



Make a Plan to Vote on or Before August 4th!



Missouri voters will decide several important statewide constitutional amendments on the August 4 ballot, including measures affecting taxes, the initiative petition process, and local government. **These issues will have a lasting impact on our state, making every vote count.**

Below is a brief overview of each amendment, courtesy of our friends at [Beacon Reproductive Health Network](#):

- **Amendment 1:** Renews Missouri's existing one-tenth-cent sales tax that supports state parks, historic sites, and soil and water conservation. It's not a new tax. *NCJWSTL has not taken a position on Amendment 1.*
- **Amendment 2:** Requires all Missouri charter counties, including Jackson County, to elect a county assessor. All other charter counties already do this. *NCJWSTL has not taken a position on Amendment 2.*
- **Amendment 4:** Would make it harder for citizen-initiated constitutional amendments to pass. The proposal would require majority approval in all congressional districts instead of statewide voter support. Previous citizen-led amendments have included Medicaid expansion and enshrining our abortion rights. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote NO on Amendment 4.**
- **Amendment 5:** Eliminates the state income tax and relies more heavily on sales and use taxes to fund government services. Would lead to higher taxes on purchases such as groceries, healthcare, childcare, and other everyday goods and services, while shifting more of the tax burden onto middle- and lower-income Missourians. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote NO on Amendment 5.**

[Click here](#) to check your voter registration, confirm your polling place, review what's on your ballot, and make your voting plan before **early voting begins July 21st and polls officially open on Tuesday, August 4th.**

TOMORROW! Postcards for Democracy: Help Get Out the Vote

When: Tuesday, July 14 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: NCJWSTL Office | 311 N. Lindbergh Blvd.

[Register Here](#)

We are proud to endorse the NO on Amendments 4 and 5 campaigns and we **need your help to turn support into action.**

Join NCJWSTL and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice for an evening of community and civic engagement as we write postcards encouraging voters to head to the polls and make their voices heard in the August election. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or looking for an easy way to get involved, this is a simple and meaningful opportunity to make a difference.

Bring a friend! We will provide everything you need, including postcards, pens, stamps, voter lists, and sample messages.

Together, we can help boost voter turnout and make a difference this August.

Please RSVP to Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. We hope to see you there!

VOTE NO ON 4 AND 5 — Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice — NCJWSTL — VOTE NO ON 4 AND 5

POSTCARDS FOR DEMOCRACY



TUESDAY, JULY 14

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

NCJW OFFICE
295 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

Drop in anytime to write
NO on 4 and 5 postcards for
the August election.

POSTCARDS AND STAMPS SUPPLIED

RSVP to Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org

Knock Doors to Talk to Voters about Voting NO on Amendments 4 and 5!



When: Sunday July 19 and 26 and August 2 | 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: Location Shared Upon Registration

[Register Here](#)

Politicians in Missouri are putting two amendments on the ballot in August that would take power from everyday Missourians and give it to the wealthy few. Amendment 4 would make it almost impossible for voters to get laws passed that matter to us, leaving that power in the hands of politicians and special interests. Amendment 5 would allow

politicians to raise taxes on items working families can't go without to save money for the wealthy few.

We need to talk with our neighbors so they understand these issues and can join us in voting NO! Democracy in our state depends on us taking action.

Come join the weekend canvass: There will be a brief training, knocking on doors to talk to voters, and then a debrief about the experience after.

Please [click here](#) to register for one or more canvassing opportunities.

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 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.

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.

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.

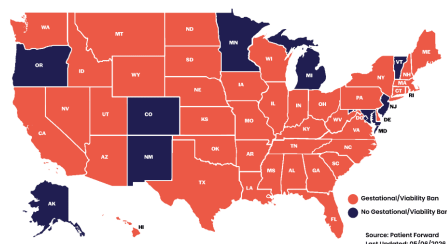
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Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading



Later abortion is one of the most stigmatized and least understood aspects of reproductive health—yet some of the voices perpetuating that stigma come from inside the reproductive rights movement itself. Meanwhile, while most abortions happen in the first trimester, later abortions are increasing as restrictions and bans are delaying care and creating the very conditions that make them necessary.

[Click here](#) to read Carrie N. Baker's article from Ms. Magazine, "What to Know About Later Abortions: Myths, Barriers and Patient Stories."

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

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