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Amendment 3 is on the Ballot!



[Click here](#) to stay connected with NCJWSTL for updates and opportunities to further engage in the Amendment 3 effort, as your involvement is crucial to help restore abortion rights in MO.

If you would like a yard sign or wish to host a postcard party, please come to our office (between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Thursday and 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Friday) where you can pick them up!

THIS WEEK! September Lunch and Learn: How You Can Help End Missouri's Cruel Abortion Ban



Thursday, September 19, 2024
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Alex Cook

When: Thursday, September 19 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

After turning in over 380,000 signatures (15,000 from NCJWSTL alone!), the Right to Reproductive Freedom initiative is OFFICIALLY on the ballot as [Amendment 3!](#)

NCJWSTL and our coalition partners believe that politicians should not be involved in personal decisions. Patients and their doctors should decide what's right for their unique situation. Decisions around pregnancy, including abortion, birth control and miscarriage care are personal and private and should be left up to patients and their families. **But here in Missouri, politicians are making those decisions for us. We can put a stop to this on November 5th.**

For our September Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Alex Cook, Director of Organizing and Campaigns at Abortion Action Missouri. Alex is an experienced community organizer and is passionate about building power for gender, racial and economic justice. If you have attended any abortion rights rally in the past few years, you have likely heard Alex motivate the crowd - he is an incredibly engaging speaker and this Lunch and Learn is not to be missed.

Please [click here](#) to register for the September Lunch & Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call 314.993.5181.

Pledge to Vote Yes on Prop A for Paid Sick Days and to Raise the Wage!

No one should have to choose between their paycheck and their family's health. However, this is NOT the reality in Missouri. That's why we are working toward earned paid sick time off and a fair minimum wage for Missouri workers. More than 210,000 Missourians from every county signed the petition to put Missourians for Healthy Families and Fair Wages on the 2024 Missouri ballot!



Now it's our turn as voters to make this a reality. [Pledge to vote YES on Prop A](#) to deliver paid sick days and fair wages to Missouri's working families.

Prop A will:

- Allow Missouri workers to earn up to 7 paid sick days
- Gradually raise Missouri's minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2026

[Click here](#) to show how your vote is your power. Join the movement and get involved. **PLEDGE TO VOTE!**

Tell Your Senators to Confirm Fair, Independent, Diverse and Qualified Judicial Nominees



While the Supreme Court makes the headlines, our district and circuit courts make the final call in over ninety-nine percent of federal cases. Over 400,000 cases are filed each year in our federal district and circuit courts, and these cases affect countless people every day. Federal judges who serve in lifetime appointments must be fair, independent, and qualified with a commitment to constitutional rights for everyone.

President Biden's current nominees would bring much-needed diversity and experience to the federal bench.

NCJW believes in a federal judiciary that is of and for the people.

Please [click here](#) to urge your senators and tell them to confirm fair, independent,

What To Know About the November 5th Elections



When: Wednesday, September 25 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Get ready to make your voice heard in the upcoming General Election on November 5th! We understand that navigating the complexities of the electoral process can be daunting, but you don't have to do it alone. Join us in collaboration with partners—JCRC, Kol Rinah, and The Mirowitz Center—as we come together to empower you with the knowledge you need.

This is your opportunity to get your questions answered, gain clarity on critical ballot measures, and learn effective strategies to counter misinformation. Together, we can foster informed engagement and ensure that every voice contributes to shaping our community's future. Your participation matters—let's rise to the occasion!

Please [click here](#) to register. This program is made possible through Ignition grant funding awarded to JCRC, Kol Rinah and NCJWSTL through A More Perfect Union: The Jewish Partnership of Democracy.

NCJWSTL 2024 Election Guide

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END MO ABORTION BANS, VOTE YES ON 3

NCJWSTL believes that all Missourians should have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare, including abortion. Right now, Missouri has a TOTAL ban on abortion, without exceptions for rape and incest survivors. Regardless of how one personally feels about abortion, politicians should not be forcing their beliefs on patients and doctors. Government shouldn't be involved in personal healthcare decisions.



IMPORTANT NOVEMBER ELECTION DATES

September 24 Absentee voting with an excuse opens
October 9 Last day to register to vote (5:00 p.m.)
October 22 No-excuse in-person absentee voting opens
October 23 Last day to apply for a mailed absentee ballot (5:00 p.m.)
November 2 Board of Elections office open for absentee voting
November 4 Last day for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections
November 5 ELECTION DAY, Polls open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



SUPPORT HEALTHY FAMILIES



NCJWSTL believes that all Missourians should not have to choose between a paycheck and being healthy. We support paid sick leave for all Missourians. **Vote yes on A.**

WHAT ELSE IS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT?

In addition to all President, Senate, statewide races, and Missouri House races, you might have a state senate race and a local race. NCJWSTL does not take a position on candidates. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on Amendment 7**, which would ban rank choice voting.

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ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

Protect Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

For those who have already joined, thank you! *Check our member list to see who supports us...and if you've already joined by [clicking here](#).*

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,000 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. The coalition opposes legislative, state policy or other efforts to restrict access to materials at public and school libraries.



Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community:

- Missouri ranked third nationally in 2023 for the number of books banned at school libraries.
- 60% of banned books in the U.S. include characters of color and discussed issues of race and racism or presented LGBTQ+ characters or themes

Laws and policies enacted recently have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries. **We expect more censorship efforts in Missouri in 2025.**

Add your voice to thousands of Missourians to fight censorship and book bans!

Please [click here](#) to add your name as an individual member of the coalition. For more information, please e-mail the coalition at righttoreadcoalition@gmail.com.

Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the [Missouri Family Health Council](#) (MFHC) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits!** This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, MFHC, NCJWSTL and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. You can also order an emergency contraception kit by mail by [clicking here](#).

Take Action & Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2024! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2024.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color.

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.
[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.
Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading

Missourians will have the opportunity to vote to enshrine abortion in the state constitution this November, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled last Tuesday.




In a decision published less than three hours before the constitutional deadline to remove a question from the ballot, the Supreme Court reversed a lower court's ruling that recommended the measure be stripped from the Nov. 5 ballot.

[Click here](#) to read Anna Spoerre's article from the *Missouri Independent*, "Missouri Supreme Court Rules Amendment Legalizing Abortion Will Remain on Ballot."

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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