Amendment 1 – Clean MO – VOTE YES

- Prohibits legislators and their staff from becoming paid lobbyists for 2 years after they leave their state positions
- Lobbyist gifts would be legally limited to $5 per gift – about the price of a cup of coffee
- Individual campaign contributions would be limited to $2,500 per election to any one Senate candidate and $2,000 per election to any one House candidate
- Prohibits candidates from raising campaign funds on state property
- Declares that the records of legislators and their staff are considered open records subject to public disclosure under Missouri Sunshine Law
- Creates the “nonpartisan” position of state demographer to redraw legislative districts after each US Census
- The NAACP supports Amendment 1 because it increases government transparency and accountability to the people – it puts to power back with the people

Amendment 2 – Medical Cannabis – VOTE YES  * If all three medical cannabis proposals pass, the one with the most votes would be accepted. ONLY VOTE FOR AMENDMENT 2

- Allows the use of cannabis for medical purposes and creates regulations and licensing procedures for it
- Specifies a number of diseases that would be eligible for treatment with medical cannabis
- Permits patients to grow their own plants in a state-registered growing facility for a $100 licensing fee
- Imposes a 4% tax on the sale of cannabis. Funds from this tax will go to the Veterans Commission
- The NAACP supports Amendment 2 because it allows patients an opportunity to receive medicine prescribed by doctors and to participate in the economy that will support the expansion of medicine for those on need

Amendment 3 – Brad Bradshaw’s Medical Cannabis – VOTE NO

- Allows the use of cannabis for medical purposes and creates regulations and licensing procedures for it
- Specifies a number of diseases that would be eligible for treatment with medical cannabis
- Imposes a 15% tax on the sale of cannabis. Funds from this tax will be used to create and run a State Research Institute to develop cures and treatments for diseases without known cures.
- Would create a nine-person board to run this State Research Institute and names Brad Bradshaw, the lawyer/physician self-funding this ballot proposal, to lead the board.
- The NAACP OPPOSES Amendment 3 because it concentrates too much of the power in on person Brad Bradshaw who is paying to try and get this bill passed.
Proposition B – Minimum Wage Increase – VOTE YES

- Increases Missouri’s minimum wage from $7.85/hour to $12.00/hour gradually over the course of four years
- Doubles the monetary damages a business must pay an employee if they are found to be paying less than the minimum wage
- The NAACP supports Prop B to ensure that workers are paid a living wage, but recognize that this increase is not enough and workers need $15 and a union to make it in Missouri today.

Proposition D – Fuel Tax – VOTE NO (Also it is a Olympian Tax Exemption & Special Budget Fund)

- Raises the state fuel tax from $0.17/gallon to $0.27/gallon over the course of four years
- On paper the money is earmarked for Highway Patrol. The “plan” is to give highway patrol only a small portion of the funds and allocate the rest to MODOT and counties and municipalities.
- Sets up the “Emergency State Freight Bottleneck Fund,” which would allow lawmakers to set aside money for projects designed to decrease traffic that impedes the delivery of freight
- Exempts Missourians who win Olympic medals from taxes on their prize money
- The NAACP opposes regressive sales taxes, which hit working people the hardest. And, Missouri has terrible Driving While Black statistics. Until people of color can use the roads without being pulled over based on their skin color, no person of color should support paying more taxes to the Highway Patrol for roads we get stopped more frequently on than Caucasians. Finally, the Missouri Highway Patrol has a very poor female and minority hiring, retention and promotion history for people of color and over the last 5 years, have gotten worse. The NAACP opposes increased taxes for roads we can’t travel without being harassed and a State Highway Patrol who fails to adequately hire, retain or promote people of color.

Amendment 4 – Bingo – NO POSITION TAKEN

- The Missouri Constitution labels any activity involving “lotteries or gift enterprises” as gambling, and therefore subjects it to strict regulations. Since bingo games fall under this category, they are constitutionally subjected to strict regulation. This amendment reduces regulations on bingo operations by charitable organizations.

Proposition C – Medical Cannabis VOTE NO

- Allows the use of cannabis for medical purposes and creates regulations and licensing procedures for it
- Specifies a number of diseases that would be eligible for treatment with medical cannabis
- Imposes a 2% tax on the sale of cannabis. Funds from this tax will go to veterans’ services, drug treatment, early childhood education, and public safety
• The NAACP Opposes this measure because it is not a Constitutional Amendment, therefore, it could be altered without a subsequent Constitutional Amendment at any time and fails to be inclusive of policies that show a way forward on drug policy in Missouri.