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Citizens’ for the Arts Day in Jefferson City
Wednesday, Feb. 6th

7:00-7:20 AM - Check in at ArtsKC, 106 Southwest Boulevard, KCMO 64108

7:10 AM – Bus pick up from Arts District Garage

7:20 AM – Bus pick-up from ArtsKC office
(Please note, we will leave promptly at 7:30am.)

7:55 AM – Brief stop at Blue Ridge Bank at 4200 Little Blue Pkwy, Independence, MO 64057 to pick up Eastern Jackson County Advocates

10:00 AM – Arrival and Registration, Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 W High St, Jefferson City, MO 65101 Rooms 490-492

10:30 AM – Morning briefing + Materials pick-up
  • Rep. Kathy Swan
  • Kyna Iman

12:00 -1:00 PM – Luncheon with Kansas City-area legislators. Hosted by Senator Jason Holsman outside Senator Holsman’s Office, Room 428

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Appointments with Legislators throughout the Capital Reference appointments contact sheet for schedule of appointments

*Optional – Missouri Arts Council Awards Ceremony – Honoring the Kansas City Symphony - Capitol Rotunda

3:30 PM – Load the bus back to Kansas City. Bus will drop off where it picked up along the route. We hope to be back sooner, if traffic allows.

Thursday, February 7th – Please take a moment to fill out an ArtsKC survey to be sent via email.
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Frequently Asked Questions

How should I dress for Legislative Day?

Business casual. You will be walking throughout the day inside and outside so please keep that in mind in case it is cold outside. Wear comfortable shoes.

How do I find my way around the Capitol?

When you load the bus in Kansas City you will be provided a packet of important information including a map of the Missouri State Capitol and the surrounding area. You can always call ArtsKC staff if you have any questions.

Is meeting my representative required for Legislative Day?

Meeting with your elected officials is not a requirement; however we hope you will take the time to do so. Time is allotted to visit your representatives from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. If you choose not to we recommend networking with other participants and attending the special performance at the Capitol Rotunda and the Missouri Arts Council Award Ceremony.

What talking points should I cover when I meet with my representative?

Talking points provided by the Missouri Arts Council going over the state-wide arts agenda is provided in your information packet. We hope you will also share your story about how the arts have impacted your life. A one-page handout available for your representative detailing the Kansas City economic impact is provided in your packet as well.

Who else is attending Legislative Day?

Arts advocates, business and civic leaders, and artists from all over Missouri attend Legislative Day. Organizations such as the Missouri Arts Council, Missouri Citizens for the Arts, the St. Louis Regional Arts Commission and ArtsKC participate as well.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Anna Joy Walker – (816) 248-2180 | ajwalker@ArtsKC.org
Heather Beffa – (816) 729-1629 | beffa@ArtsKC.org

Public WiFi is available in the capital. Please note, it may be difficult to get cellular service inside of the Capital Building.
**Organizations**

**ArtsKC** promotes, supports, and advocates for the arts. We are a nonprofit organization serving the five-county region- Clay, Platte and Jackson in Missouri; Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas. We support visual, dance, music, theater, poetry, and interdisciplinary art. Some of our most well-known programs include Grantmaking, Encounter events, and Now Showing, an exhibition program for local visual artists in corporate spaces. ArtsKC aims to connect the arts community by providing detailed information in our online calendar and artists directory, ArtsKCGo.com. We also maintain an online Resource Center with links to local, national and international opportunities for artists, arts organizations, and art enthusiasts. In addition, we work with local government and civic leadership to advocate for the arts. Our community relationships and partnerships keep us up to date on the needs and concerns of the arts ecosystem, as they have since 1999. To get to know us, we recommend our website, ArtsKC.org, or visiting our Gallery any business day, or on First Friday.

The **Missouri Arts Council** supports the arts that strengthen the cultural, educational, and economic vitality of our state. The Missouri Arts Council is the state agency dedicated—as public leader, partner, and catalyst—to broadening the growth, availability, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri and fostering the diversity, vitality, and excellence of Missouri’s communities, economy, and cultural heritage. The grants we award make possible quality arts programming to communities both large and small throughout the state. In addition to funding, we provide technical assistance in community development, fundraising, marketing, grant writing, arts education, artistic disciplines (visual arts, music, literature, theater, dance, festivals, and film/media) and more. Volunteer panels make funding recommendations based on the applicants’ artistic quality, community outreach and support, and management ability. Established as a state agency in 1965, the Missouri Arts Council is a division of the Department of Economic Development. We are funded through the Missouri General Assembly, Missouri Cultural Trust, and National Endowment for the Arts. Learn more at MissouriArtsCouncil.org.

**Missouri Citizens for the Arts** is a non-partisan, state-wide, grass roots organization that advocates to secure stable financial support for the arts to benefit Missouri and its citizens. For more than 30 years, Missouri Citizens for the Arts has provided a presence for Missouri’s arts industry at the state Capitol. MCA grew from a grassroots movement of citizens who recognized the need for ongoing advocacy dedicated to cultivating public support and preservation of the state’s arts industry. MCA is uniquely positioned to identify issues of mutual concern and represent those concerns to public agencies and elected officials whose actions impact the industry. MCA seeks to secure a stable and growing base of public financial support for the arts. MCA informs the public-at-large and private business about the significant contributions the arts make to our society through education, research and technical assistance. A Board of Directors governs MCA with an Executive Committee and an Executive Director. MCA also employs a lobbyist on a contractual basis to insure active participation in the legislative process. Without the work of MCA, public funding for the state arts agency, Fine Arts Academy, and the Missouri Cultural Trust, would surely diminish. MCA reminds legislators that for every single dollar invested in the arts, more than eight dollars are returned to the economy of the state. Organized, statewide arts advocacy is a necessity. Learn more at MO4Arts.org.
Advocacy 101: Talking with your Congressman
By Kristen Johnson

1. Dress professionally

Maybe this seems a little obvious, but it cannot be stressed enough how important it is to look put together. If you are going on behalf of an organization, wear a t-shirt to show that you are representing them—just make sure you wear a blazer or cardigan over it.

2. Schedule a meeting

Yes, it’s really that simple. Call your Representative or Senator’s local office and schedule a meeting. If you are in D.C. and congress is in session, you should schedule a meeting for then. They will appreciate at you took the time and effort to come and see them in person.

3. Have a good relationship with the staff

Be prepared for the fact that you may not meet directly with your member of congress, even when you do schedule a meeting. They have busy schedules and don’t always have time to meet with everyone. Sometimes if you schedule an appointment, the Representative or Senator won’t be available, and you will meet with one of the staff members. Do not think they are “just staff”—they are very qualified and highly dedicated people who work very hard to communicate information to their bosses. They are the gatekeepers—everything goes through them before the Representative or Senator sees it. If you have a good relationship with them, they are more likely to pass along what you give them as it is coming from a familiar face. Treat them with the same respect and courtesy that you would treat the Representative or Senator.

4. Know what you are advocating for inside and out

Whatever it is that you are there to advocate for, make sure you know it. Don’t wing it—be prepared. Make your points clear, concise, and articulate. Know all of your stats and information beforehand and how you’re going to structure your argument. Be your most professional but genuine self, because if you seem forced and robotic, they will not believe that you are actually passionate about what you are discussing.

Don’t be afraid to do some research on your Representative or Senator. Find out some of their background—where they grew up, what college they attended, what committees they are part of, or even which college basketball team they root for. These can help you make a personal connection and break the ice.
5. Be flexible and able to think on your feet

On that note, don’t memorize a speech to give word for word; sometimes you will not have very long to meet them, so having an elaborate speech isn’t going to do you much good if you don’t have the chance to give it. There are also brief moments that you can take advantage of as well: you may catch them in the hall, or maybe just leaving the restroom, or sometimes they will pop into the office right in the middle of your speech. This rule is also good to apply to scheduling meetings. Again, Representative or Senator are busy people, and if you are flexible with the time you meet them, they will appreciate it.

6. Share personal stories

Whether you are there alone to share your comments or concerns about issues or representing a larger group, be sure to make it personal. Why did you decide to take the time to be there? How do the issues you are bringing up affect you personally? What moved you to come speak about them? The stories are what really get through—they make you a real person who has real connections and was passionate enough to share them.

7. Always thank them

One of the most important things you can do is thank them for their time. Say thank you at the beginning and thank you again after. Be appreciative and respectful of their time no matter how the meeting goes, and follow-up with a note to their office thanking them and asking again for their support.

8. Celebrate! You did it!

No matter how your meeting went, you can always take away the excitement and the accomplishment of having the meeting in the first place. You made them aware of your concerns and passions, and at the very least got it on their radar.

I remember nervously pacing the hall outside my Representative’s door before my first ever meeting. I was with a group, but I was doing the introduction. I was the constituent and the first impression to set the tone, and the pressure was building. As I was trying to hide my shaking hands and think calm thoughts, someone gave me some advice that has stuck with me: “you are their boss, and they want to hear from you.” It’s easy to be skeptical, but when the staff is always engaging and you hear the appreciation in the Congressman’s voice when they know how far you’ve traveled, you know your actions matter.
New Media Advocacy Materials

**Podcasts**

*Post Reports* – Washington Post
- Interviews and analysis, usually with news clips and research included

*The Daily* – New York Times
- Similar to Post Reports, but with NYT staff
- Can include interviews with news-makers

**Crooked Media**

- *Hysteria* – policies and news affecting women
- *Pod Save America* – general news hosted by two staffers from the Obama administration
- *With Friends Like These* – conversations between opposing views, religious leaders, writers, activists, etc.
- *Pod Save the People* – news conversations specifically between activists and social justice warriors
- *Majority54 with Jason Kander* – the first millennial elected to statewide office travels across the country talking to the 54% of the country who didn’t vote for Donald Trump

**Newsletters**

**Axios**
- Politics – *Axios AM, Axios PM, Axios Sneak Peek*
- Healthcare – *Axios Vitals*
- Future – *Axios Trends, Axios Future*
- Energy – *Generate*
- Technology – *Login, Axios Media Trends*
- World – *Axios World*

**New York Times**
- *On Politics*

**NPR**

**ArtsJournal**
- *Daily or Weekly*

**MOScout**
- Paid service, alerts and weekly reports from Jefferson City, inside scoops

**Twitter**
- The majority of state, local, and federal legislators are active on social media, Twitter, specifically
- Use creative hashtags, particularly when calling others to action
- Create videos and media that you can tag officials in, including clients and constituents you serve, no matter the quality

Provided by Branden Haralson, branden.haralson@gmail.com
Top Advocacy Priorities for Missouri

It is essential that individual artists, arts organizations, arts patrons and arts activists join as one industry to show the impact of the arts on Missouri.

• **Public Access to the Arts**
  - For FY2020, Missouri Citizens for the Arts requests the Governor and the Legislature appropriate 60% of the non-resident profession athlete and entertainers’ income tax, or an estimated $21 million to the Missouri Cultural Trust Fund.
  - Last year, the Missouri General Assembly appropriated $4.8M to the Fund, and the Missouri Arts Council used the funds to support 500+ arts programs in Missouri.
  - Missouri Citizens for the Arts also requests the Governor and the Legislature fund the five Cultural Partners at 10% required by statute.

• **Arts Education**
  - MCA requests funding for the June 2020 Missouri Fine Arts Academy at $300,000.
  - Encourage the Missouri State BOE to support comprehensive fine arts instruction (dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art) in elementary, middle and high schools.
  - MCA & MAAE recommends that the Missouri State BOE supports the implementation of the Missouri Learning Standards and recognizes the role of arts instruction as an integral part in the effective achievement of these standards.
  - MCA & MAAE recommends that DESE continue to employ a full-time Fine Arts Director.

• **Development of the Creative Economy**
  - Encourage the reinstatement of Missouri Film Tax Credit encouraging growth of the film industry.
  - Ask for support of the property tax policy that encourages the redevelopment of the region by individual entrepreneurial artists and small creative business.
  - According to the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 Study by the Americans for the Arts for the Arts for FY 2015:
    - The arts and culture industry in Missouri generated $1.039B in total statewide economic activity.
    - 31,925 jobs were created by arts and culture
    - $47M in revenue was generated for state government
    - $602.9M was spent directly by Missouri nonprofit arts and culture organizations

Missouri Citizens for the Arts
www.mo4arts.org

ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council
www.artskc.org/advocacy
10 Reasons to Support the Arts

1. **Arts promote true prosperity.** The arts are fundamental to our humanity. They ennoble and inspire us—fostering creativity, goodness, and beauty. The arts help us express our values, build bridges between cultures, and bring us together regardless of ethnicity, religion, or age. When times are tough, art is salve for the ache.

2. **Arts improve academic performance.** Students with an education rich in the arts have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and lower drop-out rates—benefits reaped by students regardless of socio-economic status. Students with 4 years of arts or music in high school average 100 points higher on the verbal and math portions of their SATs than students with just one-half year of arts or music. 89 percent of Americans believe that arts are part of a well-rounded K-12 education.

3. **Arts strengthen the economy.** The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector is a $704 billion industry, which represents 4.2 percent of the nation’s GDP—a larger share of the economy than transportation and agriculture. The nonprofit arts industry alone generates $135 billion in economic activity annually (spending by organizations and their audiences) that supports 4.1 million jobs and generates $22.3 billion in government revenue.

4. **Arts are good for local merchants.** Attendees at nonprofit arts events spend $24.60 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission on items such as meals, parking, and babysitters. Attendees who live outside the county in which the arts event takes place spend twice as much as their local counterparts ($39.96 vs. $17.42)—valuable revenue for local businesses and the community.

5. **Arts drive tourism.** Arts travelers are ideal tourists, staying longer and spending more to seek out authentic cultural experiences. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that the percentage of international travelers including museum visits on their trip has grown steadily since 2002 (18 to 28 percent). The share attending concerts and theater performances has grown from 13 to 17 percent since 2002.

6. **Arts are an export industry.** U.S. exports of arts goods (e.g., movies, paintings, jewelry) grew to $75 billion in 2012, while imports were just $27 billion—a $47 billion arts trade surplus.

7. **Arts spark creativity and innovation.** The Conference Board reports that creativity is among the top 5 applied skills sought by business leaders—with 72 percent saying creativity is of high importance when hiring. The biggest creativity indicator? A college arts degree. Their *Ready to Innovate* report concludes, “The arts—music, creative writing, drawing, dance—provide skills sought by employers of the 3rd millennium.” Nobel laureates in the sciences are 17 times more likely to be actively engaged in the arts than other scientists.

8. **Arts have social impact.** University of Pennsylvania researchers have demonstrated that a high concentration of the arts in a city leads to higher civic engagement and child welfare, and lower crime and poverty rates. The arts are used by the U.S. Military to promote troop force and family readiness and resilience, and for the successful reintegration of veterans into family and community life.

9. **Arts improve healthcare.** Nearly one-half of the nation’s healthcare institutions provide arts programming for patients, families, and even staff. 78 percent deliver these programs because of their healing benefits to patients—shorter hospital stays, better pain management, and less medication.

10. **Arts mean business.** The Creative Industries are arts businesses that range from nonprofit museums, symphonies, and theaters to for-profit film, architecture, and design companies. A 2015 analysis of Dun & Bradstreet data counts 702,771 businesses in the U.S. involved in the creation or distribution of the arts that employ 2.9 million people—representing 3.9 percent of all businesses and 1.9 percent of all employees.
Arts Education *Still* Makes a Difference in Missouri Schools

**KEY FINDINGS**

In 2010, the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education released a report that showed the positive relationships between the level of fine arts education and student outcomes like standardized test scores, attendance rates, discipline rates, and high school graduation rates. In 2014-15, core data submitted to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by the state’s public school districts was again analyzed, revealing the following results:

**ONE**
Most students in Missouri public schools continue to have opportunities to participate in fine arts education, particularly in the areas of Visual Art and Music. Course offerings in Dance and Theater continue to be limited.

**TWO**
The level of student participation in fine arts classes at the district level is significantly related to student attendance rates. That is, the higher the number of fine arts courses and the student enrollment in these courses, the higher the attendance rate.

**THREE**
Levels of student participation in arts education continue to be significantly correlated to standardized test scores (MAP scores) in Mathematics, with higher arts participation equaling higher Math scores (across all grades tested) at the district level.

**FOUR**
Levels of student participation in the fine arts is also significantly related to test scores in English Language Arts, with higher participation equaling higher MAP scores across the district for students in all grades tested.

**FIVE**
In a departure from the 2010 results, student participation in arts education no longer shows a significant correlation with disciplinary rates or with high school graduation rates. It is still true that districts with higher levels of fine arts participation show higher high school graduation rates and lower disciplinary rates than districts with low levels of arts education, but the results are no longer statistically significant. This means that chance, or other factors besides the level of arts education, could be responsible for the differences.

**SIX**
When controlling for district poverty levels, the relationships between arts participation and standardized test scores in Math and English Language Arts are still significant. So is the relationship between fine arts education and attendance rates.

**SEVEN**
The same is true when controlling for the percentage of African American and Hispanic students (racial/ethnic groups that are more at-risk for low academic achievement); the link between arts education and positive student indicators is still significant (for attendance rates and standardized test scores).

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¹ When controlling for the size, or the total student enrollment, of the district
CONCLUSIONS

ONE
Student participation in fine arts courses continues to be related to a number of positive educational outcomes in Missouri public schools, including attendance rates and test scores.

TWO
The positive relationship between fine arts participation and student outcomes is true for districts across the socioeconomic spectrum. That is, the study findings apply to districts with higher percentages of children in poverty and of those from minority racial/ethnic backgrounds as well as to districts serving students from more advantaged backgrounds.

THREE
While we can’t claim that participation in fine arts courses causes higher academic achievement, study results definitely suggest that opportunities for fine arts education in Missouri schools should be increased or, at the very least, maintained. As before, there is no evidence that fine arts courses or instructional time in the arts should be cut as districts work for higher levels of student achievement.

FOUR
Recommendations include the following:
1) Recognize and support the arts as a “core” component of the academic curriculum;
2) Maintain funding levels for fine arts education;
3) Increase the availability of courses in Theater and Dance; and
4) Support future research to help develop a more comprehensive picture of the State of Fine Arts Education in Missouri and to provide specific information to schools and districts for strengthening the quality and availability of fine arts education to students across the state.

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The Creative Industries in Missouri
Governor Mike Parson

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10,221 Arts-Related Businesses Employ 68,481 People

Missouri is home to 10,221 arts-related businesses that employ 68,481 people. The creative industries account for 3.5 percent of the total number of businesses located in Missouri and 2.1 percent of the people they employ. The map above plots the creative industries, with each dot representing a unique arts business establishment.

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131 Arts-Related Businesses Employ 327 People

Cass County, MO is home to 131 arts-related businesses that employ 327 people. The creative industries account for 3 percent of the total number of businesses located in Cass County, MO and 1.1 percent of the people they employ. The map above plots the creative industries, with each dot representing a unique arts business establishment.

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### 368 Arts-Related Businesses Employ 1,695 People

Clay County, MO is home to **368 arts-related businesses** that employ **1,695 people**. The creative industries account for 3.6 percent of the total number of businesses located in Clay County, MO and 1.6 percent of the people they employ. The map above plots the creative industries, with each dot representing a unique arts business establishment.

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The Creative Industries in Platte County, MO

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### 172 Arts-Related Businesses Employ 510 People

Platte County, MO is home to 172 arts-related businesses that employ 510 people. The creative industries account for 3.6 percent of the total number of businesses located in Platte County, MO and 0.8 percent of the people they employ. The map above plots the creative industries, with each dot representing a unique arts business establishment.

Nationally, 673,656 businesses are involved in the creation or distribution of the arts, and they employ 3.48 million people. This represents 4.0 percent of all U.S. businesses and 2.0 percent of all U.S. employees—demonstrating statistically that the arts are a formidable business presence and broadly distributed across our communities. The source for these data is Dun & Bradstreet, the most comprehensive and trusted source for business information in the United States. These data are current as of April 2017.

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Senator Mike Cierpiot, R | District 8
Office #334

Newest member of the Senate. Led the charge when he was Majority floor leader in the House last year for funding the UMKC music conservatory.

Republican Senator Mike Cierpiot was elected to serve in the Missouri Senate during the November 2017 Special Election. He represents the 8th senatorial district covering Eastern Jackson County.

Prior to his time in the Missouri Senate, Cierpiot served seven years in the Missouri House of Representatives where he served as the Assistant Majority Floor Leader for three years and was later elected to serve as the Majority Floor Leader until the end of his tenure in the Missouri House.

In addition to his legislative duties, Cierpiot worked at AT&T for 38 years as a network engineer.

Cierpiot is a member of Missouri Right to Life, Lee’s Summit Chamber of Commerce and the National Rifle Association.

He is the recipient of the 2013 Public Official of the Year Award from Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County – EITAS (Empowering individuals through advocacy and support). He also has received the 2013 Spirit of Commerce Award from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and the 2013 Legislative Award from the St. Louis Business Journal. In addition, he received the Defender of Prosperity Award in both 2013 and 2014 from Americans for Prosperity – Missouri.

Cierpiot is a 1971 graduate of De La Salle High School. He attended Longview Community College and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Cierpiot was born January 14, 1953, in Kansas City, Missouri. He has lived in Eastern Jackson County for the past 40 years and currently resides in Lee’s Summit. He is married to his wife of 45 years, Connie J. Cierpiot, who also served as a state representative. They have two children and two grandchildren.
Legislative Service:
- Elected to Senate: 2017 (Special)
- House of Representatives: 2010 – 2018

Committee Membership:
- Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment
- Economic Development
- Gubernatorial Appointments
- Ways and Means

District Map:
State Senator Shalonn “Kiki” Curls, a Democrat, represents the 9th Senatorial District in Jackson County, Missouri. After serving in the Missouri House since 2007, she won a special election to the Missouri Senate in February 2011. Senator Curls won re-election to the Senate in 2012 and again in 2016.

During her six years in the Senate, Sen. Curls has worked tirelessly on issues regarding access to quality education and health care, decent and affordable housing, tenant rights and economic development. In 2011, she sponsored a resolution that designated Nov. 13, 2011, as “Buck O’Neil Day” in Missouri in honor of the first African-American coach in Major League Baseball. In 2014, she passed legislation to create a practical pathway for Missouri high school students to acquire the skills and competencies they need to earn an IT certificate and be competitive in our rapidly changing 21st Century job market. It was funded in 2016 due to Sen. Curls’ efforts to secure funding.

As part of her commitment to support and assist the City of Kansas City’s agenda, in 2015, Sen. Curls passed legislation to extend the Kansas City transportation sales tax and secured funding for the Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy. That same year, she announced the state's acquisition and renovation of the old GE building in Raytown.

One of Sen. Curls' biggest accomplishments to date is securing funding for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Neighborhoods: a one-stop location designed to meet the critical needs of Kansas City’s neighborhoods through technical assistance, capacity building, neighborhood planning and design services, legal aid and organizational assistance. Most recently, she sponsored legislation to revise Missouri’s expungement laws, allowing those who have paid their debt to society to more easily reclaim their lives and livelihoods.

Senator Curls currently holds the leadership position of Assistant Minority Floor Leader.

Her dedication to bringing resources to the local community includes sponsorship of numerous events, free of charge for the constituency in Kansas City. These events include an annual Public Health and Safety Fair, a Barbershop Health Outreach Initiative, Homeowner Workshops, Housing Foreclosure Roundtables, Small Biz Day for Entrepreneurs and Grant Writing Symposiums for faith-based and community groups.

In addition to her legislative duties, Sen. Curls works in real estate development and currently serves as the 14th Ward Democratic Committeeewoman in Kansas City. She is also a member of St. Monica’s Catholic Church. Senator Curls received her education from St. Teresa’s Academy in Kansas City and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Senator Curls was born on Dec. 7 in Los Angeles and is the mother of twins, James and Michaela.
Legislative Service:

- Elected to the Senate: 2011 (Special Election), 2012, 2016

Committee Membership:

- Administration
- Agriculture, Food Production & Outdoor Resources
- Appropriations
- Gubernatorial Appointments
- Progress and Development, Vice-Chairwoman
- Transportation, Infrastructure & Public Safety
- Joint Committee on Public Assistance
- Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
- Joint Committee on Tax Policy
- Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight
- Joint Interim Committee on State Employee Wages
- Senate Select Committee on Capital Improvements
- Study Commission on State Tax Policy
- 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force
- Blue Ribbon Panel on Immigration
- Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee
- Missouri Women’s Council
- Missouri State Capitol Commission
- Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (Erin’s Law)

District Map:
Senator Ed Emery, a Republican, represents the 31st District comprising Barton, Bates, Cass, Henry and Vernon counties. He previously served four terms (2003-2010) in the Missouri House representing the former 126th District, which was composed of Barton and Dade counties and portions of Jasper and Polk counties.

Senator Emery served on several House committees including Children and Families, Job Creation and Tax Reform. He also chaired the House Utilities Committee and the Special Committee on Immigration Reform.

Senator Emery is a native of Vernon County, Mo., where he worked with his father and grandfather in their feed and grain business. He graduated from The University of Missouri-Rolla with a degree in engineering and worked in the oil and gas industry until returning to Missouri in 1994. Senator Emery and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Lamar, Mo. They have four children, Elizabeth, Samuel, Daniel and Paul, and one grandchild.

Senator Emery is a member of Lamar First Baptist Church, Missouri Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, VFW Men's Auxiliary, Barton County Excel, Greenfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates. He also served as executive director of Missouri Fair Tax.
Awards and Honors presented to Senator Emery while serving in the House include:
2010 Legislator of the year — Missouri Republican Assembly
2009 William Wilberforce Award — Concerned Women for America, Missouri Chapter
2008 Legislator of the year — Missouri Cable Telecommunications Association
2008 Legislator of the year — Missouri Energy Development Association
2008 Leadership award — Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association
2006 Legislator of the year — American Legislative Exchange Council

Legislative Service:
- Elected to the Senate: 2012, 2016

Committee Membership:
- Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & the Environment, Chairman
- Education
- Government Reform
- Gubernational Appointments
- Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
- Joint Committee on Government Accountability
- Senate Interim Committee on Utility Regulation and Infrastructure Investment, Chairman
- Administrative Law Judge Review Committee
- Senate Interim Committee on Tax Administration Practices

District Map:
Senator Dan Hegeman, R | District 12 | Majority Caucus Chairman
Office #332

Elected in November 2014, Senator Dan Hegeman, a Republican, represents the 12th Senatorial District, which is comprised of 15 counties throughout northwest Missouri: Andrew, Atchison, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Sullivan and Worth.

A former Missouri State Representative, Sen. Hegeman is past president of Andrew County Farm Bureau. He is a lifetime farmer and is part owner of a six-generation family-owned row crop and cattle farm in Andrew County. Senator Hegeman currently serves as a community affairs manager for Kansas City Power & Light.

A 1981 graduate of Savannah High School, Sen. Hegeman received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri in 1985, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho agriculture fraternity. He has received the Missouri Farm Bureau’s Friend of Agriculture Award and is a former president of the Andrew County University of Missouri Extension Council.

Senator Hegeman previously served in the Missouri House of Representatives, representing Atchison, Holt, Andrew, Gentry and DeKalb counties. He also served as the associate district manager for Congressman Sam Graves’ St. Joseph office.

Over the years, Sen. Hegeman has cultivated strong ties to the area through his community involvement, which includes serving as president of the Second Harvest Regional Food Bank Board of Directors. In addition, Sen. Hegeman serves on the Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation Board, chair of the Nodaway County Economic Development Board and the Maryville Industrial Development Council Board. He is the former board president of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Hegeman and his wife, Fran, live on a farm near Cosby and have four children: Heidi, Joshua, Hannah and Joseph. He has been a life-long member of Hope United Church of Christ in Cosby. He is also a member of the Moila Shrine Temple.
Legislative Service:

- Elected to the Senate: 2014

Committee Membership:

- Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources
- Appropriations
- Economic Development, Vice-Chairman
- Fiscal Oversight
- Local Government and Elections, Chairman
- Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions & Ethics
- Joint Committee on Education
- Joint Committee on Tax Policy
- Study Commission on State Tax Policy
- Governor’s Committee for Simple, Fair and Low Taxes
- Missouri Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council
- Missouri Technology Corporation

District Map:
Sworn into office on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 to represent a portion of the Kansas City area, Sen. Jason R. Holsman serves the 7th Senatorial District of Missouri, which is located on the western edge and southwest corner of Jackson County.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, Sen. Holsman earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and U.S. History. After gaining his Masters of Arts degree in Diplomacy and Military Science in 2003, Sen. Holsman, dedicated to the field of education, became a social studies instructor for the Kansas City Missouri School District. Senator Holsman made his mark by teaching several subjects, coaching varsity athletics, and serving as Chair of the Principal’s Advisory Committee, among other responsibilities.

Before embarking on a career in the Missouri Senate, Sen. Holsman was a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. In that chamber, Sen. Holsman served as chair of the Committee on Renewable Energy, as well as the Joint Committee on Urban Agriculture, in which he fought for environmental awareness in Missouri. He also sponsored multiple pieces of legislation promoting a sustainable economy through energy independence and food security.

In the Missouri Senate, Sen. Holsman serves on numerous legislative committees, including the Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee; the Appropriations Committee; the Education Committee; the Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee; and the Jobs Economic Development and Local Government Committee.

Senator Holsman currently resides in the Fox Croft neighborhood of Kansas City with his wife and two children.
Legislative Service:

- Elected to the Senate: 2012, 2016

Committee Membership:

- Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources
- Appropriations
- Education
- Health and Pensions
- Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
- Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions & Ethics
- Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
- Joint Committee on Education
- Joint Committee on Legislative Research
- Senate Interim Committee on Utility Regulation and Infrastructure Investment
- Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission

District Map:
Senator John Rizzo, D | District 11
Office #328

Very supportive of the arts.

Senator John Joseph Rizzo, a Democrat, represents Independence, Sugar Creek and NE Kansas City within Jackson County (District 11) in the Missouri Senate. He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives to his first two-year term in November 2010. He was elected by the House Democratic Caucus to the position of Minority Whip in 2013 and again in 2015. He was elected to the Missouri Senate in November 2016.

In addition to his legislative duties, Senator Rizzo is a marketing consultant.

Senator Rizzo has served as the 11th Ward Committeeman for Jackson County. His is a former board member for Truman Medical Center and a former member of the Kansas City Planning Commission.

Senator Rizzo attends Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Senator Rizzo is a 1999 graduate of St. Pius X High School. He received his B.A. in Political Science and his B.A. in English in 2004 from Rockhurst University.

Born on October 3, 1980 in Kansas City, Senator Rizzo currently resides there with his wife Lindsay and daughters Sofia and Ella.
Legislative Service:

- Elected to the Senate: 2016

Committee Membership:

- Economic Development
- Fiscal Oversight
- General Laws
- Government Reform
- Local Government and Elections
- Ways and Means
- Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
- Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund Board of Trustees
- Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan – Board of Trustees

District Map:
Senator Tony Luetkemeyer, R | District 34
Office #220

Tony Luetkemeyer is the State Senator for the 34th Senatorial District, representing Buchanan and Platte Counties. Sen. Luetkemeyer was elected to the Missouri Senate in the November 6, 2018 general election, after winning the August 7, 2018 primary.

Sen. Luetkemeyer was born and raised in Missouri. A fifth-generation Missourian, Sen. Luetkemeyer grew up in a small farming community in Southeast Missouri and was proudly educated in the local public schools. His father, a career civil servant in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and his mother, a nurse, were strong influences who taught Sen. Luetkemeyer and his two sisters the importance of serving others and giving back to their communities.

After graduating from high school, Sen. Luetkemeyer attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. During his junior year, he was elected Mizzou’s student body president. In that role, he advocated for students at MU to ensure their voices were heard by university administrators. It was also while campaigning for office that Sen. Luetkemeyer met his wife, Lucinda.

During the summer after college, Sen. Luetkemeyer worked as a White House intern in the Domestic Policy Council under President George W. Bush. The expertise and commitment to public service displayed by White House staff showed Sen. Luetkemeyer how bright, motivated individuals can shape public policy and make a meaningful difference at the highest levels of government.

At the end of his summer in the Nation’s Capital, Sen. Luetkemeyer enrolled at the University of Missouri School of Law. While in law school, Sen. Luetkemeyer was appointed by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt to serve on the University of Missouri Board of Curators, the governing board for the UM System. In that role, Sen. Luetkemeyer fought to keep tuition and fees low for Missouri students and families and served as a voting member on the committee to hire a new university president.

After graduating from law school, Sen. Luetkemeyer clerked for a judge on the Missouri Supreme Court. He understands the importance of limited government and the individual rights and liberties protected by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. He will be a consistent voice against government overreach in the State Senate. He currently practices law in Kansas City.

Sen. Luetkemeyer and his wife are residents of Parkville. They are active members of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. Sen. Luetkemeyer is a member of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, National Rifle Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and Federalist Society. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, watching sports (particularly his Mizzou Tigers and KC Chiefs), and spending time outdoors with his wife and their dog.
Legislative Service:

- Elected to the Senate: 2018

Committee Membership:

- General Laws
- Government Reform
- Gubernatorial Appointments
- Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, Chairman
- Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics

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MISSOURI REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS:
Representative Vic Allred, R | District 13
Office #400-CC

Victor "Vic" Allred, a Republican, represents Platte County (District 13) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Allred is the owner of "Jazz - A Louisiana Kitchen," with restaurants in Lubbock, Texas, Omaha, Nebraska, Kansas City and Columbia, Missouri.

He is a member of Visit KC, the Kansas City and Missouri Restaurant Associations, the National Restaurant Association and serves on the board of directors for the National Restaurant Association and the NRA Educational Foundation.

Allred graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management. He has been recognized by Texas Tech with a Distinguished Service Award and has been inducted into the Missouri Restaurant Association Hall of Fame.

Born in Denver, Colorado, Allred currently resides in Parkville with his wife, Theresa. They have four children: Brittney, Trey, Mark and Maria.

Committees
- Special Committee on Small Business
- Special Committee on Student Accountability
- Special Committee on Tourism
Rep. Jerome Barnes, a Democrat, represents parts of Kansas City and Jackson County (District 28) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Barnes served in the United States Army for 6 years and retired from the United States Postal Service.

Rep. Barnes enjoys helping his surrounding community, where he serves on the Raytown C:2 school board, the Shepherds Center of Raytown, is a member of the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce, the Raytown Democrat Association, and the Jackson County University of Missouri Extension Council. He has also enjoyed refereeing football, basketball and volleyball for the past 24 years.

Rep. Barnes studied at the Lexington Attendance Center and Longview Community College.

Born in Mississippi, Rep. Barnes resides in the city of Raytown with his wife of 31 years, Donna, and their three children.

Committees
- Special Committee on Government Oversight
- Special Committee on Tourism
- Veterans
- Subcommittee on Tax Credit Review
Representative Ashley Bland Manlove, D | District 26
Office #101-1

Ashley Bland Manlove, a Democrat, represents Jackson County (District 26) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Manlove worked in the accounting industry, public and private sector. She also served as an intelligence analyst for the Missouri National Guard. She was recognized in 2013 with the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding service as an intelligence analyst.

Manlove is dedicated to addressing the critical issues that are creating crises in her district. She is focused on the criminal justice system, and has place a priority focus on the education of young people in the urban core with an eye on the school funding formula and job development.

Manlove attends St. James United Methodist Church and is a member of the NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She attended Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, where she received an associate in Liberal Arts. She is currently working toward a degree in Accounting.

Manlove was born and raised in urban Kansas City. She has two relatives that served in the state legislature. Her uncle is former state Rep. Craig Bland, and her grandmother is former House member and state Sen. Mary Groves Bland.

Committees
Budget
Financial Institutions
Subcommittee on Appropriations - General Administration
Representative Jack Bondon, R | District 56
Office #403-A

Helped get the bill to fund the UMKC conservatory last year passed. Stop by his office to say thanks.

Rep. Jack Bondon, a Republican from Belton and lifelong Missourian, represents parts of Cass, Jackson and Bates Counties in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2014.


Rep. Bondon attends St. Sabina Parish in Belton. He is a member of the Belton Chamber of Commerce and the Belton School District Strategic Planning Committee. Bondon is a supporter of the Cass County Life Choice Center, the CASCO Sheltered Workshop, the Faith and Freedom Coalition, and the Belton and Raymore-Peculiar Public Education Foundations.


Committees
- Financial Institutions
- Rules - Legislative Oversight
- Utilities
Representative Richard Brown, D | District 27
Office # 109-G

KC Representative on the House Ways & Means Committee, which will review MCA’s sunset legislation for the Athlete & Entertainers tax.

Rep. Richard Brown, a Democrat, represents parts of Jackson County, including part of Kansas City (District 27) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Brown was a public school teacher for twenty-three years.

Rep. Brown is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the NAACP. He also attends the Concord Fortress of Hope Church.

Rep. Brown graduated from Southeast High School in 1981. He earned his Bachelor’s degree and Master of Arts in 1986 and 1996 from the University of Central Missouri and is currently pursuing his master of science at Webster University.

Rep. Brown was born in Ft. Riley, Kansas. He currently resides in Kansas City with his wife, Regina.

Committees

- Special Committee on Tourism, Ranking Minority Member
- Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
- Pensions
- Professional Registration and Licensing
- Ways and Means
- Subcommittee on Scope of Practice
Rep. Ingrid Burnett, Democrat, represents the Northeast area of Kansas City, and parts of Sugar Creek, Independence and Jackson County (District 19) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2016.

In addition to her legislative duties, Rep. Burnett has worked as an educator since 1979. During her 37 years in the education field Rep. Burnett worked as a counselor, teacher, and principal in the Catholic and Independence Public School Systems. Rep. Burnett served on the Kansas City Public School District School Board, the Greater Kansas City United Way Board of Directors, the University of Missouri Extension Council in Jackson County, and has served as Jackson County Democratic Committeewoman for Ward 11 since 2002.

Rep. Burnett was born in St. Louis, and graduated from Webster Groves High school in 1971. She received her Bachelor Degree in Music Education/Music Therapy from the University of Missouri – Kansas City in 1979, and in 1998, a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology from Avila University in Kansas City. Representative Burnett has lifetime certification to teach elementary and secondary music and as an elementary school counselor in the State of Missouri.

A resident of the Historic Northeast area of Kansas City for 35 years, Rep. Burnett and her husband John raised three children and take great delight in visits from their four grandsons.

Committees
- Subcommittee on Appropriations - Agriculture, Conservation, Natural Resources, and Economic Development, Ranking Minority Member
- Budget
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Local Government
- Special Committee on Small Business
- Special Committee on Tax Policy for Working Families
Representative Jon Carpenter, D | District 15
Office #109-

Rep. Jon Carpenter, a Democrat, represents part of Clay County (District 15) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2012 and re-elected to office in November 2014. Carpenter was elected by his fellow Representatives to the position of Vice-Chair of House Democrats in 2014. He serves on several House committees: Ways and Means, General Laws, Professional Registration, and Finance & Taxation.

Prior to serving the Kansas City Northland in public office, Jon grew up in the area. He attended St. Charles grade school, and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. He was a boy scout in Gladstone's Troop 180 and in the summertime swam on the Gladstone Gators swim team. At North Kansas City High School, his hard work and determination earned him a spot as a National Merit Scholar and he received a scholarship to the University of Southern California.

While at school in Los Angeles, Jon interned for four-term U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. He served as Financial Director and later President of the USC College Democrats. He graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Political Science and a minor in International Relations.

Upon graduating, with a desire to call Missouri home once again, he returned to the state and married his high school (and current) sweetheart, Midori. Together, they started Carpenter Communications, a marketing and advertising firm that partners with local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Jon is a member of the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce and the Northland Democratic Club. He lives with his wife, Midori, in Gladstone.

Committees
- General Laws, Ranking Minority Member
- Professional Registration and Licensing, Ranking Minority Member
- Government Efficiency
- Joint Committee on Life Sciences
- Rules - Administrative Oversight
- Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
Representative Jeff Coleman, R | District 32
Office #115-J

Representative Jeff Coleman, a Republican, represents part of Jackson County (District 32) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Coleman is a financial advisor specializing in retirement income.

Coleman has served as mayor pro tem on the Grain Valley Board of Aldermen, and as the president of both the Grain Valley Economic Development Corporation and the Grain Valley Industrial Development Committee. He also served as the vice president of the Grain Valley School Board for more than seven years. Coleman also is a past president of the Grain Valley Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, he was named Grain Valley Citizen of Year.

Coleman is an active member of the Community of Christ Church. He is a proud member of the NRA.

Coleman attended Oak Grove High School and Graceland University.

Born in Independence, Coleman currently resides in Grain Valley with his wife, Debbie. They have seven children.

Committees
- Economic Development
- Insurance Policy
- Professional Registration and Licensing
Representative Mark Ellebracht, D | District 17
Office #135-BA

Visited with him last year, was a drum major in high school/college.

Rep. Mark Ellebracht, a Democrat, represents parts of Clay County, including parts of Liberty, Pleasant Valley, Kansas City, and Claycomo (District 17) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Ellebracht is an attorney. He previously served one tour as a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army (1999-2003). He also has worked as a cement mason.

Rep. Ellebracht is an Eagle Scout, and a graduate of Liberty Senior High School. He earned a B.A. from William Jewell College, and obtained his J.D. from the University of Missouri School of Law.


Committees

- Insurance Policy, Ranking Minority Member
- Economic Development
- Joint Committee on Justice System
- Judiciary
- Special Committee on Litigation Reform
Representative Brandon Ellington, D | District 22
Office #109-C

Rapper and poet. KC Representative on the House Ways & Means Committee, which will review MCA’s sunset legislation for the athlete & entertainers tax.

Representative Brandon Ellington, a Democrat, represents part of Jackson County and Independence (District 22) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was first elected to the House in a special election in November 2011.

Rep. Ellington is a 1999 graduate of Paseo High School in Kansas City. He also attended Penn Valley University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Rep. Ellington is actively involved in the community by working with food pantries, starting neighborhood cleanup programs, mentorship programs, elderly assist programs, community outreach programs, and coaching youth in basketball. He is the cofounder of Voices of the People, We The People and serves as president of I Am My Brother’s Keeper. In addition, he is a member of G.Y.R.L.

Ellington is dedicated to being an advocate for the underprivileged and disenfranchised.

Rep. Ellington, who lives in Kansas City, was born on November 18, 1980.

Committees
- Ways and Means, Ranking Minority Member
- Special Committee on Homeland Security
- Special Committee on Urban Issues
Representative Mike Haffner, a Republican, represents Cass County (District 55) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Haffner owns and operates Pumpkins and Pines Christmas Tree Farm in Pleasant Hill. He also served as an officer in the United States Navy. Before retiring from the Navy, Haffner was the Commanding Officer of an F/A-18 Hornet Squadron and led combat air patrols over New York City immediately following 9-11. Haffner is a highly decorated Naval Officer and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, four individual Air Medals and three Navy Commendation Medals for bold initiative, uncommon valor and loyal devotion to duty in direct combat.

Haffner earned his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Cleveland State University and a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Haffner is a lifetime member of the VFW and an elder at Cornerstone Community Church in Harrisonville.

He and his wife, Teresa, reside in Pleasant Hill and have three children, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Committees
- Agriculture Policy
- Utilities
- Special Committee on Homeland Security
Rep. Keri Ingle, a Democrat, represents District 35, which includes Lee's Summit, Kansas City, and Raytown in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2018.

Rep. Ingle earned a BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Kansas. Rep. Ingle is a practicing Licensed Master Social Worker in Missouri and Kansas. Rep. Ingle has worked in child welfare as the adoption specialist for the Jackson County Children's Division, as well as in schools, hospitals, and mental health facilities.

A military brat, Rep. Ingle was born in Oklahoma, traveled the world, and chose Missouri to plant her family's roots. Rep. Ingle lives in the city of Lee's Summit with her husband, Kenny, and their two children, where they are active in the PTA and Boy Scouts.

Committees
- Children and Families
- Crime Prevention and Public Safety
- Utilities
Representative Bill Kidd, R | District 20
Office #403-B

Piano player and sings every Wed. night at the piano bar uptown.

Rep. Bill E. Kidd, a Republican, represents the NE part of Jackson County (District 20) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2014.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Kidd was a small business owner in Independence, MO. and held various positions with corporations.

Rep. Kidd is a 1975 graduate from Oklahoma State University where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. Mr. Kidd has held his Security and Exchange licenses and has been a registered investment advisor.

Rep. Kidd has served as reserve deputy sheriff and is currently a member of the command staff for the emergency operation center of eastern Jackson County and the City of Independence.

Rep. Kidd currently resides in Independence with his wife, Jamie.

Committees
- Special Committee on Homeland Security, Vice-Chairman
- Special Committee on Tax Policy for Working Families, Vice-Chairman
- Government Efficiency
- Utilities
Rep. DaRon McGee, a Democrat, represents South Kansas City in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term of office in 2015. His first election was the same day as the World Series Parade for the Kansas City Royals. Rep. McGee was re-elected in 2016.


Rep. McGee graduated from Grandview High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and received his Master's in Public Administration (MPA) from the Harry S. Truman School for Public Affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He is currently a member of the South Kansas City Alliance, South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Southern Coalition, Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 6355 & Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church.

Rep. McGee currently resides in South Kansas City.

Committees
- Subcommittee on Appropriations - Education, Ranking Minority Member
- Budget
- Ethics
- Professional Registration and Licensing
- Special Committee on Small Business
Attended lunch last year and is supportive.

Rep. Judy Morgan, a Democrat, represents part of Jackson County (District 24) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was first elected in a special election in November 2011.

In addition to her legislative duties, Rep. Morgan is a retired school teacher and counselor. She has worked in the Kansas City Public School District at Northeast High School, Central High School and Lincoln College Prep for twenty-nine years. She served as President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) from 1999-2009 representing and serving its membership.

Rep. Morgan is a member of the following organizations: American Federation of Teachers; Legislative Chair of the Greater Kansas City Women’s Political Caucus; Development Officer of the Missouri Association of Social Welfare; and KKFI Community Radio Board.

Rep. Morgan is a 1966 graduate of Bishop Hogan High School. She received her bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and a master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.


Committees
- Elementary and Secondary Education, Ranking Minority Member
- Fiscal Review, Ranking Minority Member
- Pensions
Rep. Donna Pfautsch, a Republican, represents parts of Cass, Jackson, and Lafayette counties (District 33) in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Prior to being elected, she served as alderwoman and mayor pro tem for the city of Harrisonville.

A lifelong resident of Cass Co., Rep. Pfautsch grew up on a large crop and dairy farm south of Pleasant Hill. She graduated from Pleasant Hill High School, and received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Central Missouri. She retired in 2012 after 40 years as a teacher and gifted-education facilitator in the Harrisonville school district.

Rep. Pfautsch and her husband, Larry, own a 110-acre Century Farm southeast of Pleasant Hill. They have two children, Tobias and Emily, and two grandchildren.

Committees
- Consent and House Procedure, Chairman
- Health and Mental Health Policy
- Insurance Policy
- Special Committee on Innovation and Technology
Rep. Greg Razer, a Democrat, represents parts of Jackson County (District 25) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Razer was the Deputy Regional Director for U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill from 2008-2016.

Rep. Razer graduated from Cooter High School (Cooter, MO) in 1996. He received his bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2000.

Rep. Razer was born in Blytheville, AR and has made his home in Kansas City since December 2001.

Committees

- Subcommittee on Appropriations - General Administration, Ranking Minority Member
- Higher Education, Ranking Minority Member
- 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force
- Budget
- Consent and House Procedure
Representative Doug Richey, a Republican, represents part of Clay County (District 38) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Richey is a pastor, law enforcement chaplain and adjunct professor. He spent eight years in the Missouri Army National Guard as a combat engineer.

After obtaining an undergraduate degree from the University of Central Missouri, Richey earned three master’s degrees and a doctorate from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS).

Richey was president of the national alumni of MBTS, state alumni president for MBTS, and the conference president for Missouri Baptist Convention Pastors Conference. He is a current member of the Excelsior Springs and Kearney Chambers of Commerce, numerous local boards and Pisgah Baptist Church.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, Richey currently resides in Excelsior Springs with his wife, Jennifer, and their two daughters.

Committees
- Consent and House Procedure
- Budget
- Crime Prevention and Public Safety
- Subcommittee on Appropriations - Public Safety, Corrections, Transportation and Revenue
Representative Rebecca Roeber, R | District 34
Office #234

Rep. Rebecca Roeber, a Republican, represents part of Jackson County, including much of Lee’s Summit and Greenwood, (District 34) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2014.

Prior to her legislative duties, Rep. Roeber has been an educator for 17 years in the Raytown district.

Rep. Roeber is a 1976 graduate of Shawnee Mission West High School in Overland Park, Kansas. She received her bachelor’s degree in Education from Avila University in 1996.

Rep. Roeber and her family attend the Abundant Life Church in Lee’s Summit.

Born in Kansas City, Rep. Roeber currently resides in Lee’s Summit with her husband. They have two children and one grandchild.

Committees
- Elementary and Secondary Education, Vice-Chairman
- General Laws
- Rules - Administrative Oversight
- Special Committee on Urban Issues
- Subcommittee on Second Amendment Preservation
Representative Wes Rogers, a Democrat, represents Clay County (District 18) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rogers is a lawyer and small business owner. He previously served as Clay County’s Deputy Chief Prosecuting Attorney.

Rogers is a member of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Clay County Bar Association, the Platte County Bar Association, and the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia, a law degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and an M.B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis.

Rogers currently lives in Kansas City with his wife, Laura Neff-Rogers. They have two children.

Committees
- Agriculture Policy
- General Laws
- Workforce Development
Representative Rory Rowland, D | District 29
Office #101-E

Rep. Rory Rowland, a Democrat, represents parts of Jackson County and Kansas City (District 29) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He regards President Harry S. Truman as his political inspiration for being a public servant. He was elected in a special election in November 2015.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Rowland started Rowland Consulting, where he speaks to business groups all over the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. He previously served as President of two credit unions in the Kansas City area.

Rep. Rowland and his family attend St. Mark’s Catholic Church, where he has served on the Finance Committee for 20 years.

Rep. Rowland has an MBA from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Rep. Rowland currently resides in Independence, with his wife Tedi. They have lived there for 34 years and have raised four children who have all attended school in the Independence School District.

Committees
- Financial Institutions
- Fiscal Review
Rep. Joe Runions Jr., a Democrat, represents Jackson and Cass Counties (District 37) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2012.

Rep. Runions was an electrician for 42 years and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 124. He is a former president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a former Grand Knight and current member of the O’Hara Council of the Knights of Columbus. He served on the Grandview City Council for seven years and was an advisor for the Kansas City Port Authority. Rep. Runions has been a member of the Grandview Planning Commission, the National League of Cities and the Jackson County Democratic Committee. He is a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Rep. Runions was born on November 6, 1940 in Kansas City, Mo. He graduated from Ruskin High School in 1958. He currently resides in Grandview with his wife, Janice. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Committees
- 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force
- Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
- Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight
- Rules - Administrative Oversight
- Special Committee on Employment Security
- Transportation
Representative Matt Sain, R | District 14
Office #101-G

Representative Matt Sain, a Democrat, represents parts of Platte and Clay Counties (District 14) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Sain is employed as a law clerk in Kansas City.

Sain attends church at Redeemer Fellowship in Kansas City, and he is a member of the KCMB and AWLS.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Legal Studies from Lindenwood University. He obtained his Juris Doctorate from University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Sain grew up in St. Louis and now lives in Kansas City with his wife, Courtney. They have two sons named Mayer and Cooper.

Committees
- Administration and Accounts
- Special Committee on Student Accountability
Representative Robert Sauls, D | District 21
Office #105-H

Representative Robert E. Sauls, a Democrat, represents the eastern part of Independence in Jackson County (District 21) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

Prior to his legislative duties, Sauls was a Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney and a public defender. He also served as an assistant staff judge advocate in the United States Air Force.

Sauls graduated from William Chrisman High School in 1998. He received a bachelor’s degree in International Business from William Jewell College in 2002 and a juris doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2008.

Born in Independence, Sauls is a fourth generation resident and currently resides there with his son, Jackson.

Committees

- Insurance Policy
- Judiciary
- Veterans
Representative Noel J Shull, R | District 16
Office #414

Sponsored the bill to fund the UMKC music conservatory last year.

Rep. Noel Shull, - Republican- Represents part of Clay County (District 16) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2012.

Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. Shull served as an Executive Vice President with UMB Bank. He was also appointed by Governor Matt Blunt to serve on the Missouri Gaming Commission from 2005-2011 and served as chair of the commission from 2006-2009. In addition, he served in the United States Army.

He is a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He has served on the Mid-Continent Public Library Board of Trustees, Director for the Missouri Cattlemen’s Foundation Board, and served as a member of the Shoal Creek Living History Museum Board. He has been appointed to the U.S. Small Business Administration National Advisory Council by Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton and served as chair of the Access to Capital Committee as well as being the first male member appointed to the SBA NAC Women Business Owners Committee. He is a past recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration Regional Financial Services - Advocate of the Year Award. In addition, he was named the 2004 recipient of the Greater Kansas City UMC Business Alumni Chapter – Alumni of the Year Award.

A graduate of Hale High School, he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where he received his B.S. in Finance and Real Estate and Graduate School of Banking, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

He was born in Hale, Missouri, to loving parents, Larkie I. and Lester Gayle Shull.

Rep. Shull has lived in the Northland area since moving to Clay County in 1970. He and his wife, Peggy have two sons and six grandchildren.

Committees
- Insurance Policy
- Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement
- Rules - Legislative Oversight
- Ways and Means
- Subcommittee on Creation and Appointments
Representative Dan Stacy, R | District 31

Office #411-B

Rep. Dan Stacy, a Republican, represents District 31, which encompasses parts of Jackson County including Blue Springs, in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Stacy is a Legalshield Independent Associate. He has also worked with Worship Ministry in Longmont, CO and Blue Springs, MO. Additionally, he has served as a high school band director and a college music professor in Dallas, TX and Joplin, MO.

Rep. Stacy is a member of the Blue Springs Christian Church, the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, Blue Springs Independent Schools, Citizen Advisory Council, Jackson County Republican Committee, and National Rifle Association. His band also received the honor of being the Top Rated Catholic Band in the State of Texas.

Rep. Stacy graduated from Iraan High School in Iraan, TX. He earned his bachelor’s in biblical literature from Ozark Christian College in 1980 and his bachelor’s in music education from the University of North Texas in 1983.

Rep. Stacy was born in Rocksprings, TX, and currently resides in Blue Springs wife and their three children.

Committees

- Special Committee on Urban Issues, Vice-Chairman
- Children and Families
- Elections and Elected Officials
Representative Barbara Anne Washington, a Democrat, represents part of Jackson County (District 23) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was first elected to the House of Representatives in a special election in November 2017 and was re-elected to office in 2018.

In addition to her legislative duties, Washington is a practicing attorney who also possesses an MBA.

Washington proudly fights for increased economic development in her district – including preserving the notable “18th & Vine” district, increased funding for education, and better opportunities for health care. Two of her primary passions are juvenile justice reform and mental health awareness. In her community, she regularly presents programs aimed to educate on small business development, minority mental health awareness, crime reduction, and environment preservation.

When she is not fighting for her district, she volunteers with her beloved sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also volunteers with her church, St. James United Methodist; the Metropolitan Community Colleges Board of Trustees, Urban Summit, Freedom, Inc.; the Kansas City Boys Choir/Kansas City Girls Choir; and the United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City. Washington is a proud graduate of the University of Missouri – Columbia’s famed School of Journalism. She obtained her Master of Business Administration from Avila University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri – Kansas City.

Washington is a lifelong Kansas City, Missouri resident. She has one daughter and a new grandson, Knight, who is the apple of his grandmother’s eye.

Committees
- Consent and House Procedure
- Economic Development
- Special Committee on Government Oversight
- Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
- Subcommittee on Tax Credit Review