

House Primary Guide: St. Charles

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About Drebes



In addition to *Missouri Scout*, Dave Drebes was founder of *Arch City Chronicle*. According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, it was “the industry newsletter for the Lou’s political insiders.” He was named one of St. Louis’ *Most Influential People* (2007), received the *Media Award* from the Missouri Association for Social Welfare (2006), the *President’s Award* from the Metropolitan Press Club of St. Louis (2006). It has been a long time since he has been awarded anything. Drebes also writes a regular column in the *St. Louis Business Journal* covering Missouri state politics.

Please Note

Candidate are listed according to ballot order.

Incumbents have asterisks (*) next to their names.

Only Republicans and Democrats are covered (sorry Greens, Libertarians etc).

All the information contained in this reference guide has been obtained by sources believed to be reliable, but there is no guarantee of such, and you are urged to verify the information for yourself.

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Overview

There are 11 House districts in the St. Charles area. Of those 11 districts, there are 5 primaries. They are almost all Republican primaries. Each of these gets a closer look in the following pages.

In this report...

House 63 – Open seat. Two-way Republican primary.

House 64 – Incumbent Tony Lovasco challenged. Three-way primary

House 103 – Open seat. Two-way Republican primary.

House 106 – Open seat. Four-way Republican primary.

House 108 – Open seat. Three-way Republican primary.

Other districts in this area...

House 65 – Neither party has a primary election.

House 69 – Rep. Adam Schnelting unopposed in primary. He has a general election opponent.

House 102 – Rep. Richard W West unopposed.

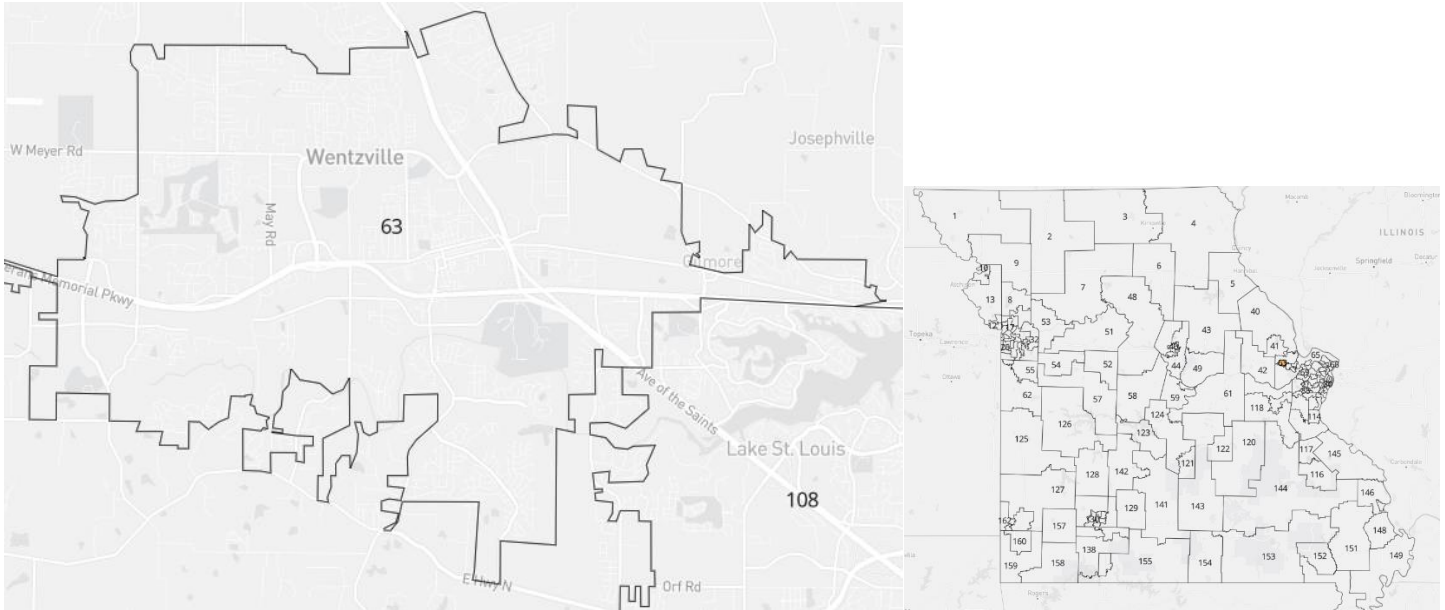
House 104 – Rep. Phil Christofanelli unopposed. He has a general election opponent.

House 105 – Rep. Adam Schwadron unopposed. He has a general election opponent.

House 107 – Rep. Mark Matthiesen unopposed in primary. He has a general election opponent.

District 63

Open seat. Two-way Republican primary.
Partisan Lean: +26R



Carla Klaskin



[From her website](#): Carla is the current owner of Teddy Bear Mobile - St. Charles County, a build-your-own-animal company that specializes in on-site activities for children's events. In the past, Carla worked for Southwest Airlines over 18 years in multiple positions; with American Family Insurance as a legal correspondent for three years; and most-recently 13 years for Mercy Health, the last 10 years being spent as Mercy's Community Liaison for St. Charles County.

Tricia K. Byrnes



[From her website](#): I currently serve as an Aldermen in the City of Wentzville. Bill Byrnes, my husband of 25 years, and I have three sons 22, 19 and 10. We moved to Wentzville in 2005. I am a real estate agent and

provide business consulting to small businesses. I have a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Southeast Missouri State and Masters Degree in Education from Lindenwood University.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Carla Klaskin	\$1,933	\$3,239	\$1,305	\$1,075
Tricia K. Byrnes	\$1,479	\$1,554	\$801	\$1,175

Consultants

Carla Klaskin - Axiom

Web Presence

Carla Klaskin website: <https://www.klaskinforpatriots.com/>

Carla Klaskin Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/klaskin4patriots>

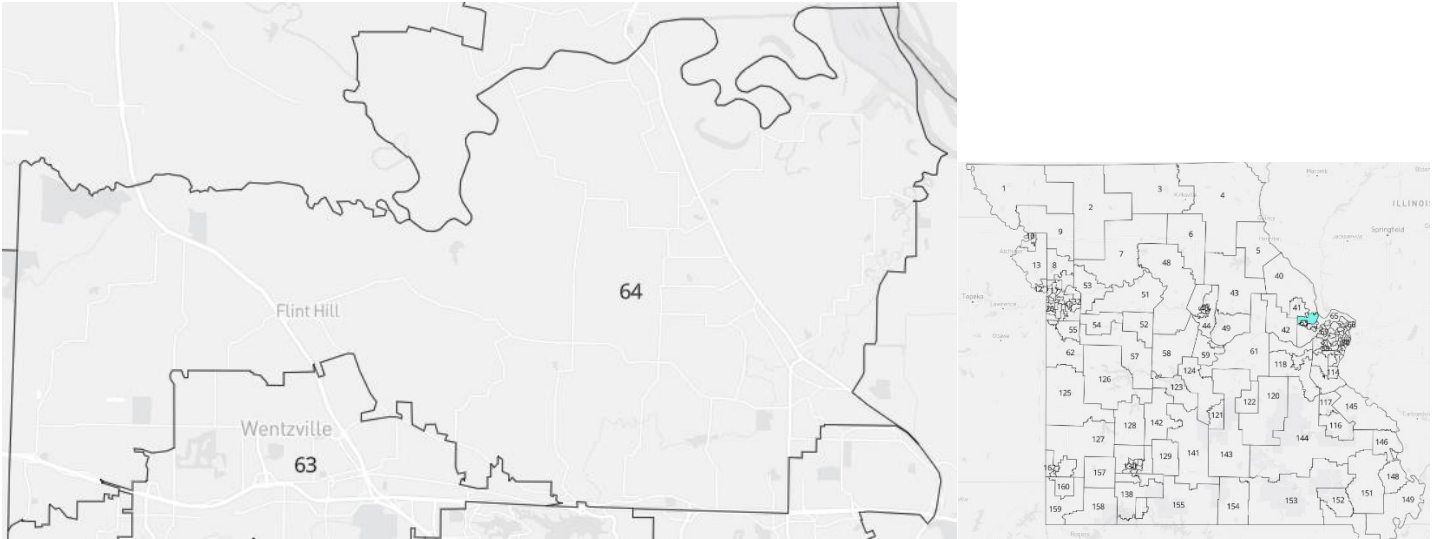
Tricia K. Byrnes website: <https://www.triciabyrnes.com/>

Tricia K. Byrnes Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ByrnesMO>

MOScout Early Line: No clear favorite here.

District 64

Incumbent Tony Lovasco challenged. Three-way Republican primary.
Partisan Lean: +28R



Mike Swaringim



[From his website](#): I have lived in St. Charles County since 1969; mainly O'Fallon, St. Peters, and St. Paul. I attended Fort Zumwalt from 1st grade until graduation in 1986. After graduation, I enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard. I attended training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina and was a 31V (MOS) radio, telephone operator/repairman. Stationed with both the 239th Combat Communications Squadron at Jefferson Barracks, then with the 2175 MP Company in Hannibal, MO. I hold an Associate Degree from Hannibal LaGrange (College) University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Communications from University Missouri-St. Louis... After 21 years of community service through School Board membership, 17 years in Leadership, I am jumping from the frying pan into the fire...

Deanna Self



[From her website](#): Deanna was born in Illinois but spent most of her life in Missouri, except for living out of state while her husband served in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army. She lived about 24 years in North St. Louis County, six years in Lincoln County, and 17 years in St. Charles County when she and

her family moved to O'Fallon. Deanna and her husband, Mark, have been married 45 years. They have lived in St. Paul, Missouri since 2018 with their toy poodle named Lady, and are the proud parents of two married daughters and the grandparents of the six best-ever grandkids.

Tony Lovasco



[From House biography](#): In addition to his legislative duties, Lovasco has worked for the last 16 years selling off-lease computer equipment to resellers, end-users, and businesses. Lovasco is a 2003 graduate of Duchesne High School and attended the University of Missouri-St. Louis. A lifelong St. Charles County resident, Lovasco and his wife, Eva, currently reside in unincorporated St. Charles County, just outside St. Paul.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Mike Swaringim	\$2,604	\$4,580	\$8,778	\$250
Deanna Self	\$5,053	\$5,950	\$896	
Tony Lovasco	\$16,718	\$2,515	\$2,005	

Consultants

Mike Swaringim – Melissa Wilson

Web Presence

Mike Swaringim website: <https://www.swaringimformissouri.com/home>

Mike Swaringim Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SwaringimforMissouri>

Mike Swaringim Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MichaelSwaring3>

Deanna Self website: <https://www.deannaself.com/>

Deanna Self Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DeannaSelfForStateRep>

Deanna Self Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CounselorDeanna>

Tony Lovasco website: <http://www.tonylovasco.com/>

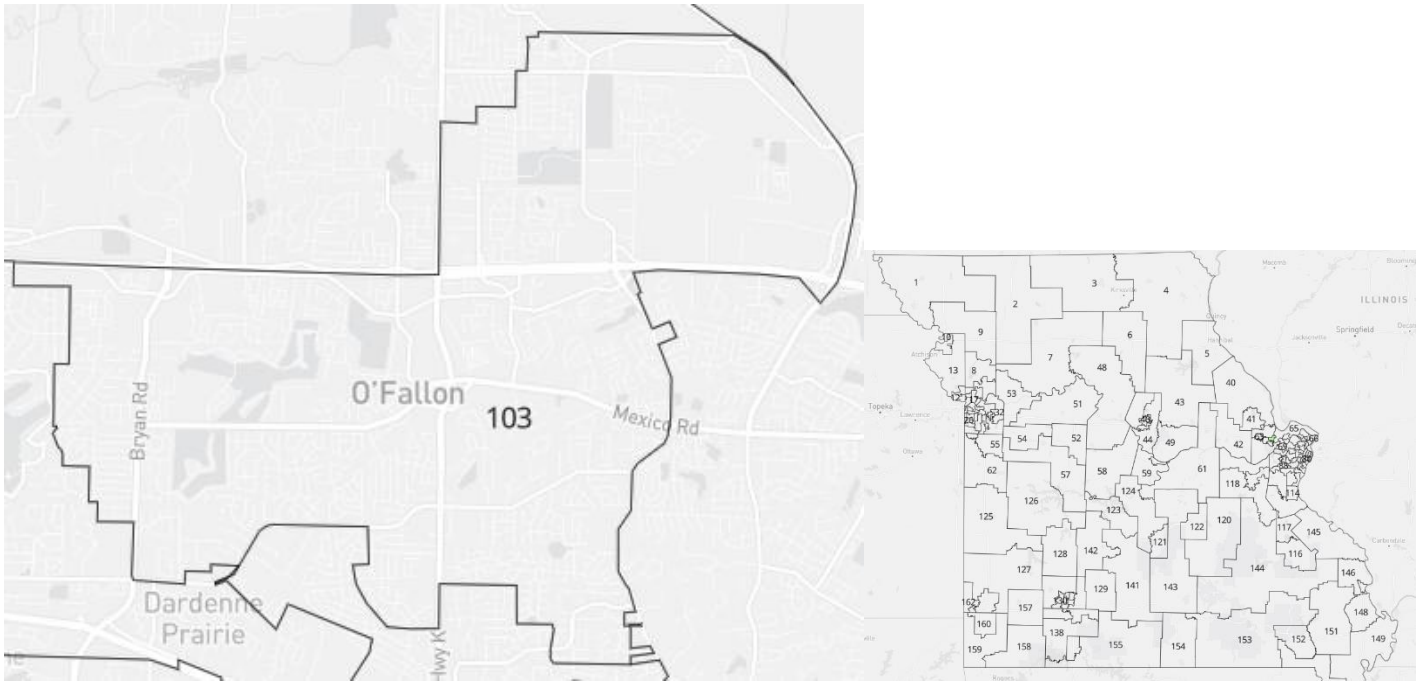
Tony Lovasco Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/votetonylovasco>

Tony Lovasco Twitter: <https://twitter.com/tonylovasco>

MOScout Early Line: Lovasco is receiving a serious challenge from Swaringim. He's lassoed the firefighters and police endorsements, due at least in part to Lovasco's votes on forfeiture. Self is self-funding. It's unclear how much of an impact she'll have.

District 103

Open seat. Two-way Republican primary.
Partisan Lean: +16R



Duell Wayne Lauderdale



[From his website](#): Born and raised in St. Charles County, Duell attended Francis Howell Central High School before going on to study Political Science at the University of Missouri. He has spent most of his career fighting for a conservative agenda serving as a legislative aide for Republican members of the Missouri House.

Dave Hinman



[From his website](#): Dave Hinman, was first elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2003 as an Alderman serving Ward 2 in the City of O'Fallon, MO. More recently, Dave was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2017 and 2020 as a

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Councilmember for Ward 1 in the City of O’Fallon. He represents the residents in the Northeastern parts of O’Fallon. Dave has recently retired from QuikTrip Corporation after 35 years of employment.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Duell Wayne Lauderdale	\$13,856	\$14,068	\$211	\$2,000
Dave Hinman	\$10,341	\$13,614	\$3,272	\$10,000

Consultants

Dave Hinman – Axiom

Web Presence

Duell Wayne Lauderdale website: <https://lauderdaleformissouri.com/>

Duell Wayne Lauderdale Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lauderdaleformissouri>

Duell Wayne Lauderdale Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DuellLauderdale>

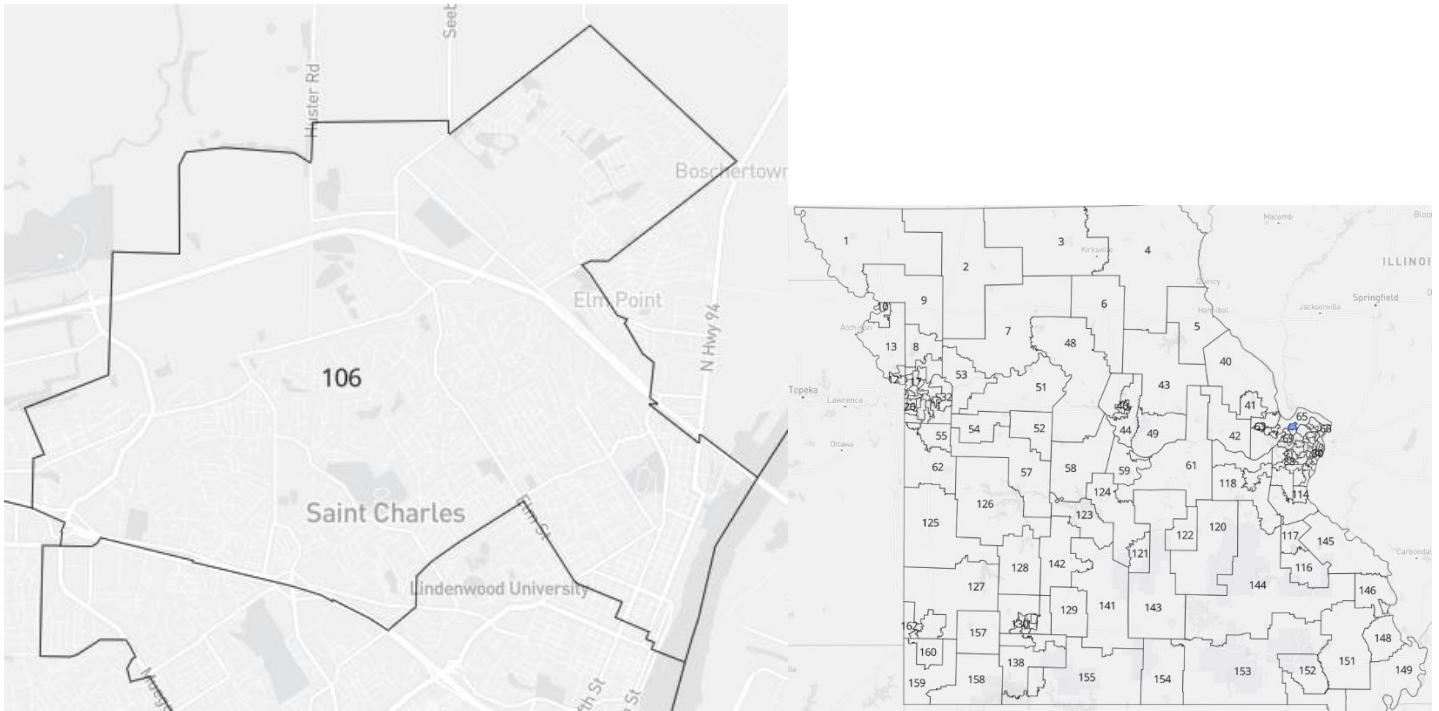
Dave Hinman website: <https://www.hinmanforhouse103.com/>

Dave Hinman Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DaveHinmanforMissouriHouseDistrict103>

MOScout Early Line: Hinman is the favorite here.

District 106

Open seat (Hannegan passed). Four-way Republican primary.
Partisan Lean: +4R



Travis Wilson



[From his website](#): He and his wife, Kris, have been a part of the local community for decades and chose to raise their children, Ellyana, Lincoln, and Quincey right here in the City of Saint Charles. He graduated from Francis Howell North High School and attended Saint Charles Community College before transferring to University of Missouri Saint Louis to complete his degree in Business Administration. He even had the privilege of working in economic development for the City of Saint Charles for a large portion of his career.

Travis has also attained his real estate sales license and is a graduate of VISION Saint Charles County, Class of 2017. He has been a proud member of a variety of economic development organizations including the Saint Charles County Association of Realtors, Missouri Economic Development Council, Heartland Regional Investment Fund, and the Hawthorn Foundation. Additionally, as a volunteer, he has served both the Francis Howell School District and the school district where his children attend, Orchard Farm.

Buddy Hardin



[From his website](#): Buddy is a husband and father of seven as well as grandfather of 14. Buddy fought for safer streets working 30 years supervising DWI offenders. Buddy is a conservative grassroots leader, activist, and NRA life member. He also has a bachelor's degree in American studies.

Linda J. Luera-Sanchez



[From her website](#): Linda Sanchez is a proud wife, mother, and small business owner who is dedicated to the St. Charles Community. Linda has served on the Economic Development Council of St. Charles County as President and the Industrial Development Authority Board. She has also served as President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County Board and the Board of the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce. Linda is currently Board Treasurer for the St. Charles Kiwanis, on the St Charles City-County Library Foundation Board and recently appointed to the Community Assistance Board of St. Charles.

Ali Graeff



[From Facebook](#): Christ first †/Candidate for MO STATE REP/Realtor/ LoveWater ambassador/
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April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Travis Wilson	\$3,555	\$5,835	\$3,935	
Buddy Hardin	\$20,181	\$22,000	\$1,818	\$20,000
Linda J. Luera-Sanchez	<i>limited activity</i>			
Ali Graeff	\$1,000	\$1,150	\$150	

Consultants

Travis Wilson - Tom Smith
Buddy Hardin – Axiom
Linda J. Luera-Sanchez – Victory

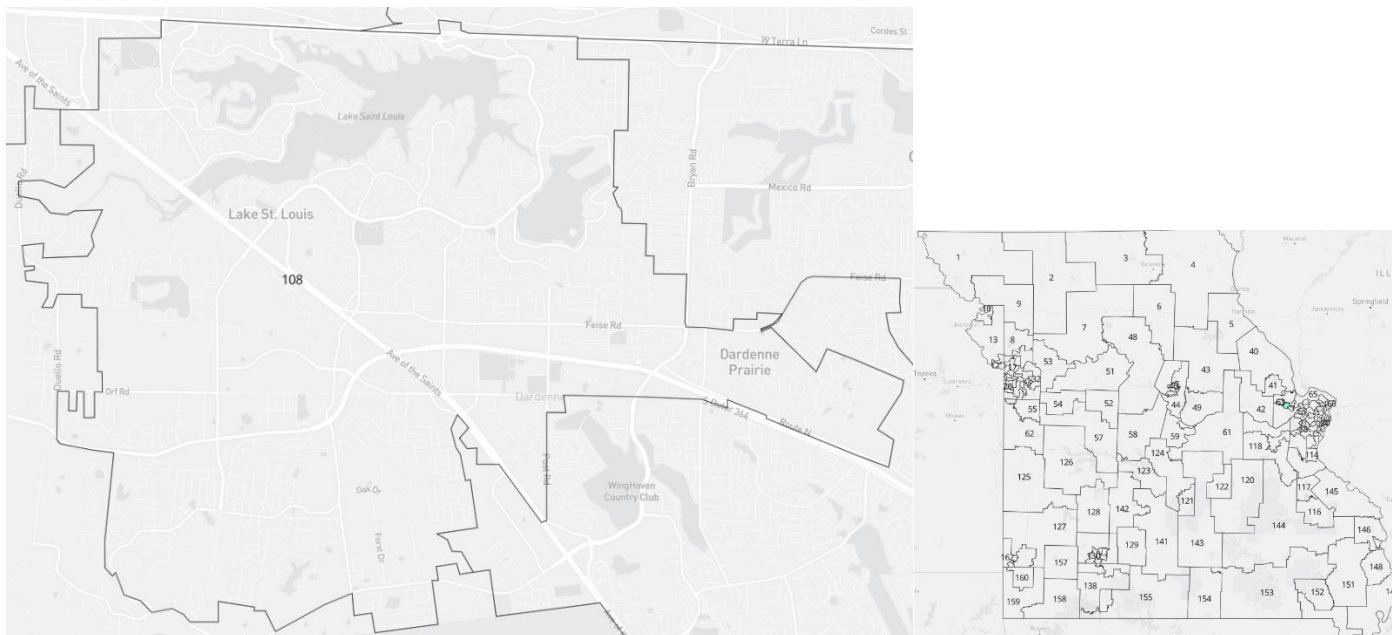
Web Presence

Travis Wilson website: <https://www.wilsonforstc.com/>
Travis Wilson Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075830340232>
Buddy Hardin website: <https://www.votersforhardin.com/>
Buddy Hardin Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BuddyHardinforRep>
Buddy Hardin Twitter: <https://twitter.com/buddyhardin>
Linda J. Luera-Sanchez website: <https://www.sanchezformo.com/>
Linda J. Luera-Sanchez Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SanchezforStateRepresentative>
Ali Graeff website: <https://nomofraud.com/>
Ali Graeff Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ali4MOREP>

MOScout Early Line: Fascinating primary. Hardin is a long-time behind the scenes player in St. Charles politics; Graeff is MAGA steroids saying all Missouri elections are fraudulent; Wilson is good government bureaucrat-turned-candidate; and I'm not sure where to place Sanchez yet.

District 108

Open seat (Hill to Florida). Three-way Republican primary.
Partisan Lean: +24R



Matthew Griese



[From his website](#): Matthew was born on July 21st, 1997 and grew up in the Aberdeen neighborhood of Dardenne Praire. Matthew the oldest of 5 played baseball and basketball growing up. He attended Barat Academy and eventually graduated homeschooled. Matthew grew up in the Catholic church attending St. Gianna in Lake Saint Louis and ICD in Dardenne Praire. Matthew has followed his love of baseball into coaching. He coached at Lindenwood University for two seasons and is beginning his second year coaching at UMSL. He has also taught hitting and pitching lessons while coaching travel baseball with the Midland Bandits where he coaches both a 12u and 16u travel team

Justin Hicks



From his website: Justin Hicks is a husband, father, combat veteran of six years in the United States Army, Attorney, Missouri Assistant Attorney General, and Director of the Defenders program which provides legal services to military members and veterans. Justin is a resident of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri, alongside his wife Heather. Justin and Heather met while in law school and cannot wait to start their family together. Both of them are born and raised in Missouri, and Justin grew up with his two brothers and mother. Justin’s father passed away from pancreatic cancer when Justin was 12 years old. Though his upbringing was difficult, Justin’s enduring faith and hope propelled him to seek a life to help others.

Karen Vennard



Alderman in Lake St. Louis City Council, realtor.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Matthew Griese	\$4,235	\$4,400	\$164	
Justin Hicks	\$919	\$715	\$816	\$584
Karen Vennard	\$30,154	\$30,722	\$568	\$30,000

Consultants

Matthew Griese – Axiom

Web Presence

Matthew Griese website: <https://www.griese4mo.com/>

Matthew Griese Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MatthewGriese>

Justin Hicks website: <https://justinhicksformissouri.com/home>

Justin Hicks Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HicksforMissouri>

Karen Vennard Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Karen-Vennard-For-MO108-110584311587157>

MOScout Early Line: Vennard has the long-time community ties which I think we’ll pay off in this race.