



Missouri is a mirror image of the United States. High population metropolitan areas on the eastern and western border that vote primarily Democratic and a large center that votes primarily Republican. And many times our politics and politician pit the center against the metro areas or vice versa. But, as with everything else, by working together, we can win.

Did you know that in the 2008 Presidential election Obama lost the State of Missouri by 4000 votes. And if we have a close election in 2012, I don't think the Democrats will allow this to happen again. Obama won big in the St.Louis area and the Kansas City area but the rest of the State voted overwhelmingly Republican.

	Republican votes	Democratic votes
St.Louis Metro Area	246,367	466,048
Kansas City Metro area	179,203	264,585
Rest of State	1,020,244	711,278

**Winning with the Middle**

The goal of every one of the 2092 Precincts outside the metro areas should be to increase Voter Registration and/or Voter turnout at a minimum by 25 additional votes. This would translate into over 50,000 votes and would provide better insurance against a 4000 vote margin. That is the extra margin we need. Off course, we should all be interested in getting as many votes as possible – don't stop at 25 votes per precinct.

And off course this does not mean the metropolitan areas are off the hook. There are plenty of other challenges that need to be addressed.