

Joseph Adams - MO House District 83, Hadley Survey Answers

Please tell us about yourself and why you are running for this office.

I have spent almost my entire adult life serving. First in the United States Air Force to protect this country. I was a full professor of History at Meramec Community College. I also served on the University City Council and I had the honor of being Mayor for fourteen years. I also serve two terms in the State legislature. I am running for the house to move this state forward in a progressive nature. I look forward to helping the residents of the 86th District navigate the state government. I see this election as a continuation of my service to the community.

Please tell us about three issues that are important to you and that would be a priority of yours to work on in your time in office.

I plan on continuing the fight for real Criminal Justice reform and stop the mass incarceration of our citizens. We must stop this madness of continuing building jails and prisons. We must find a new model to deal with these issues. We must increase our funding for all public education. By educating our citizens we will be able to reduce the need for incarceration. Hopefully, this will reduce some of the systemic racism. We must stop giving tax breaks to corporate America we must protect the various tax streams of this state by passing the Wayfair bill.

Please tell us how you will work to overcome future budgetary issues arising from reduced revenues/economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

By not passing the Wayfair bill we are allowing a corporation not in Missouri, to compete against our local business. We need to level the playing field.

How would you navigate being in the minority party in Jefferson City in order to attain the best achievable outcomes? Please mention how you would attempt to handle conflict and disagreement, both with Republicans and within the Democratic caucus.

The real work as a member of the minority party is done at the committee level this is where you can get major changes and derail bad legislation. You also must understand where republicans are coming from. I once got a rural republican to vote to expand a health bill by thanking him for his sending me information about the lack of health care for his citizens. I like giving them their own words.

Please discuss anything else about your goals, principles, or other differentiating factors from other candidates in your race that you want your constituents to know about—including why you are seeking the endorsement of the Hadley Township Democratic Club.

My main goals is to help more democrats get elected to first remove the super majority and the almost veto override of our democratic elected Governor.