



## Democratic Insider

July 15th, 2022

All,

We are 18 days out from the August Primaries, which means one step closer to the November elections. Across Missouri, we have 165 candidates running for auditor, circuit judges, state legislator seats and congressional seats. If you add in the local city council elections and more, we are looking at more than 300 Democratic voices stepping up for us in Missouri.

The [Candidate page](#) on our website went live two weeks ago and is a great way to gather information and organize your options for the ballot in August. The SOS office has also updated the polling locations - you can locate yours [here](#).

Don't miss the [League of Women Voters U.S. Senate Democratic Candidate Forum](#) on Monday, July 18th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. As of today, 7 of the 11 candidates have committed to attend. You can expect a round robin set up with questions and 1-minute answers. Register [here](#).

**And guess what?** We still need some brave poll workers to spread out across polling locations and show voters there *is* another choice. Contact your local election boards [here](#).

Amidst all of this information on August primaries, we have to keep our eye on the prize - November. The voter registration deadline is [October 12th](#). Over the coming weeks, we will be working to spread information about HB1878 - and how it will affect November.



## Post-Roe in MO Update

Unfortunately, this Post-Roe section seems to be permanent.

This past week, the Senate and House Democrats [demanded](#) Gov. Parson call a special session to pass "narrowly tailored" laws to address the questions regarding birth control and ectopic pregnancies since the trigger ban as been, well, triggered.

Asking for a special session actually shouldn't be an issue because Parson already has one planned:

"As you have already declared your intention to call a special legislative session for income tax cuts, expanding your call to include these two specific issues would not result in additional costs to taxpayers. Furthermore, as your office has already confirmed the need for clarity on these issues, expanding the call would be in line with your stated policy positions," said Leaders Rizzo and Quade.

While we wait for his response, don't forget to donate and spread awareness about the [Missouri Abortion Fund](#).



## NEWS



More [clean energy](#) is headed to Missouri with the news of the Grain Belt Express, an 800-mile high-voltage transmission line to transfer the insane wind of Kansas east.

We always love to see Josh put in his place. On Tuesday, Professor Khiara Bridges testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee on abortion access. Hawley, per usual, went out of his way to point out her use of "people with the capacity of pregnancy." And damn, she put him in his place. Check it out [here](#).



The most recent inflation numbers came out this week and we can't deny some of the data is scary. But, we must also recognize a key point - [it is looking backward](#). Since mid-June, the cost of gas decreased for a straight 32 days in a row, lowering prices nearly 40 cents in many cities. Energy accounted for a full 1/2 of inflation in June. With the gas prices now going the right direction, these inflation numbers are...inflated.

## IN THE OFFICE

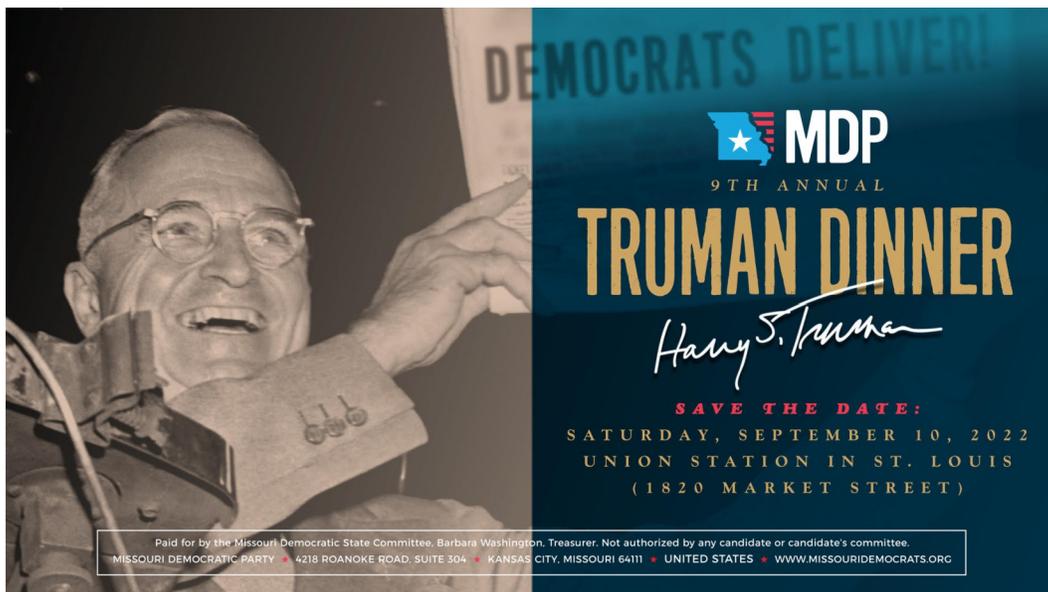
Around the offices, we've been going 100 miles per hour in what feels like every direction. Since the 4th, Randy has been working on updates to the website about the upcoming reorganization after the primaries. We will also be seeing our State Committee members tomorrow for our July 16th meeting.

On the Primaries front, everyone has been working on text and phone banking leading up to August 2nd. Last week, we sent over 27,000 messages to "infrequent voters," reminding them about the upcoming election. Don't forget - it's not just

about registering voters. It's about getting them to mark and turn in their ballots. Social media is another key outlet for this information and I am working with partners to highlight important information regarding HB1878's changes for the November elections.

Andy worked on some specific Iwillvote.com texting, highlighting the resources available and ended up increasing traffic 580% while doing so. This week, Andy attended the Analyst Group's annual briefing on campaign tactics and research, where a number of organizations presented research on persuasion, turnout, and civic engagement.

Matthew is currently focused on the [2022 Truman Dinner](#). While it is our most exciting event of the year, there is so much to do! Join us on September 10th at Union Station in St. Louis. Tickets are available [now!](#)



## ON THE CALENDAR

Don't miss these **Democrat Days of Action** and great LeadMO trainings available in the coming weeks:

July 30th Day of Action - Platte County RSVP [here.](#)

July 31st Day of Action - Greene County RSPV [here.](#)

August 13th Day of Action - Independence RSVP [here.](#) Lee's Summit RSVP [here.](#)

**LeadMO** has a virtual candidate training coming up as well as an in-person option in KC and STL:

July 19th, July 26th and August 2nd : [Virtual Candidate training series](#)

July 30th [STL in-person training](#)

August 6th [KC in-person training](#)

**The Missouri State Fair** is coming up and we need volunteers to man the MDP table with us. Here's an incentive - we are **INSIDE** this year. Thank youuuuu air conditioning. Sign up for a slot [here](#).

**With under 20 days until the August Primaries we are working across Missouri to get out the vote. Help us spread the word to your communities**

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