

The Primary Guide: St. Louis City

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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 8 House districts in the area I'm calling St. Louis City. Of those 8 districts, there are 2 primaries. They are both Democratic primaries. Each of these gets a closer look in the following pages.

In this report...

House 81 – Incumbent Steve Butz challenged.

House 84 – Incumbent Wiley Price challenged.

Other districts in this area...

House 76 – Rep. Marlon Anderson unopposed.

House 77 – Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins unopposed.

House 78 – Rep. Rasheen Aldridge Jr. unopposed.

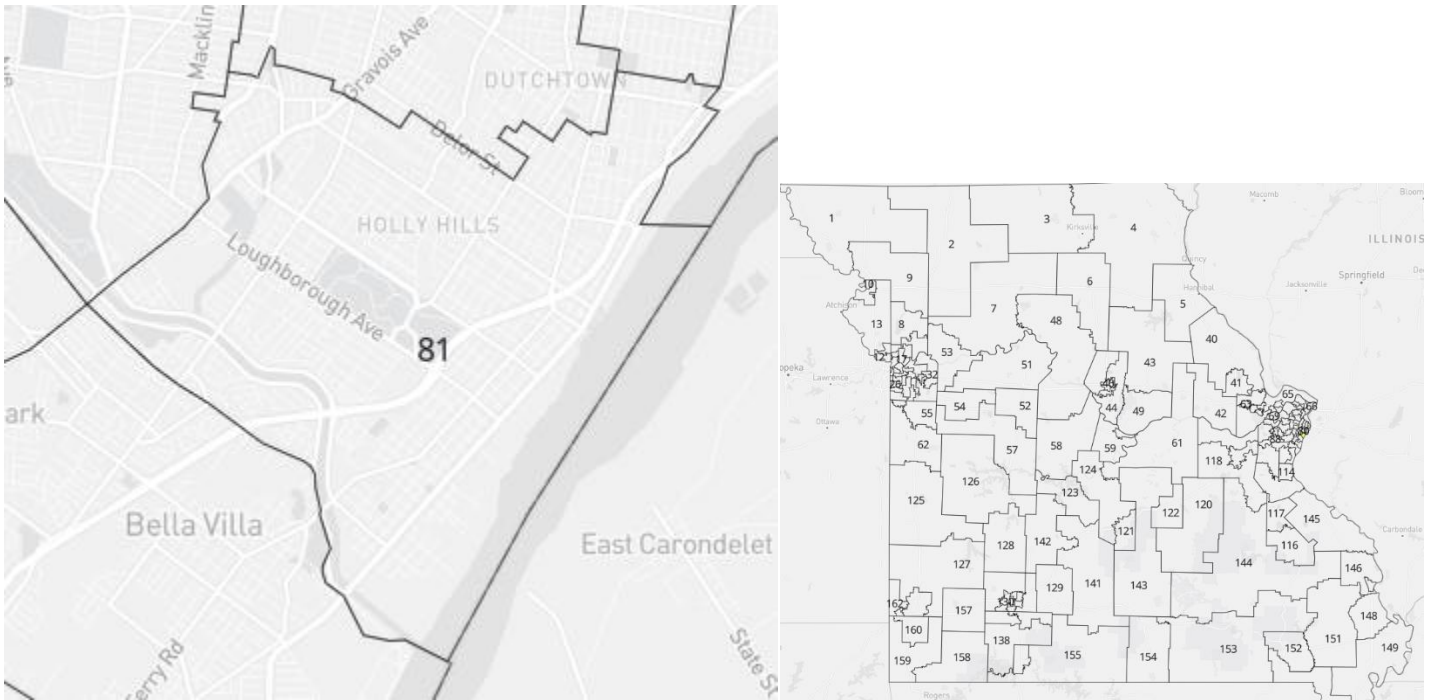
House 79 – Rep. LaKeySha Bosley unopposed.

House 80 – Rep. Peter Meridith unopposed in primary. He has a general election opponent.

House 82 – Rep. Donna Baringer unopposed in primary. She has a general election opponent.

District 81

Incumbent Steve Butz challenged. One-on-one primary.
Partisan Lean: +42D



Steve Butz



[From his House biography](#): In addition to serving in the legislature, Butz is the president of the Crawford-Butz Insurance Agency. He received the President's Choice Award from Safeco Insurance in 2018. Butz is also a managing partner for Eagle Hurst Ranch in Steelville. Butz attended Bishop DuBourg High School and obtained a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri - St. Louis. He is counted among the Bishop DuBourg High School Distinguished Alumni. A lifelong resident of south St. Louis, Butz currently resides there with his wife, Angie. They have six children and eight grandchildren.

Bill Stephens



From his website: I've learned from my time as 12th Ward Alderman how many of these areas come to a road block by our state government. The reason I'm running for Missouri State Representative of the 81st District is to change the mentality of "us versus them."

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Steve Butz	\$69,776	\$500	\$0	\$32,500
Bill Stephens	\$381	\$0	\$1,140	

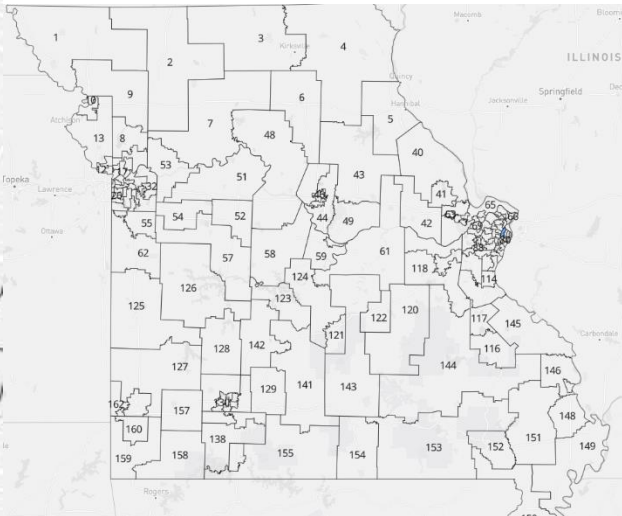
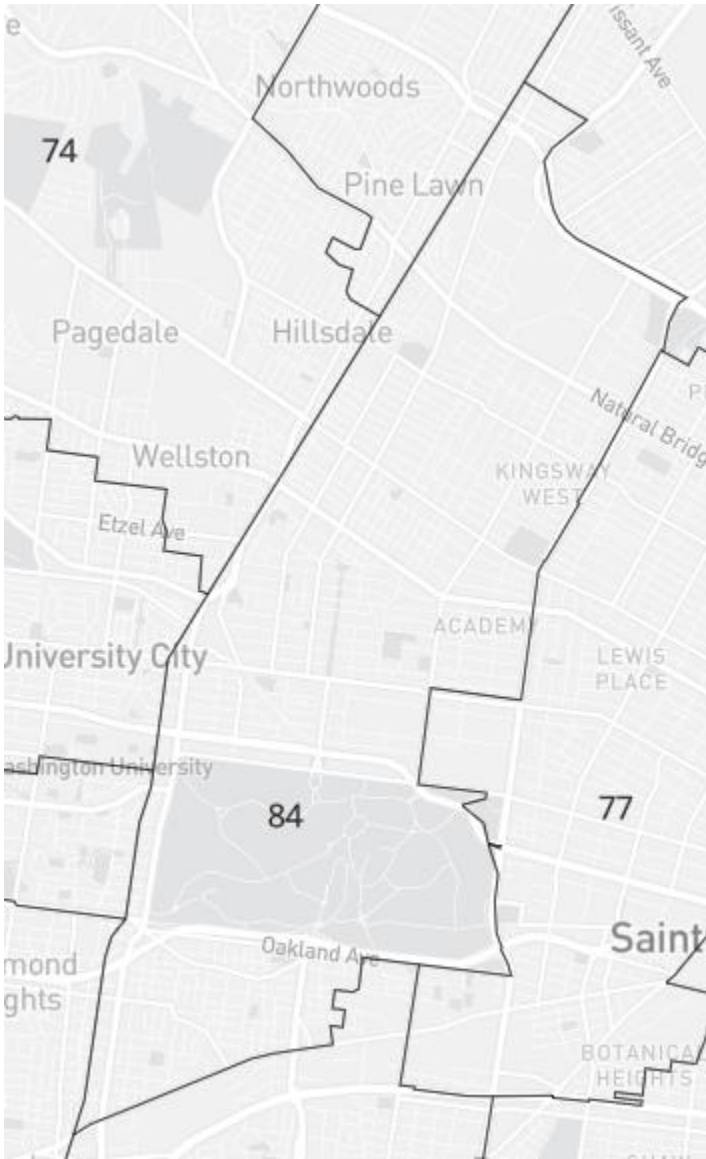
Web Presence

- Steve Butz website: <http://www.votestevewith.com/>
- Steve Butz Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SteveButzCampaign>
- Steve Butz Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ButzSteve>
- Bill Stephens website: <https://stephens4mo.com/>
- Bill Stephens Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StephensForWard12>
- Bill Stephens Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BStingSTL>

MOScout Early Line: Butz is the clear favorite here. But Stephens is a city alderman and running to Butz' left so Butz can't take the race for granted. And he's not. He's running a serious campaign and that should keep Butz safe.

District 84

Incumbent Wiley Price challenged. One-on-one primary.
Partisan Lean: +75D



Del Taylor



[From his website](#): At age 8 Delbret “Del” Taylor was a Patrol Boy at Dozier Elementary School. He represented his troop at the Boy Scout’s Council and at 16 he was elected President of Junior Achievement’s King Center at the old Sears Building.

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Del graduated from Saint Louis University High School where he was a varsity wrestler, a member of the Organization for Black Achievement and representative in student government. While earning a degree in Chemical Engineering from Washington University, Del was admitted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society for his campus activism. Del went on to study international business in Bangkok Thailand and complete his MBA from Kellogg (Northwestern University). For 30+ years Del has been a successful engineer, consultant, computer systems specialist and business leader. He has helped dozens of global corporations improve their operations including AIG, FIJI Water, Ford, GM, New York Life, and Seagate. Del has visited 50+ countries and is an awarded entrepreneur.

Wiley Price



From his House biography: In addition to his legislative duties, Price is employed as a marketing director. He previously worked in management for UPS. Price attended Cardinal Ritter College Prep and Forest Park Community College. He resides in St. Louis and is a member of New Sunny Mount Baptist Church.

April Quarter Fundraising Results

Candidate	On-Hand	April Receipts	April Expenditures	Debt
Del Taylor	\$4,695	\$15,033	\$11,175	\$20,000
Wiley (Chip) Price	\$10,143	\$2,250	\$817	

Web Presence

Del Taylor website: www.votedeltaylor.com/

Del Taylor Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Del-Taylor-for-State-Representative/100065694221890/>

Wiley (Chip) Price Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wiley.priceiv>

MOScout Early Line: Taylor is raising money and has garnered a few endorsements, most notably the 28th Ward. Still I wouldn't bet against Price.