

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 Justin Barnhart

County Ralls

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

Healthcare

I support the following statements:

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 Obamacare should be repealed, and we should move to a free market solution without government interference.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

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

A2. Comment

No one should have the right to take the life of an innocent person, especially children.

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

When a child is conceived in rape or incest, the child should not be murdered as they aren't the one that committed the crime. The one that committed the crime should stand trial and face punishment, not the child. As far as the health of the mother, if the child can be saved by C-Section then we should go that route and try to save both the mother and the child. The health of the mother is a rare thing and we should look at every avenue first.

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

Agree

A4. Comment

If it is illegal for a person to murder another person, without just cause, then so shall it be illegal to murder a baby since there is never a just cause for that.

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

Disagree

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

Agree

A6. Comment

National or State emergencies should not change our right to be informed about our medical care.

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

Agree

A7. Comment

I am not a "vaccine" person. I believe if a person wants one then get it, if they don't then they should have the right to opt out for any reason not just religious reasons.

SECOND AMENDMENT

I support the following statements:

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

Agree

B1. Comment

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". That is our permit.

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 right to bear arms covers all "weapons". I do not want to sound "silly" but if a man wants to own a tank then he should be able to. Although owning a tank isn't practical but certainly within his rights.

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

Mass shootings do not happen due to a lack of gun control laws, they happen because fools with guns do mass shootings. We already have gun laws in the United States but looking at history, unlawful citizens aren't concerned with gun control laws.

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

Disagree

B4. Comment

Although large capacity magazines can cause a lot of harm in a moments time, so can one man with a bomb. I believe the punishment for these crimes should be the death penalty for people that do mass shootings, not gun control laws. Fried foods cause more death in American than mass shootings and we both know that creating fired food control laws would not change that.

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

Agree

B5. Comment

I am for any law that prohibits the Federal Government from infringing on our gun rights. I sure that every law can use adjusting but the jest of SAPA is fine.

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

Disagree

B6. Comment

The second amendment shall not be infringed. Law makers should create laws that increase the punishment for gun crimes.

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

Agree

B7. Comment

Certain situations, I can see where a person should not have a gun such as people with suicide issues, or other threats to themselves and possibly others but no gun control laws. Never punish the law abiding person for the foolishness of the another.

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

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

Agree

C2. Comment

Makes more sense. We are taxed from birth to death so a single tax would be nice, may never happen, but would be nice.

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

Honestly, it should be illegal to tax a working man for working. It makes a society want to be unfruitful rather than fruitful.

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

Disagree

C4. Comment

I can understand some of the EPA regs. but the truth is there are so many that you nearly cant do anything without the EPA regulating it. Example, you cant own a diesel vehicle without the EPA forcing you to have DEF on it, and that isn't cheap.

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

Disagree

C5. Comment

Taxing the rich more than the poor is terrible. If God only ask for 10% no matter who you are, then that should be good enough for the Government.

State

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

Agree

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

Disagree

C7. Comment

Eminent Domain is a pretty term for land theft. I feel that a landowner should get the price they want from the government on land purchases since the landowner really has no intentions on selling their property but the government will take it one way or the other.

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

I feel that we could manage without a ton of Fed. money. I bet if someone took a dive into the MO Budget, they would find a ton of waste. But yes, cuts need to be made just like a family on a budget.

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

Disagree

C9. Comment

Government (State and Fed.) are plenty big enough, in fact it needs to shrink.

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

Disagree

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

Agree

C11. Comment

I am not sure if another tax should be added just because one is removed. A simple budget review would fix most of the shortfall, if any.

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

Agree

C12. Comment

Cuts must happen either way.

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

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

Agree

C14. Comment

Property taxes should be eliminated before income tax but income tax should be eliminated as well. I believe anything can be done if people would actually come together and find a plan that works.

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
I believe it is around 65% of Republicans are okay with having NATO but it is a financial burden that other nations should be putting into not just the USA for the most part. The UN seems to be one sided and from past times the UN seems to not really like the USA. Many things need to be changed with both.

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

D2. Comment
The only way the EPA would ever be truly legit, is if every country on the planet would do it but they don't. So we end up paying for the program when really nothing good actually comes from it. Maybe a little good but not enough to justify the cost of the program.

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

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

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

D6. Comment
Global Issues only became popular because of Al Gore. You cant kill the planet. The scripture says that the Lord owns the earth and the fulness thereof, so our help in its preservations really isn't a money game not a reality.

EDUCATION & FAMILY

I support the following statements:

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

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.

Agree

E2. Comment

Sorta. The schools should teach the standard curriculum (reading, writing and math) I do not believe in "all inclusive" because it leaves too much room for gray areas and lawsuits. I think a person should be treated equally concerning their rights but we cant just create a policy for everything.

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

Agree

E3. Comment

DESE is a joke.

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

Disagree

E4. Comment

The child belongs to the parents, not the school or government. When that child is 18 then they can be private all they want but until then, parents should and must know everything going on with their children.

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

E6. Comment

Yes for male and female that's 18 or older but no to same sex marriage at any age. My conscience wont allow for it.

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

Agree

E7. Comment

Leave it to the locals

IMMIGRATION & CRIME

I support the following statements:

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

Agree

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

Disagree

F2. Comment

I have never been a fan of birthright citizenship.

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

Disagree

F3. Comment

They already broke the law of they are here illegally.

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

Agree

F4. Comment

Missouri Citizens should vote on Missouri Issues.

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

Agree

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

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

Agree

ELECTION INTEGRITY

I support the following statements:

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

Agree

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

Agree

G2. Comment

This can be tricky when it comes to places like St. Louis, Kansas City and other heavily populated areas which means you would need thousands of people counting and lets hope they are honest. In theory I like it until dishonest people are doing the counting.

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

Agree

G3. Comment

Somewhat agree. There are dishonest people just as there are dishonest program writers for the machines. If honest people were doing it then yes, I would like to see hand counting.

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

G4. Comment

This would help with my answer to question G3

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

Disagree

G5. Comment

Mail in voting is for soldiers overseas which cant be here in person or those that are lazy. Go vote, have someone take you to vote. I trust a ballot in the mail as much as i trust 500 cash in the mail. For soldiers overseas they should be allowed to mail them certified and a signature required to prove it was received.

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

Agree

G6. Comment

That sounds good but what would that cost and how long would it take to re register a State of 6 million people each year or so? Id have to think about this one.

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

Agree

G7. Comment

I have always like closed primaries. It shows what you really stand for.

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

Agree

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

Agree

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.

Agree

H1. Comment

For the most part but it would not stop them from passing any laws where they are granted the right to do so like defense laws

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

Some of the agencies do but not all. Some need to be reformed to better serve the people and some need regulations re-adjusted so that the lazy aren't receiving food stamps.

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

Agree

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.

Agree

H5. Comment

As long as those mandates aren't going against anyone's rights. the Federal Government should only be focused on our nations safety from threats from other nations not creating mandates to control the people and call it safety.

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.

Disagree

I1. Comment

Most judges that are selected are selected to better the agenda of the administration. I wouldn't say all of them are "quality"

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

Agree

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

I have an opponent that is a democrat in Republican drag. I feel that every candidate and voter alike should register as one or the other. I am the only candidate in my race that is actually registered with the republican party the other two aren't and when this happens it allows for a person to run as the party majority of the district instead of the party they actually belong and that is called dishonesty.

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

14. Comment

I see this happen in the Missouri House all the time. It gives the Party a bad name. Stand for what you believe in so you can go to bed with a clean conscience and honesty.

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

Agree

15. Comment

When elected, I pledge to represent the People not the lobbyist. The people vote me in not the lobbyist.

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

Agree

include compromising my legal responsibilities.

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

I understand

Treasurer has accepted your filing 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.

JUSTIN PERRY BARNHART

Add any final comments here.

I appreciate what the Party is doing in Missouri and I appreciate the opportunity from this vetting process.

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