



Blake Ashby for Congress
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Blake Ashby Officially on November Ballot for Missouri's 1st Congressional District
Missouri Secretary of State Certifies Better Party

Jefferson City, Mo., May 7, 2024 —The Missouri Secretary of State announced late last week that the Better Party had met the requirements to be recognized as an official Missouri political party. The Better Party will have two candidates on the November ballot, Blake Ashby, running in Missouri's 1st District, the seat currently held by Cori Bush, and Jared Young, running for Senate against Josh Hawley and Lucas Kuncle.

The Better Party submitted over 25,000 signatures of Missouri voters to the Secretary of State on April 19th, well over the required 10,000 signatures. The Secretary of State has now validated the signatures and confirmed that the Better Party has satisfied the legal requirement.

"It's an exciting time" noted Blake Ashby, Better Party candidate for Congress in Missouri's 1st Congressional District. "Change doesn't happen unless people are willing to stand up for what they believe. It's wonderful that so many Missouri voters aren't just tired of the current gridlock, they are actually doing something about it."

The Better Party will provide a pathway to moderate, quality candidates that can help pull our country back from the extremes of the two major parties. If Senate candidate Young receives 2% of the vote, the Better Party is guaranteed ballot access in the 2026 and 2028 election cycles.

About Blake Ashby

Ashby, a former Councilperson of Ferguson Missouri, is a successful entrepreneur and consultant with a long track record of volunteering and deep roots in the district. While on Council, he pushed for consensus and common ground, with most votes being unanimous. He truly believes that more connects us than separates us. Recognizing the importance of Young's mission to change politics and return us to a more reasoned, effective conversation, he committed to running in the 1st District to push back against the hyper-partisanship and anger which is harming our country.

For more information about Blake Ashby, visit blakeashby.org or find him on Facebook.

About the Better Party

The Better Party was created in Missouri to provide reasonable ballot access for independent political candidates at all levels of government. The Party will make it easier for independent candidates in the state to get on the ballot. As a result, Missouri voters will have more options when selecting who will represent them in government. The Better Party candidates are expected to be less extreme in their politics and policies, better representing the majority of Missouri voters. www.betterpartymo.com



About Jared Young

Young is an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate. He is a devoted family man, former CEO, and Harvard-educated attorney with international experience who has stepped up to provide a voter-centered approach to politics. He believes that hyperpolarized partisan politics are getting in the way of progress on our country's biggest problems – like immigration and our nation's financial situation. Politicians who swear their allegiance to their party in exchange for money and power are not prioritizing the needs of those they represent. He will be loyal to Missourians and will collaborate with others who prioritize progress over party.

For more information about Jared Young, visit www.votejaredyoung.com or find him on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube.