



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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## Why NO on Amendment 3 Matters: Voices from the Field

**When:** Wednesday, July 1 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
**Where:** NCJWSTL Office | 311 N. Lindbergh Blvd.  
[Register Here](#)

Join NCJWSTL and JCRC St. Louis for an urgent and powerful conversation about what's at stake in the fight to protect abortion access in Missouri. *Why NO on Amendment 3 Matters: Voices from the Field* brings together three longtime leaders in the movement: Jody Rabhan, NCJW, Inc.'s brand new CEO and 40+ year abortion rights advocate; Dana Sandweiss, President and Co-Founder of AccessMO and Co-Chair of NCJWSTL's PATH Coalition; and Alex Cook, Director of Organizing and Campaigns and Abortion Action MO. They will break down what Amendment 3 could mean for Missourians and why this moment demands action.

**This isn't just a panel discussion. It's a chance to get informed, get energized, and get involved.**

Learn how you can help stop Missouri's latest attempt to ban abortion, connect with fellow advocates, and be part of the growing movement to protect reproductive freedom.

*This event is free of charge, but **registration is required** by [clicking here](#). Light refreshments will be served. *Why NO on Amendment 3 Matters: Voices from the Field* is co-sponsored by AccessMO, B'nai Amoona, MaTovu and Shaare Emeth.*

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### WHY NO ON AMENDMENT 3 Matters: VOICES FROM THE FIELD

**VOTE NO ON 3**

**DANA SANDWEISS**  
President and Co-Founder of AccessMO

**JODY RABHAN**  
CEO of NCJW, Inc. and 40+ year abortion rights advocate

**ALEX COOK**  
Director of Organizing and Campaigns at Abortion Action MO

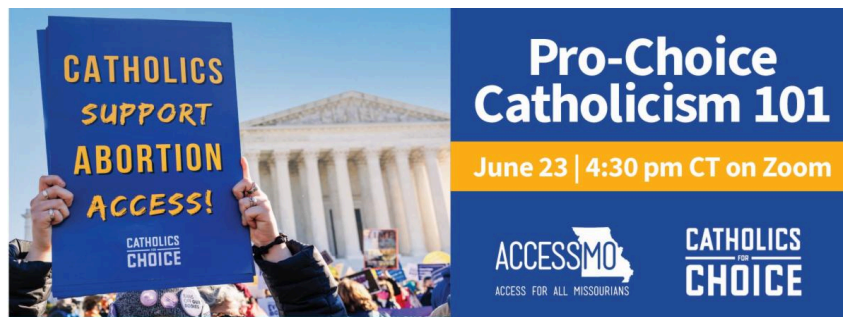
Join us for an important conversation about Amendment 3 and learn how you can volunteer to help the effort to stop Missouri's brazen attempt to ban abortion.

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## Pro-Choice Catholicism 101 Workshop With AccessMO



**When:** Tuesday, June 23 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM

**Where:** Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Join Access MO and Catholics for Choice for a virtual conversation about faith and reproductive freedom.

If you care about protecting reproductive freedom in Missouri, this workshop is for you. Join Catholics for Choice to learn practical, respectful, and effective ways to talk about abortion and faith — even across differences. Whether you're Catholic or not, these conversations matter, and this session will help you have them with confidence and compassion. All are welcome!

Please [click here](#) to register. Event is co-sponsored by Eden Theological Seminary, Kirkwood United Church of Christ, NCJWSTL, Parkway United Church of Christ, Peace Church UCC, Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice.

## The More You Know: Understanding What's on the August Ballot and why it Matters

**THE MORE YOU KNOW** UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S ON THE AUGUST BALLOT & WHY IT MATTERS

**Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.**  
At Congregation Shaare Emeth  
11645 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO

The ballot for the upcoming election on August 4 contains several **proposed amendments to the Missouri Constitution that will have a major and long-lasting impact on our state.**

Join us as WashU voting rights and constitutional law expert, **Travis Crum**, and former Federal Reserve economist, **William Emmons**, help us understand the effects of a yes or no vote on these important ballot measures.

**Gain the knowledge you need to make an informed decision on these amendments BEFORE you enter the voting booth.**

**RSVP by June 21 at [sestl.co/ballot0826](http://sestl.co/ballot0826)**

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Join the Voting Rights Committee on June 23rd at 7:30pm at Congregation Shaare Emeth as Wash U voting rights and constitutional law expert, Travis Crum, and former Federal Reserve economist William Emmons help us understand the effects of a yes or no vote on these important ballot

measures. Gain the knowledge you need to make an informed decision on these amendments BEFORE you enter the voting booth.

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## Add Your Name to Help Protect Majority Rule in MO!

Right now, a ballot measure passes in Missouri if it gets a **majority of the votes** statewide. [Amendment 4 would change that](#) and make it virtually impossible for citizens to pass ballot measures. Instead of using the total statewide vote, a measure would need to win a majority of votes in **all eight** of Missouri's congressional districts in order to pass.



Under Amendment 4, your vote can be cancelled by just ONE congressional district — that means just 7% of voters could vote down what the rest of the state approves.

**We should never vote to give up our own power and hand it over to politicians and the special interests who control them.** Missourians across the political spectrum – Republicans, Independents, and Democrats – oppose Amendment 4.

[Click here](#) to add your name to join the No on Amendment 4 campaign to protect majority rule.

## Become a Court Watch Volunteer!



We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL is now coordinating the Domestic Violence (DV) Court Watch Program. Court Watch is a volunteer-powered initiative designed to bring transparency, accountability, and humanity to domestic violence and Order of Protection cases in St. Louis. This is an opportunity for individuals seeking to make a measurable difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and strengthen accountability in our justice system. No legal background is required. NCJWSTL will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to all participants.

***Are you interested in learning more?*** Watch for information regarding future trainings and volunteer registrations. For more information about Court Watch, please contact Rachel Bray, NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager, at [rbray@ncjwstl.org](mailto:rbray@ncjwstl.org) or call [314-514-4955](tel:314-514-4955).

## Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition,

and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).

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

### Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

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

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.



- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.

Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).

## Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with [Beacon Reproductive Health Network](#) 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, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, 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).

## 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 2026!** 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 2026.

- **\$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.



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## Interesting Reading



This year, Missouri joins Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Florida in use of an A-F public school and district grading framework.

In this accountability system, states consider usual metrics like graduation rates and state testing scores to determine a district's "grade." These data points are also used by the Missouri State Board of Education when electing to take over a local district and turn it over to state-appointed leaders. But there's a crucial data

point these decisions don't consider: health.

[Click here](#) to read Medelyn Yoo's article from the Missouri Independent, "State Takeovers of Local School Districts Impact More Than Grades and Finances."

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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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