

## **1. Top 2 Priorities**

**a. Protect the citizens of Missouri from Federal encroachment by directing state departments and employees not to cooperate with or participate in enforcing Federal rules that infringe on state and local rights – common core, restrictions on firearms, waters of the United States, etc.**

**b. Protect the citizens from overreach by the state and local governments – restrict eminent domain, get rid of civil forfeiture, end predatory 'policing for profit' where a town budget relies on fines.**

## **2. Right to work: Yes for public employees, No for private employers.**

**The employer owns the job and has the right to determine the conditions of employment as long they don't infringe on individual rights. Since public employee unions can help select their employers in elections, those who disagree should be able to opt out.**

## **3. Prevailing Wage law: Eliminate it. It raises the cost of all public projects and tends to limit competition by making the job unattractive to non-union contractors. The market will help determine the wages. Of course, we'd need help at the Federal level to eliminate Davis-Bacon act requirements on jobs they help fund.**

- 4. Eminent Domain: Should be limited to actual government use – buildings, hiway rights of way, etc. It should never be used for “economic development” – it is theft to force someone to sell, then give/sell the property to another private entity. The Farm Bureau bill passed several years ago helps the farmer, but not many others.**
  
- 5. Minimum wage: Oppose. Minimum wage jobs are for those entering the workforce, which gives them experience. Raising it puts people out of work – see the Seattle restaurant industry. It's also inflationary, increased costs have to be passed down. It should be eliminated entirely.**
  
- 6. Guns on campus: Yes. What you don't see in the lurid reports is the attempted mass shootings that have been stopped by the presence of an armed citizen. Every time we liberalize gun laws, the press predicts bloodshed in the streets. The bloodshed seems to only happen in gun-free zones.**
  
- 7. No tax pledge: No. While I oppose taxes as a rule, but I will not sign a pledge that a particular circumstance may cause me to break. For instance, I supported the limited tax to get the jail out of that dungeon and into a modern, safer & more secure facility.**

- 8. E-verify: If the government is going to require something, it better be prepared to pay for it. I am unconvinced of the merits of e-verify. Businesses should not be tasked with enforcing immigration laws.**
  
- 9. Local control: Depends. Government's first duty is to protect the rights of the citizens. I'm all for local control, as long as it does not lead to infringement of rights to liberty and property. We don't need petty tyrants at the local level – which is why I've so strongly fought against county zoning.**
  
- 10. Liable: No. Should the manufacturer of the truck used in the Nice terror attack be liable? Manufacturers and dealers of a legal product should not be liable for the stupidity, cupidity or criminality of those that misuse it.**
  
- 11. Roads and Bridges: Get rid of mandatory inflated wage rates requirements. If that's not enough, and user fees, which Libertarians prefer, aren't feasible, then the closest thing to a user fee would be a small gas tax increase within Hancock Amendment limits.**

**12. Medicaid: No. Costs too much. Feds need to stop shorting rural providers on reimbursements, and defining small local hospitals out of existence.**

**Final Question add – In view of the Presidential candidates nominated by the other two parties, I encourage you to look at the Libertarian Party – our candidate is honest, ethical and rational.**