

# Parkville Public Forum Fact Sheet

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# The General Election:

**-Is on November 8th**

**-Will have both Republicans and Democrats on the ballot**

**-Is just a midterm this year, so the governorship is not up for election**

**-Here is a link to an election calendar for past/future elections**

**<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/calendar/2022cal>**

# Registering to vote

## To register in Missouri you must:

- be a citizen of the U.S and a resident of MO
- be 17 ½ years of age or older
- not be on probation/parole

## Deadline to register for the General Election was October 12th 2022

- you can register in person, via mail, or online by clicking [here](#)

# Voting

**-If you don't know your local polling location, you can look it up here 2-4 weeks before election day**

**<https://www.vote.org/polling-place-locator/>**

**-The polls will be open from 6am-7pm (November 8th)**

**-You will need to provide an acceptable form of non-expired ID**

**-(Driver's License, Military ID, U.S Passport)**

# Absentee Voting

## **-You are eligible for an excuse absentee ballot if you are/will be:**

- incapacitated due to illness/disability
- absent on election day
- an election worker, first responder, or healthcare worker
- prevented by religious beliefs from going to the polls
- in jail but still have the right to vote
- an Active-duty military personnel
- a Missouri Citizen living outside the U.S

## **-Excuse Absentee voting begins on September 27th 2022**

## **-No Excuse Absentee voting begins on October 25th 2022**

- Absentee voters without an excuse must vote in-person at a designated location

## **-All Absentee ballots must be submitted before November 7th 5:00pm**

# The Ballot:

-Parkville residents are in the 12th MO House District

-Thus your ballot will look like this



-Here is a link to the full ballot:

<https://www.plattemovotes.org/ballot>

(We are just district 12, we are NOT in KC)

OFFICIAL BALLOT General Election Platte County, Missouri November 8, 2022		1
<b>Instructions</b> Completely fill in the target next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/> If you do not see the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, check the target the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the write-in line provided. If you are in favor of the question, completely fill in the target opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, completely fill in the target opposite "NO". NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled-in target. There can be no wavy lines, stray marks, check marks, or cross outs on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.	<b>Platte County For Presiding Commissioner</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Scott Ficker <input type="radio"/> John DeFoor Jr. <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> <b>For County Clerk</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Jera Pratt <input type="radio"/> Rebecca Nattinger <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> <b>For County Auditor</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Kevin Robinson <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	Shall Judge KAREN KING MITCHELL of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Shall Judge MARK D. PFEIFFER of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Shall Judge DOUG THOMSON of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>Federal</b> <b>For United States Senator</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Eric Schmitt <input type="radio"/> Toby Beach Valentine <input type="radio"/> Jonathan Dine <input type="radio"/> Paul Venable <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	<b>For Recorder of Deeds</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Christopher L. Wright <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/> <b>For Collector</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Sheila L. Palmer <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	<b>CIRCUIT JUDGES 6th Judicial Circuit Division No. 1</b> Shall Judge THOMAS C. FINCHAM, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>State of Missouri</b> <b>For State Auditor</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Scott Fitzpatrick <input type="radio"/> Alan Green <input type="radio"/> John A. Harberg, Jr. <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	<b>For Prosecuting Attorney</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Eric Zahra <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	<b>Division No. 2</b> Shall Judge ANN HANSBROUGH, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>For United States Representative 6th District</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Sam Graves <input type="radio"/> Henry Martin <input type="radio"/> Edward A. (Andy) Madson <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	<b>Official Judicial Ballot</b> Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below, whose terms expire December 31, 2022, shall be retained in office for new terms. <b>VOTE ON EACH JUDGE</b> <b>MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGES</b> Shall Judge ZEL M FISCHER of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	<b>ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGES 6th Judicial Circuit Division No. 4</b> Shall Judge MEGAN BLAIR BENTON, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>State Legislature</b> <b>For State Senator District 34</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Tony Luckenmeyer <input type="radio"/> Sarah Sharter <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	<b>For State Representative District 12</b> <b>Vote for ONE:</b> Tom Huber <input type="radio"/> Jamie Johnson <input type="radio"/> Write-in <input type="radio"/>	Shall Judge ROBIN RANSOM of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, WESTERN DISTRICT</b> Shall Judge ALIX ARLJA of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>

# What's on the Ballot?

## **Elections to Federal Legislature**

-U.S Senate

-U.S House of Representatives

## **Elections to State Legislature**

-State Senator (District 34)

-State Representative (District 12)

## **Elections to State Executive Office**

-State Auditor

## **Elections to County Positions**

-Presiding Commissioner

-County Clerk

-County Auditor

-Recorder of Deeds

-County Collector

-Prosecuting Attorney

## **Judicial Ballot**

-Missouri Supreme Court Judges

-Missouri Court of Appeals

-Circuit Judges

-Associate Circuit Judges

## **Questions**

-Constitutional Amendments

-Constitutional Convention

-Transportation Tax Question

# Federal Legislature: U.S. Senate

## Job Description:

- U.S Senators vote on and present federal pieces of legislation in the “upper chamber”
- U.S Senators are supposed to represent their constituents’ interests
- Each state gets 2 U.S. Senators who are elected for 6 year terms

Federal	
For United States Senator	
(Vote for ONE)	
Eric Schmitt	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Trudy Busch Valentine	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
Jonathan Dine	Libertarian <input type="radio"/>
Paul Venable	Constitution <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>



# Federal Legislature: U.S. House Representative

## Job Description:

- U.S. House Representatives vote on and present federal pieces of legislation in the “lower chamber”
- U.S. House Representatives are responsible for representing their respective districts
- There are 435 house representatives of which Missouri has 8. They are elected to 2 year terms.

For United States Representative 6th District	
<b>(Vote for ONE)</b>	
Sam Graves	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Henry Martin	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
Edward A (Andy) Maidment	Libertarian <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>

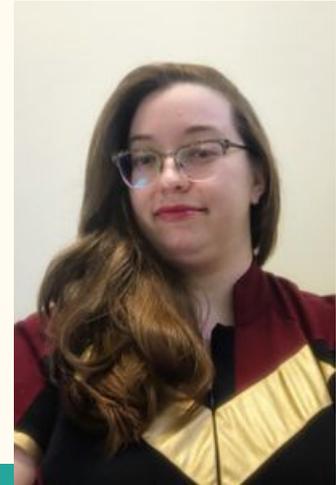


# Elections to State Legislature: State Senator

## Job Description:

- Similar to U.S. Senator except you only have to represent your state's district instead of the entire state
- There are 34 senators in Missouri's legislative branch who all serve 4 year terms
- State legislators work closer with their local constituents than U.S. legislators

State Legislature	
For State Senator District 34	
<b>(Vote for ONE)</b>	
Tony Luetkemeyer	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Sarah Shorter	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>



# Elections to State Legislature: State Representative

## Job Description:

- Similar to U.S Representatives except State representatives represent a smaller district
- There are 163 House Representatives in Missouri's legislative branch who all serve 2 year terms
- State legislators work closer with their local constituents than U.S. legislators

For State Representative District 12	
(Vote for ONE)	
Tom Hutsler	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Jamie Johnson	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
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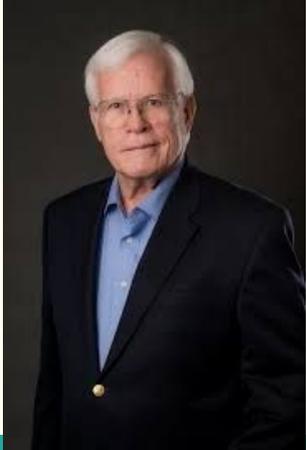


# State Executive Office: State Auditor

## Job Description:

- The State Auditor holds the state government (agencies, boards, legislature) financially accountable
- By performing audits/investigations, the State Auditor ensures state funds are spent legally and efficiently
- All audits are supposed to be non-partisan
- State Auditors will also audit counties and can be petitioned to audit local political districts/subdivisions

State of Missouri	
For State Auditor	
(Vote for ONE)	
Scott Fitzpatrick	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Alan Green	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
John A. Hartwig, Jr.	Libertarian <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>



# County Positions: Presiding Commissioner

## Job Description:

- Presiding commissioners act as a sort of “President of the County”
- Sets the budget at the county level and appoints individuals to certain boards and committees
- Serve on a panel of 2 other County Commissioners who all serve 4 year terms

Platte County	
<b>For Presiding Commissioner</b>	
<b>(Vote for ONE)</b>	
Scott Fricker	Republican <input type="radio"/>
John DeFoor Sr.	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
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# County Positions: County Clerk

**Job Description:**

- County clerks, at least for platte county, preserve and maintain official records
- Issues permits/licenses such as liquor, tow truck, or auctioneer licenses.
- Responsible for retrieving requested records under Missouri Sunshine Law

<b>For County Clerk</b>	
<b>(Vote for ONE)</b>	
Jera Pruitt	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Rebecca Nafzinger	Democratic <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>



# County Positions: County Auditor

## Job Description:

- Similar to a State Auditor, just at a smaller scale. Still responsible for auditing/checking financial reports
- Responsible for completing compliance audits, making sure organizations are abiding by regulations
- Oversees the spending of county funds
- Makes annual budget which is then approved by presiding county commissioner.

For County Auditor	
(Vote for ONE)	
Kevin Robinson	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
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# County Positions: Recorder of Deeds

## Job Description:

- Record, store, and maintain Real estate transactions
- Issue and keep track of marriage licenses
- Issue and keep track of military discharge documents

For Recorder of Deeds	
(Vote for ONE)	
Christopher L. Wright	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
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# County Positions: County Collector

## Job Description:

- The County Collector collects and handles all types of County taxes ranging from income to property
- The Collector's office bills out tax statements each year that citizens must pay
- The Collector is **not** responsible for raising or lowering taxes

<b>For Collector</b>	
<b>(Vote for ONE)</b>	
Sheila L. Palmer	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
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# County Positions: Prosecuting Attorney

## Job Description:

- The Prosecuting Attorney charges those who break County laws/ordinances
- County Prosecuting Attorneys have a particular focus on enforcing child support obligations
- The Prosecutor's office prosecutes and investigate all types of crimes however

For Prosecuting Attorney	
(Vote for ONE)	
Eric Zahnd	Republican <input type="radio"/>
Write-in	<input type="radio"/>
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# Judicial Ballot: Missouri Supreme Court Judges

## Job Description:

- Missouri Supreme Court Judges are appointed by the Governor and serve 12 year terms
- A simple majority vote is needed to remove a judge (Missouri has 7 Supreme Court Justices)
- They comprise the “court of last resort” which means they have the final say/decision in State cases
- Has exclusive authority over cases regarding tax laws, death penalty cases, and cases determining whether MO laws abide by the MO Constitution

Shall Judge ZEL M FISCHER of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?

YES

NO

Shall Judge ROBIN RANSOM of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?

YES

NO



# Judicial Ballot: Missouri Court of Appeals

## Job Description:

- The Missouri Court of Appeals serves as the intermediate appellate court (They also serve for 12 years)
- If a losing party thinks a trial court decision was a mistake, then the Court of Appeals will hear the case
- Most decisions (about 90%) made by the Missouri Court of Appeals are final (MO Supreme Court chooses not to hear the case)

Shall Judge ALOK AHUJA of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?

YES

NO

Shall Judge KAREN KING MITCHELL of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?

YES

NO

Shall Judge MARK D. PFEIFFER of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?

YES

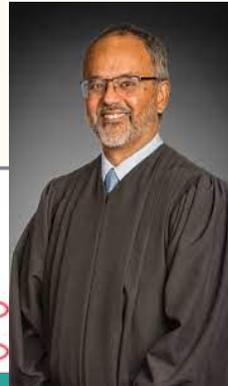
NO

Shall Judge DOUG THOMSON of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?

YES

NO

Alok



Karen



Mark



Doug



# Judicial Ballot: Circuit Judges

## Job Description:

- Circuit Judges serve 4 year terms
- Circuit Judges are those who first hear a case, meaning they have “original jurisdiction”
- Circuit Judges hear both criminal and civil cases alike
- They are also known as Trial Judges

Division No. 1	Division No. 2
Shall Judge THOMAS C. FINCHAM, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?	Shall Judge ANN HANSBROUGH, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?
YES <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>



# Judicial Ballot: Associate Circuit Judges

## -Job Description

- Associate Circuit Judges serve 4 year terms and elected by popular vote in Platte County
- They hear preliminary cases, meaning they determine if there is “probable cause” that a defendant committed a felony
- Associate Circuit Judges may work in multiple districts or counties in contrast to Circuit Judges who can only serve 1 district

Division No. 4	
Shall Judge MEGAN BLAIR BENTON, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office?	
YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>



# Questions: Constitutional Convention

- Every 20 years, Missouri voters are asked if they want a Constitutional Convention
- A simple majority is needed to convene one
- Since this process started in 1962, the measure has been rejected every time
- In a Constitutional Convention, delegates are elected to revise/amend the MO Constitution

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION	
Submitted by John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State, State of Missouri	
Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the Constitution?	
YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

- Any revisions made must be approved by a majority of MO Voters

# Questions: Constitutional Amendments

## **-The Missouri Constitution may be amended or changed via 3 methods**

1. Constitutional Conventions (as we already addressed)
2. Legislatively Approved (if the MO House and Senate both approve one)
3. Initiated by MO Citizens (citizens may petition for an amendment)

## **-There are 4 amendments on the ballot**

1. Allow the State Treasurer to invest in municipal securities
2. Legalize marijuana use for those above the age of 21
3. Increase minimum amount of funding that can be allocated to Police forces
4. Separate the MO National Guard from the MO Department of Public Safety

# Questions: Transportation Tax Question

-Platte County Commission voted to lower a sales tax from 0.375% to 0.25%

<b>PLATTE COUNTY</b>
<b>QUESTION NO. 1</b>
Shall the County of Platte renew the countywide sales tax for the use of transportation related projects, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, drainage structures, and sidewalks, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent for a period of ten years from the date on which such tax will expire?
YES <input type="radio"/>
NO <input type="radio"/>

-This sales tax pays for transportation infrastructure

- A simple majority of Platte County residents is needed to approve the tax cut

-The tax cut would last for 10 years

# That's all:

-For further information visit these websites:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Main\\_Page](https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page)

<https://www.co.platte.mo.us/>