



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the devastating Hamas terror attacks that resulted in the brutal murder of 1,200 Israeli civilians. We must also condemn use of rape and sexual assault as a weapon of war every time it occurs, including against Israelis on October 7th. We hope you take a moment to remember the victims and may their memories be a blessing always.

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For all related events, please [click here](#).

Amendment 3 Information



[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!

If you are voting absentee by mail, please make sure you give yourself plenty of time in case there are USPS delays. **NCJWSTL is available to notarize any absentee ballots on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**


Men 4 Choice Phone Banking Night

MEN 4 CHOICE
advocacy

HOW MEN CAN STEP UP


Amendment 3 is on the ballot in Missouri this November, and we all have a stake in this fight. Come meet Oren Jacobson, Executive Director of Men4Choice, and learn how we can step up as men in the fight for reproductive freedom.

OPPORTUNITY TO PHONE BANK FOR AMENDMENT 3 DURING EVENT




Monday, October 14, 2024
5:30 to 7 pm
Address provided upon RSVP
Sign up at bit.ly/men4choicestl


HOST COMMITTEE IN FORMATION
Steve Alper, Sam Alton, Gerald Axelbaum, Jon Baris, Scott Bernstein, Jeffery Bland, Jonathan Bloom, John Bowman, Andy Brown, Daniel Bueno, Doug Cohen, Jason Cohen, Yinka Faleli, Brett Galtner, Peter Galtrey, Jimmy Goldwasser, Gerry Gorman, Nolan Gromacki, Farsch Gullak, Keir Gumbs, Zach Hammerman, Marc Hirschman, Dr. Jesus Jimenez, Jay Johnson, Phil Kaplan, Dr. David Katzman, Paul Kindl, Josh Levey, Rob Merin, John Meyer, Dick Miles, Craig Moore, Bob Newmark, Bruce Olson, Braxton Payne, Norman Pressman, Grant Rauner, Paul Rauner, Ron Redwing, Mark Rubin, Ted Sandtitz, Barry Sandweiss, Howie Sher, Matt Smith, Michael Staenberg, Scott Stern, Tim Stern, Bryan Thorson, Richard Von Glahn, Dr. David Weinstein, Fred Wellman, Brian Wingbermuehle, Alan Wolf, Mike Wolff, Chris Wolf



ACCESS FOR ALL MISSOURIANS



National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis



Missouri Healthcare Professionals for Reproductive Rights

When: Monday, October 14 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Where: Address provided the week before the event
[RSVP Here](#)

It's time for the men in our lives to step up for Amendment 3! We are thrilled to welcome **Men 4 Choice** Co-Executive Director **Oren Jacobson** to St. Louis. If you're an ally who cares about everyone having the freedom to make their own reproductive decisions, then this program is for you! Today, too many men sit passively on the sidelines in the fight for reproductive freedom and we need your help.

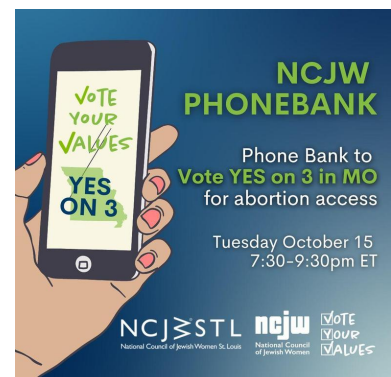
Please join us to learn how men can step up and fight for reproductive freedom. After Oren's presentation, you will have the opportunity to take part in an optional action to encourage men across Missouri to vote YES on Amendment 3.

Please [click here](#) to register. Address will be provided the week before the event. For more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

NCJW's Missouri Phone Bank to Vote Yes on Amendment 3

When: Tuesday, October 15 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Where: Zoom
[RSVP Here](#)




If you're passionate about ending Missouri's cruel abortion ban but feel that knocking on doors isn't for you, we invite you to join us for an Amendment 3 phone banking event in partnership with NCJW National. This is a powerful opportunity to make your voice heard and encourage Missouri voters to vote YES on 3!



NCJW PHONEBANK

Phone Bank to
Vote YES on 3 in MO
for abortion access

Tuesday October 15
7:30-9:30pm ET

By participating, you can help drive meaningful change toward enshrining reproductive justice in Missouri. Your involvement matters, and with NCJW's guidance and support, this user-friendly event will be both accessible and rewarding. Join us in making a difference—let's work together to #EndTheBanMO. **Advocates from any state are invited to participate - so if you have friends who live outside of MO, please encourage them to sign up!**

Please [click here](#) to register. For more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

We Need Your Help to Make Sure We Pass Amendment 3!

When: Sunday, October 20 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Where: NCJWSTL Office | 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd.

[RSVP Here](#)

Join us to knock doors to educate and mobilize folks to VOTE YES on AMENDMENT 3 to end Missouri's abortion ban!



Never canvassed or knocked doors before? No problem!

- Door Knockers Extraordinaire and NCJWSTL Members, **State Senator Tracy McCreery and the Honorable Jill Schupp** will lead training along with other experienced canvassers
- We knock doors for 2 hours
- We can pair you with a partner
- We end with a quick debrief

Talking to voters is a critical part of winning a campaign. By knocking doors, we will take back our freedom and put families — not politicians — in charge of personal medical decisions by enshrining the Right to Reproductive Freedom in our Missouri Constitution. Your participation is essential, and together we can make a significant difference!

All canvassers will receive a free NCJWSTL t-shirt!

To register and for more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

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!**

October Lunch and Learn: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention



Thursday, October 24, 2024
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Emily Stoinski

When: Thursday, October 24 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

A longtime priority issue for NCJWSTL is domestic violence as we strive to help develop and pass effective public policy to address intimate partner violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to ensure increased emphasis on prevention, accountability for perpetrators and justice and resources for survivors.

For our October Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Emily Stoinski (she/her/hers), who is passionate about empowering the community to respond to domestic, relationship and sexual violence and addressing the experience and needs of marginalized populations. Having spent seven plus years working directly with survivors of domestic and sexual violence and/or providing community education, Emily believes every person has the ability to prevent and/or reduce the impact of violence in their relationships, families, and larger community. Emily Stoinski also serves as the chair for the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Panel for the City of St. Louis.

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

NCJWSTL 2024 Election Guide

NCJWSTL ELECTION GUIDE

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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National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis

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.

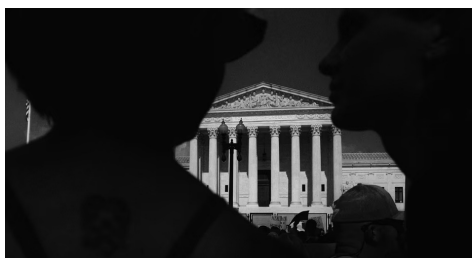
[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

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Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading



In the year after the U.S. Supreme Court dismantled the constitutional right to abortion in June 2022, more than 200 pregnant women faced criminal charges for conduct associated with their pregnancy, pregnancy loss or birth, according to a new report.

The report was produced by Pregnancy Justice, a

nonprofit that advocates for the rights of pregnant people, including the right to abortion. Researchers in multiple states documented 210 cases of women being charged for pregnancy-related conduct in 12 states from June 24, 2022, to June 23, 2023, the first year after the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional right to an abortion, throwing the issue to the states.

[Click here](#) to read Anna Claire Vollers' article from the Missouri Independent, "200+ Women Faced Criminal Charges Over Pregnancy in Year After Dobbs, Report Finds."

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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