



Tomorrow is Election Day!



Missouri voters will decide several important statewide constitutional amendments on tomorrow's 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!

Get Election Ready For November: Registration, Election Info and More

When: Tuesday, September 1 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Where: The Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place
[Register Here](#)

Get ready to vote with confidence! Nationally recognized attorney Denise Lieberman discusses Missouri's voting process, including registration basics, important deadlines, voter ID requirements, absentee voting, and different ways to cast your ballot. In addition, Denise will explore accessibility resources for voters, offer practical tips for spotting misinformation, and explain where to find trustworthy election information.

Denise is Director and General Counsel at the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC), a nonpartisan statewide network of voter advocates, and serves as faculty director of the Voter Access and Engagement Initiative at Washington University in St. Louis, where she is also as an adjunct professor of law and political science.

This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis, and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice.

There is no cost to register, but RSVP required. To register, [click here](#), call [314-733-9813](tel:314-733-9813), or email program@mirowitzcenter.org.



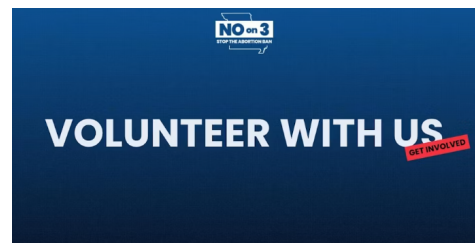
Virtual Weekly Phone Bank to Keep Abortion Legal in Missouri

When: Every Wednesday | 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Where: Virtual
[Register Here](#)

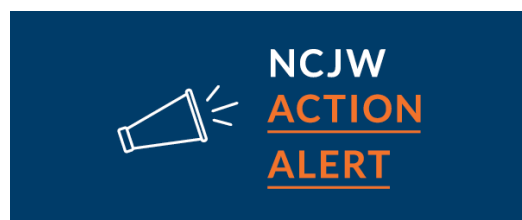
Missourians voted to protect reproductive freedom, and now we must do it again. Amendment 3 is an attempt to overturn the will of the voters and pave the way for another abortion ban in Missouri. Every conversation matters, and **phone banking is one of the most effective ways to educate voters and mobilize support to defeat Amendment 3.**

Join the [Stop the Ban Coalition](#) every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM to help stop Amendment 3. They will provide the training and support you need to get started, and once you're trained, you can phone bank whenever it works best for your schedule. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or making your first calls, your voice can make a difference in protecting abortion rights in Missouri.

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



Urge Your Members of Congress to Support or Cosponsor the Universal School Meals Program Act



[The Universal School Meals Program Act](#) (S. 4518/H.R. 8798) would create permanent nationwide healthy school meals for all, increase reimbursement rates for school meals, end lunch shaming, reimburse schools for meal debt, provide incentives for local food procurement, expand summer meal access, and expand the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Providing school meals for all students not only ensures a welcoming environment, but also eliminates stigma, embarrassment, and barriers to participation. A robust school meals program can

achieve this by creating a supportive environment where all students can access nutritious school meals.

We need to continue building on what we know works in order to fuel children's health and learning.

[Click here](#) to urge your members of congress to support the Universal School Meals Program Act.

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 Jen Bernstein, NCJWSTL Director of Advocacy, at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call [314-514-4974](tel:314-514-4974).

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 over 1,200 individuals and 103 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.

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



Interesting Reading



Denny Hoskins wants to cut a library's funding over two books he has not read.

A children's story time at a Missouri library has sparked statewide controversy, with top state officials calling for consequences over its LGBTQ+ theme. But what really happened and what does it mean for libraries across Missouri? This article breaks down the facts behind the headlines and why the issue has implications far

beyond a single event.

[Click here](#) to read Jason Hancock's article from *The Missouri Independent*, "What Missouri Officials Didn't Explain About an LGBTQ+ Library Story Time."

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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