



**ADVOCACY
IN ACTION**
ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

Our friends at the League of Women Voters of Missouri have put together a comprehensive, easy-to-follow summary of the amendments on the upcoming August 4th and November 3rd ballots. If you're looking for clear, nonpartisan information to help you make an informed decision before Election Day, it's a terrific resource to check out by [clicking here](#).

Help Stop Voter Suppression by Volunteering for Election Protection

Every eligible voter deserves to have their vote counted.

That's the cornerstone of our democracy. And we all suffer when eligible, registered voters are turned away from the polls, unable to find their polling place, or otherwise blocked from exercising their rights.

That's why every election year, thousands of Election Protection volunteers are trained and deployed across the nation. These nonpartisan volunteers serve as voters' first line of defense against confusing voting rules, outdated infrastructure, rampant misinformation, and needless obstacles to the ballot box.

With misinformation running rampant on social media and thousands of proposed new anti-voter restrictions, we need our programs to match or exceed that effort in every election this year. This is simply an unprecedented time for our elections, and that's why we're asking for your help today.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to volunteer.



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



Paid for by Protect Freedom and Democracy
Joel Darragh, Treasurer, 620 E Armour Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64109

When: Sunday July 5, 12, 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 doors to talk to voters, and then a debrief about the experience after.

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

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.

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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

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



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

As we persevere in our commitment to protect abortion rights in Missouri, we are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots.

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.

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

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

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



Interesting Reading



The fight over Amendment 5 has largely been framed as a tax debate, with those in favor of the proposal pitching it as a way to drive more business to Missouri. But for public school advocates, the central question is what happens to classrooms if the state phases out a tax that supplies a major share of general revenue and replaces it with sales taxes under the purview of the state legislature. This is a really bad idea.

[Click here](#) to read Annelise Hanshaw's article from *The Missouri Independent*, "Missouri Parent Groups Organize Against Amendment 5 Over School Funding Concerns."

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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