



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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## THIS WEEK! Cocktails and Causes: Sip, Savor, and Stand for Change

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*Cocktails & CAUSES*

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**  
7 - 8 PM

Join us to discuss the impact of the 2025 MO Legislative Session on our priority issues.

**Amy Kuo Hammerman**  
State Policy Advocate

**Sarah Martin**  
Professional Lobbyist  
NCJWSTL Board Member

**When:** Thursday, May 22 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
**Where:** NCJWSTL Office | 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
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The Missouri legislative session has ended and many of us are shocked and infuriated about their success in overturning **Amendment 3** and **Prop A**, rolling back progress on several key NCJWSTL priorities.

But what does it all really mean for our community?

Join NCJWSTL for a powerful evening of **Cocktails and Causes**, where we'll unpack the session's twists, turns, and what it all means moving forward. We're honored to welcome **State Policy Advocate Amy Kuo Hammerman and professional lobbyist – and NCJWSTL board member – Sarah Martin** for an eye-opening conversation.

Expect candid insights, real talk, and answers to your burning questions—served up with cocktails and appetizers (trust us, after this session, you'll want both).

We can't wait to raise a glass with you and dive into this critical conversation!

*Cocktails and Causes is free of charge, but please [click here](#) to register by May 20th.*

**Please note that the correct date is May 22, as it has been changed from a previously published date. Thank you!**

# Webinar: All 2025 Politics is Local

**When:** Wednesday, May 28 | 1:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

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While many wrongly call it an "off-year", 2025 is, in fact, a BIG election(s) year - with scores of state, local, and special races happening every single month! To say nothing of the states and municipalities that will head to the polls on Election Day proper in November.



Join Nonprofit Vote for "All 2025 Politics is Local" to learn about the local elections happening from coast to coast this year (because there are PLENTY) and how you can learn community outreach skills for voter engagement. You'll also hear about best practices for connecting the importance of voting to every day topics like parks, schools, public safety, and even those dreaded potholes.

Whether you're happy or not-so-happy about the results of last year's presidential election, in 2025 all politics is local - making it a perfect opportunity to emphasize the important impact local elected leaders have on our everyday lives.

Please [click here](#) to register for what is sure to be an informative webinar.

## Petition: Support Families by Supporting Women



The Trump administration is attempting to increase the US birthrate and promote "family values" by providing frivolous incentives like menstrual cycle classes, monetary "baby bonuses," and medals to mothers with six or more children. This initiative is part of a broader trend led by conservative lawmakers to restrict reproductive freedom while failing to meaningfully address the real challenges that American women and families face.

Instead, if our nation is serious about encouraging family formation, we must focus on what women actually need: **the freedom to decide if and when to have children, the resources to raise children, and the ability to thrive while doing so.**

A lower birthrate is not a crisis. The real crisis is a political agenda that treats women's bodies as tools of the state while ignoring what it actually takes to raise a child in America.

Please [click here](#) to urge elected officials at every level to center the voices, rights, and needs of women and families — not ideology — in policymaking.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2025!** 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 2025.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
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Join the A-list [here](#).





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[Click here](#) to read Katerina Canyon's article from *The Missouri Independent*, "Why Cutting Public Broadcasting Hurts Missouri Communities."

**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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