

Sunshine Questionnaire

The Missouri Press Association and the Missouri Sunshine Coalition support open government on the local, state and national levels. The MPA and the MSC also support efforts by the Legislature to strengthen open meetings and open records required by the Missouri Sunshine Law (Chapt. 610 RSMo.).

In late September the MPA and the MSC surveyed candidates running for the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives. Here are the questions posed to candidates. The accompanying answers are from candidates who had responded by Oct. 22.

1. Should not-for-profit organizations in Missouri that receive substantial amounts of public funds be subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law? **Yes No**
2. Should closed meetings of a public governmental body be required to be tape-recorded for future reference after the closed-meeting issue is resolved? **Yes No**
3. When a citizen sues a public governmental body for violation of the Sunshine Law, the citizen may win the lawsuit, but not be reimbursed attorney fees. Should the public body or public official be required to pay the citizen's attorney fees if the public body or public official loses the case? **Yes No**
4. Should names and addresses of candidates for employment at public governmental bodies be available to citizens? For instance, should applicants for school superintendent positions and city manager positions and county public works director positions be open to the public? **Yes No**
5. When a police chief, superintendent of schools or city manager is dismissed from his or her job, should the reason for discharge be available to the person's future employers? **Yes No**
6. Should the reason for discharge be made available to taxpayers? **Yes No**
7. Should Charter Schools which receive taxpayer funding be required to publish annual statements of financial condition in a local newspaper, just like public schools are required to do? **Yes No**
8. Years ago, Missouri banks were required to publish their financial condition in local newspapers to keep citizens informed. In the wake of the financial crisis of 2008-2009, should banks again be required to publish this information regularly so bank customers may judge for themselves if their deposits are safe? **Yes No**
9. Should minutes of closed meetings of a public governmental body be written to summarize the discussions that occurred in the closed meeting? **Yes No**
10. Should elected and appointed public officials be required to take two hours of Sunshine Law training within a reasonable time after they take the oath of office or assume their responsibilities? **Yes No**

Name of Candidate (Party)

House or Senate District

Answers: Y-Yes

N-No

M-Maybe

**O-No opinion or made
other comments**

Zach Wyatt (R)	House 2	YYYYYYYYYYY
Dale Toms (D)	House 7	YYYYYYYYYYY
Tom Shively (D)	House 8	YYYYYYYYYYY
Kevin Parr (L)	Senate 8	YNYOYYNYY
Michael R. Clync h (R)	House 11	YYYYOOYOYY
Richard Trueba (D)	House 12	YNNYNNYYNY
Vickie Boedeker (D)	House 13	YYNNNYYYYY
Gary E. McKiddy (D)	House 18	YOYOYYYYYYY
Wes Shoemyer (D)	Senate 18	YYNNYYYNYN
Kelly Schultz (D)	House 21	YNYNYYYYNY
Mary Still (D)	House 25	YNYNNYYNY
George Weber (D)	Senate 26	YYYYYYYYYOY
Jay Swearingen (D)	House 31	YYNNNYOYN
Jim Stoufer (D)	House 33	YYONYYYYYYY
Michael Brown (D)	House 50	YNMYYYYYYY
Jeff Workman (R)	House 51	YYNYNNYYNY
Brent Lasater (R)	House 53	YYYYYYYYYYY
Jeanette Mott Oxford (D)	House 59	YYNNNYYOY
Rory Ellinger (D)	House 72	YYYOYYYYYO
Stacey Newman (D)	House 73	YYYYYYYYYYY
David A. Blanke (R)	House 74	YYNOYYYYYYY
Margo McNeil (D)	House 78	YYNYYYYYYO
William R. Spaits (C)	House 79	YYNYYYYYYN
Dan Johnson (R)	House 79	YNNOYYYYYYY
Dan Gosen (R)	House 84	YNYYOYYNYY
Alice Geary Sgroi (D)	House 95	YOYMOOYYOY
Anthony (Tony) Leech (R)	House 96	YYNONOYOYY
Daniel P. Fitzhenry (C)	House 97	YYYOOOYYYY
Randall “Randy” Lewis (C)	House 100	YYNYYYONYY
Tim Meadows (D)	House 101	YYYYNNYYYY
Jeff Roorda (D)	House 102	YYYYYYYYYOY
George Engelbach (R)	House 103	YNYYYNYNY
Joseph Fallert, Jr. (D)	House 104	YYYOYYYOYY
Jacob Hummel (D)	House 108	YYYYYYYYYYY
Ben Harris (D)	House 110	YYYYYYYYYYY
Tod DeVeydt (D)	House 111	YYYYYYYYYYY
Cyrus (Cy) Dashtaki (D)	House 113	YYYYYYYYYYY
Barney Fisher (R)	House 125	YYYYYYYYYYY
Jim West (D)	House 129	YOYNYYYYYN
Charlie Norr (D)	House 137	YOONYYYYYOY
Sara Lampe (D)	House 138	YYYYYYYYYYY

Dan Boyts (D)	House 140	YNNNOOYYYY
Keith Frederick (R)	House 149	YOYYYYYYYYN
Shane Van Steenis (D)	House 152	YONYYYYYYYY
John W. Page (D)	House 155	YOYOYYYYYYY
Robert Lee Roland (L)	House 158	YYYYYYYYYYY
Bill D. Burlison (D)	House 159	YYYYYYYYYYY

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