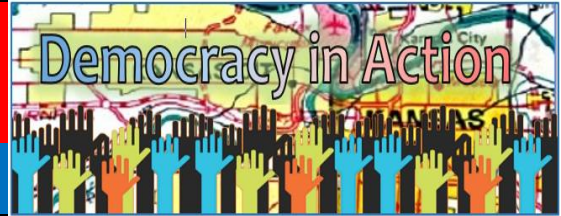


Candidate Questionnaire

American Friends Service Committee

Missouri House District # 24



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Question # 1	Poverty is a pervasive problem in our community. Please describe what you see as its main causes?
Judy Morgan (D)	The main causes include lack of educational opportunities, not enough good paying jobs, systematic racism, and generational poverty.
Question # 2	Why do many hardworking low income individuals, some employed in several jobs for more than 40 hours per week, fail to get out of poverty?
Judy Morgan (D)	The jobs pay minimum wage and it's impossible to get out of poverty on \$15,000 per year.
Question # 3	What do the moral foundations of our faith traditions and our nation call upon us to do in response to the causes of poverty and growing inequality?
Judy Morgan (D)	I've witnessed persons of many different religious backgrounds support Stand Up KC, the group fighting for \$15 an hour and a minimum wage. That's a perfect example of what our faith traditions call for in response to income inequality.
Question # 4	It has been documented that the average life expectancy for people living in certain zip codes in the KC metro, populated predominantly by people of color and of low income, is as much as eleven years shorter than people living in some other zip codes populated by a different demographic. Please comment on this reality and what should be done.
Judy Morgan (D)	People need good health insurance coverage so that they can take care of their health care needs. Many working adults don't have health insurance and don't go to the doctor on a regular basis. This impedes their chances at preventive care which often leads to major health problems and lessens their life expectancy. One solution would be Medicaid expansion.
Question # 5	How is the wellbeing of middle and upper income people linked to the wellbeing of the poor?
Judy Morgan (D)	Ultimately we will succeed or fail as a country based on the well-being of all our citizens. So everyone is truly linked.

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Question # 6	What can or should government do to address problems of growing inequality in things like income, education, and other basic needs?
Judy Morgan (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise the minimum wage. • Expand Medicaid to the 300,000 uninsured Missourians. • Provide chances for students to attend college without graduating with crippling debt. • Pass an earned income tax credit which would help those living on low incomes and would also help our economy. • Provide adequate unemployment compensation to individuals when they lose their jobs.
Question # 7	How should spending and revenue policies change to increase the health of our economy and reduce poverty?
Judy Morgan (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease defense spending and spend the savings on programs that will improve our economy and reduce poverty. • Increase taxes on those individuals making more than \$100,000 per year. • Require everyone to pay the same percentage on Social Security taxes, rather than capping it on those wealthier persons. • Get rid of loopholes that allow wealthy individuals to get out of paying taxes (think Donald Trump).
Question # 8	What should be done about the influence of wealth and power on the setting of public policy?
Judy Morgan (D)	People need to get out and vote and elect candidates who will take care of the needs of low and middle income folks.
	Additional comments
Judy Morgan (D)	No comments.

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