

REPACCMO 2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete our values questionnaire. Voters who rely on party affiliation deserve to know a Republican candidate's values align with their own, which is the purpose of this document. You will be presented with a series of statements. For each statement, choose either "Agree" or "Disagree". There is a comment box below the statement where you can add comments. Each statement is scored based on Republican Platform values, including the Amendments passed last year at the state convention. Comments can provide clarification, but will not affect your score. There are nine pages to this questionnaire with varying numbers of questions, plus a candidate statement at the end. Please allot approximately half an hour to forty-five minutes of time to complete the questionnaire. Also, if you are running for office at a local or county level, be sure to check with your central committee to see if they are doing any additional vetting. Obtaining a REPACCMO vetted logo does not guarantee the Central Committee's endorsement if they have an additional evaluation process.

Begin by providing the personal information requested below. Do not leave any information blank. All statements require a response, and the questionnaire cannot be submitted if there are omissions. Only Comments and the last page of Candidate Statement declarations are optional.

Name John Grady

County Gasconade

Please select one of the following options

I am/will be a candidate for state or federal office

If you are or will be a candidate for elected office, please enter the office you are seeking or type "none" if you are not seeking elected office.

State Representative District 61

Healthcare

I support the following statements:

A1. Obamacare should be repealed, and we should move to a free market solution without government interference.

Agree

A1. Comment

The ACA hurt my son as he was going through chemotherapy and me as it forced me into the VA when I stopped covering a medication I was on for years.

A2. Abortion should be banned in Missouri with no exceptions.

Agree

A2. Comment

As a Traditional Catholic all abortion should be banned. The Constitution says we are not a Catholic nation and can understand the Constitution argument to allow access in cases of rape, incest, and the mother's

health.

A3. As a first step towards banning abortions in Missouri, I would support the 2026 A3 Amendment which allows for exceptions in the case of rape, incest, and the life of the mother.

Agree

A3. Comment

Yes and work to make those instances even more rare.

A4. Individuals who aid in abortion should be criminally prosecuted, including the mother.

Disagree

A4. Comment

This needs further definition clarification as it very well could be a violation of Constitutional rights. Those who perform an abortion with the exceptions outlined in A3 should be held criminally liable.

A5. Informed consent should be the cornerstone of all medical care choices, but may be suspended in cases of national or state emergencies.

Disagree

A5. Comment

Even in emergency the public has the right to informed consent.

A6. Informed consent should be the cornerstone of all medical care choices.

Agree

A6. Comment

Veterans are fighting for informed consent with the VA healthcare system

A7. Vaccine mandates are a necessary evil to minimize and lessen the chance of pandemics, but should also include exemptions for religious reasons.

Disagree

A7. Comment

Vaccine mandates for known and proven vaccines yes but novel vaccines should never be mandatory

SECOND AMENDMENT

I support the following statements:

B1. All citizens should be able to own and carry firearms with no restrictions.

Agree

B1. Comment

I fought for the 2nd amendment and it has been infringed upon too much by our government. I will fight to strengthen it.

B2. It is government's role to place restrictions on some types of weapons and accessories for the safety of all.

Disagree

B2. Comment
The 2nd Amendment is pretty clear “shall not be infringed.”

B3. It is necessary for government to implement licensing and restrictions to protect against crimes such as mass shootings and to control firearms sales.

Disagree

B3. Comment
The laws we have on the books currently if we enforced them would prevent a lot of crime.

B4. Restrictions on magazine capacity is a reasonable approach to dangerous situations like mass shootings or confrontations with law enforcement.

Disagree

B4. Comment
Shall not be infringed

B5. I support all aspects of Missouri's SAPA law.

Agree

B5. Comment
I helped pass SAPA both times and am working on it now.

B6. Elected officials have the right to make and change gun laws as society's needs change.

Disagree

B6. Comment
The 2nd Amendment is pretty clear shall”Shall not be infringed”

B7. Red flag laws are a necessary evil to protect Missouri citizens.

Disagree

B7. Comment
Red flag laws often are used negatively against veterans and political opponents

TAXATION & PROPERTY RIGHTS

I support the following statements:

National

C1. Any Change to the federal tax system should include a requirement for a balanced budget with caps on debt.

Agree

C1. Comment

End the FED. Repeal the 16th Amendment end this ridiculous \$38 Trillion debt that in 2000 was \$5 Trillion and too high then.

C2. The IRS should be eliminated and taxation should be based on a national sales tax.

Disagree

C3. Any change to the federal tax system must include a repeal of the 16th Amendment that established the federal income tax.

Agree

C3. Comment

End the FED and Repeal the 16th Amendment

C4. EPA regulations are necessary to protect our natural resources.

Agree

C4. Comment

They are but they have been over abused and have become more shell game

C5. To run the government, a progressive tax more fairly shares the burden of taxing the people.

Disagree

C5. Comment

Repeal the 16th Amendment or 7% flat tax no deductions

State

C6. Only US citizens should be allowed to own property in Missouri.

Agree

C6. Comment

This is a national security interest that only Americans own land in the United States

C7. Eminent Domain is necessary to improve the community as a whole.

Disagree

C7. Comment

Eminent Domain has been abused to push special projects through taking away rights from property owners.

C8. The Missouri budget is out of control. Real cuts have to be made, and we need more federal contributions to make up any shortfalls.

Agree

C8. Comment

In 2012 the budget was too high at \$21.3 Billion but we had services for Missourians now at \$53.1 Billion most services have been cut to pay for administrative bloat.

C9. It is necessary for government to grow as our population and its needs expand.

Disagree

C9. Comment

Small Government our government has grown too large it feels it is no longer answerable to the people.

C10. Real Estate and personal property taxes are necessary to fund government needs.

Disagree

C10. Comment

Taxed on our income then taxed on what we buy only to be taxed on what we own and where we live.

C11. Real estate and personal property taxes should be eliminated and replaced with a consumption (sales) tax.

Agree

C11. Comment

This would benefit Missourians more than the current proposals to end income tax in Missouri with the shell game of we will tax you over here and you will like it.

C12. The elimination of state income tax is on the right track if it is coupled with spending cuts.

Agree

C12. Comment

We need to get rid of the bloat and dependence on federal money.

C13. Missouri should have a state version of DOGE, with authority to recommend or eliminate state funded agencies, budget items, positions within government, and other wasteful spending items in the budget.

Agree

C13. Comment

Reports must be sent to the people and the General Assembly before and after cuts.

C14. Any elimination of tax burdens should prioritize real estate and personal property taxes before state income tax.

Agree

C14. Comment

The average Missourian will benefit better from the reduction and removal of property and real estate taxes.

GLOBAL ISSUES

I support the following statements:

D1. Organizations such as the UN and NATO are good because they provide a platform for global discussions.

Agree

D1. Comment

As a Service Member who served missions under NATI while stationed in Europe I will say they are of great importance and also say President Trump making the European Allie's step up was long overdue

D2. The EPA is necessary to control bad actors and safeguard an acceptable environment for everyone.

Disagree

D2. Comment

In theory it is but it has been abused and bloated

D3. Government regulations are an impediment to the development and growth of an economy.

Agree

D3. Comment

Regulation that is truly for safety yes but often times it is not safety but market protectionism.

D4. Chemical spraying of our atmosphere must be completely eliminated.

Agree

D5. Missouri should declare its sovereign rights over any global organization attempting control.

Agree

D5. Comment

Frankly disagreeing with this is pretty seditious in nature.

D6. Missouri should work with global organizations for better economic and environmental outcomes.

Disagree

D6. Comment

That is what the federal government is for we just need to protect against federal government overreach

EDUCATION & FAMILY

I support the following statements:

E1. School Choice & SSA accounts should be an option for education of our children.

Agree

E1. Comment

Make the schools accountable and choice will do that.

E2. School's must develop and publish policy on social issues and those are the rules that are to be followed for that school. Such rules must take into account students' unique backgrounds and individual needs to ensure all students feel safe and acknowledged.

Disagree

E2. Comment

This sounds just like the problem we have now in schools where adult social issues are forced on our children

E3. DESE should be eliminated. Curriculum should be determined locally.

Agree

E3. Comment

DESE has harmed more Missouri students than it has helped local control is better

E4. To protect the privacy of the child, school counselors cannot always share information with the child's parents.

Disagree

E4. Comment

If a child is living at home the parents have a right to know unless they have been reported for abuse.

E5. Whether a child receives vaccinations is the right of the parents alone to decide.

Agree

E6. The Missouri Constitution should be amended to allow marriage between two consenting adults.

Disagree

E7. The Department of Education must be eliminated and national curriculum rejected.

Agree

E7. Comment

Our schools need to get rid of teaching to test and social issues.

IMMIGRATION & CRIME

I support the following statements:

F1. Missouri should work with ICE as needed to remove all illegals from our state.

Agree

F1. Comment

At the same time we can't bankrupt the state when the Fed still hasn't really addressed immigration since 1984 that needs to change too otherwise we pay to deport the same people time and again

F2. Children born in this country are US citizens even if their parents are not. Disagree

F2. Comment

Congressman Massie has a bill to stop that for those illegally in our country.

F3. Immigration amnesty should include people here illegally if they have not broken any laws. Agree

F3. Comment

Based on the CBO findings under Bush I disagree with President Trump here.

F4. Missouri voter roles must be purged so that only US Citizens can vote on any issue in Missouri Agree

F5. Employers who hire illegal aliens should face stiff penalties. Agree

F5. Comment

They should lose their business license if a pattern is shown.

F6. Missouri should welcome and protect all non-citizens regardless of how they entered the country, if they want to be part of the American Dream of freedom and opportunity. Disagree

F6. Comment

Treat people with respect and dignity but if you entered illegally you have to go unless you prove your case in court of why you should be allowed

F7. Cashless bail should be eliminated from our judicial and law enforcement process. Agree

F7. Comment

It let's criminals caught red handed go

ELECTION INTEGRITY

I support the following statements:

G1. All forms of electronic voting equipment must be eliminated. Disagree

G1. Comment

Scantrons work fine and a hand count for contested seats

G2. All election results should be tabulated through hand counting by bi-partisan teams. Disagree

G2. Comment

Only if there are contested results

G3. Hand counting does nothing to ensure election integrity as people can cheat. Electronic is more secure.

Disagree

G3. Comment

Electronic first to keep the humans from cheating

G4. Any hand counting of ballots must also be backed up by tabulator scans to confirm/audit totals and should be done by a separate team.

Agree

G5. Mail-in voting should be expanded to six weeks to ensure all who wish to vote have a chance to do so.

Disagree

G6. Voter rolls should be totally purged after each presidential election cycle and people required to re-register.

Disagree

G7. Primary ballots should be available only to voters whose registered party affiliation matches the ballot they have chosen (closed primaries).

Disagree

G7. Comment

End primary elections

G8. Mail-in voting should be eliminated except for overseas military.

Disagree

G8. Comment

Absentee for the nursing home bound must be maintained I did not fight to have rights striped from people

G9. Any mail in balloting must arrive before election day and remain sealed until counted on election day.

Disagree

G9. Comment

How are you going to ensure it remains sealed until Election Day that is an obtuse demand as it's unenforceable unless you like communism

STATE SOVEREIGNTY

I support the following statements:

H1. The 10th Amendment to the US Constitution only applies where Congress has not passed laws to the contrary.

Disagree

H1. Comment

That would not be the case if the state has passed a law before Congress

H2. Missouri's tax funded agencies perform valuable services to our citizens and should receive priority funding when the annual budget is prepared.

Agree

H2. Comment

But the bloat needs to be removed as more often than not services are denied due to budget cuts but the cuts should be to the administration not the benefits provided

H3. Missouri's governor and attorney general have a duty to push back on federal overreach, especially when state sovereignty is threatened.

Agree

H3. Comment

Unless they are doing so at the behest of federally illicit organizations and the detriment of federally legal ones

H4. We should legally challenge the federal government when mandates are issued that affect Missourians.

Agree

H5. Federal and/or state mandates must be enforced to ensure the safety of all Missouri residents.

Disagree

H5. Comment

Only if they are Constitutional

MISCELLANEOUS

I support the following statements:

Legislative & Judiciary

I1. The Missouri Plan for selection of judges for the MO Supreme and Appellate courts ensures quality candidates are considered for these two courts.

Agree

I2. Bills that are filed and final legislation that is perfected and passed must adhere to the single subject rule of the MO Constitution.

Agree

12. Comment

This is a major problem I have had with the party the Constitution matters or it doesn't and to hear on the floor they pass unconstitutional legislation all the time but it's not unconstitutional unless a judge says it they say. That is skybalon

Party Values

13. Candidates should only be allowed to file for office under a political party's name if the majority of the candidate's values align with the party's current platform that is in effect when the candidate filed for office.

Agree

13. Comment

Agree just like Congressman Massie I agree with most things until it includes more taxes, infringing on rights, getting into foreign entanglements and not cutting the debt

14. If the majority of an elected official's voting record does not reflect the party's stated platform values, the party should refuse to allow that individual to file with their party in the future.

Agree

15. If elected, I pledge that I will abstain from accepting monetary donations or gifts from lobbyists.

Agree

15. Comment

While in business we have hired lobbyists they should be outlawed along with PACs that is the only way to have statesmen again instead of politicians

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

You have indicated your desire to run for elected office as a member of the Missouri Republican Party ("Party"). By signing this Statement, you are attesting that the majority of your values are in alignment with the Party's, as enumerated by the Party Platform, together with the Amendments passed at last year's state convention ("Platform"). The affixing of your signature on this Statement is an affirmation to both Missouri voters and Party committee men and women that your actions, bills, and votes (collectively "Performance") as an elected official will honor the Platform values you are indicating align with your own.

You also understand numerous court rulings have indicated if a candidate files with a party whose values (s)he does not share, said candidate is committing a fraud and deceit upon the voting public. (See SCOTUS Justice Antonin Scalia delivering majority opinion in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567 (2000)) The oral delivery of the opinion can be heard at this

link: <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1999/99-401>.)

Candidates wishing to represent the Republican Party through elected office are expected to check the boxes below that you agree with, and you must sign this Statement as part of REPACCMO's vetting process. If your Central Committee is doing mandatory vetting, they may have adopted a policy of rejecting the filing fee of those county candidates who do not successfully complete the REPACCMO vetting process. If your filing fee is rejected, that also serves as the Party's rejection of your ability to file as a Republican candidate at the county level. Therefore, you should check with your central committee chair to determine their policy. You can find your county's chair and contact information at this

link: <https://www.repaccmo.com/cc> REPACCMO makes the results of your Candidate Questionnaire available to central committees.

If you are an incumbent with a voting record, as part of the REPACCMO evaluation, we will check that record. We utilize three independent scoring services, Freedom Principle of MO, Freedom Index, and CPAC. If you have at least a C- from two of the three services, at least a C- on this questionnaire, and no felony convictions in the State of Missouri, you will earn a REPACCMO VETTED logo which can be used on marketing materials. Your completed questionnaire will be placed on our REPACCMO website, and voters will be able to view your positions on the statements you have answered.

We thank you for your commitment to being open and honest with voters about your values and positions. Good luck in your campaign for office, and thank you for participating in REPACCMO vetting. Together, we are building a Republican Party whose members and representatives support the values expressed by the Party's platform. Republican voters deserve no less.

Please check each statement below that you agree with.

I have read completely the current Platform, including Amendments, and affirm the majority of my values align with it. (The platform and amendments passed by the 2024 Missouri State Convention delegates can be found at this link: <https://www.repaccmo.com/mo-republican-platform>)

Agree

If elected or re-elected, I will adhere to the Platform tenets in my capacity as an elected official. I understand I am expected to support the principles of the Platform, and if my elected position casts votes, the Platform will be a guide for my voting decisions. My Performance will reflect my belief in the Party's values as enumerated in the Platform.

Agree

I understand being a Republican elected official means I am a representative of the Party's values. I will listen to my Party's input, and my Performance will reflect my support of Republican values over those of special interest groups, lobbyists, and/or my own desires for career advancement in politics or otherwise. I will ensure my Performance brings honor to my office and does not compromise any aspect of the duties required by my elected office. "Party interest" does not mean nor would it include compromising my legal responsibilities.

Agree

In my capacity as an elected official, I understand I am expected to honor the Platform by performing my duties in an impartial manner, without regard to race, ethnicity, or religion. I will favor equality over equity. If my elected office is judicial, I shall not legislate from the bench or use my authority to favor one party over another, but rather be guided by established judicial principles. This principle of equality under the law is in compliance with the Party's Platform.

Agree

I expect the Party will carefully watch my voting record (if my elected position casts votes) to monitor adherence to the Platform. If my Performance deviates from the Platform, I understand I may be contacted by members of the Party for an explanation. If my Performance continues to reflect my disregard for the tenets of the Platform I have said I support, I further understand the Party has the right to refuse to allow me to file as a Republican for any future elected office, regardless of the office sought.

Agree

I understand this Questionnaire is only one part of a multipart process the Party's vetting committee may utilize in determining my eligibility to run for elected office as a Republican. Signing this Statement offers no guarantee of acceptance of my filing fee for county level office. If my filing fee is rejected, I understand it is also the official Party rejection of my ability to register as a Republican candidate for the political office being sought. (I know I would still be able to file with another party or as an Independent.) Additionally, I understand there may be central committees who elect to offer speaking engagements for community events only to candidates who have gone through their vetting process.

I understand

Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo) 115.357 stipulates you cannot appear on any ballot using the Party's name until the appropriate Committee Treasurer has accepted your filing

I understand

fee. Giving your fee to any other individual does NOT mean your fee has been accepted by the Party. Fees paid to any other individual, such as directly to the election authority, can be returned uncashed, and the Party can reject your candidacy which prevents you from filing as a Republican. For county offices, contact the central committee chair to determine their process which may include paying the filing fee ONLY to the committee treasurer. (See MO case law 24VE-CV00185)

By typing your full name below, you are acknowledging your agreement with the statements checked above.

John Timothy Grady II

Add any final comments here.

In 2008 I stopped calling myself a Republican because I saw problems within the party as hearing to the Constitution. I moved out to the country in 2018, a Republican stronghold with the hopes of personal freedom and lower taxes that was not the case. I served this country in war and peace and I have felt the need to serve again. This January in Washington DC I met Congressman Massie and his conservative values and courage inspired me that as a bicentennial child it was my time. I made the decision with my wife after visiting both the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. It's time to for me take my party back. This is the best year to do that when people will be talking about the Constitution.

A3. As a first step towards banning abortions in Missouri, I would support the 2026 A3 Amendment which allows for exceptions in the case of rape, incest, and the life of the mother.

Agree