Labozzetta (D)

#### District 100

Helena Webb (D)

#### District 101

Genevieve Steidtman (D)

#### District 110

Cody Kelly (D)

#### SOUTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY LABOR CLUB

**St. Louis County Executive**  
Steve Stenger (D)\*

**St. Louis County Assessor**  
Jake Zimmerman (D)\*

**St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney**  
Wesley Bell (D)

**St. Louis County Council**  
**Dist. 3**  
Paul Ward (D)

**St. Louis County Council**  
**Dist. 5**  
Lisa Clancy (D)

#### MISSOURI HOUSE

##### District 83

Gina Mitten (D)\*

##### District 87

Ian Mackey (D)

##### District 90

Deb Lavender (D)\*

##### District 91

Sara Unsicker (D)\*

##### District 92

Doug Beck (D)\*

##### District 93

OPEN

##### District 94

Jean Pretto (D)

##### District 95

Mike Walter (D)

##### District 96

Erica Hoffman (D)

##### District 97

Mike Revis (D)\*

#### TRI-COUNTY LABOR CLUB

**St. Charles County Executive**

Steve Ehlmann (R)

**St. Charles County Council Dist. 1**

OPEN

**St. Charles County Council Dist. 7**

Paul Woody (D)

**St. Charles County Director of Elections**

John Callahan (D)

**Lincoln County**

**Circuit Judge, Div. 1**  
Adam Burkemper (D)

**Lincoln County**

**Circuit Court Clerk**  
Grace Sinclair (R)

**Lincoln County Clerk**  
Crystal M. Hall (D)\*

**Lincoln County**

**Collector or Revenue**  
Amanda Neel (D)

**Warren County**

**Presiding Commissioner**  
David Hubbard (D)\*

#### MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

##### District 70

Paula Brown (D)

##### District 102

OPEN

##### District 105

Scott Cerniceck (D)

#### WARREN COUNTY LABOR CLUB

**Presiding Commissioner**  
David Hubbard (D)\*

#### MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

##### District 42

Joseph Widner (D)

##### District 63

Janet Kester (D)

