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Ashby congratulates Wesley Bell on securing the Democratic nomination for MO 1st District
Looking forward to a conversation on the skewed narrative around Policing

St. Louis, Mo., August 8, 2024 —Missouri Better Party Congressional Candidate Blake Ashby congratulates St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell on defeating Cori Bush in the MO 1st District Democratic Primary.

“Congratulations, Wesley, you ran a great campaign and if elected will be a strong advocate for the needs of St. Louis and North County” noted Ashby. “I’m looking forward to the election and an opportunity to have a real conversation around policing – what the reforms have gotten right, what they’ve gotten wrong, and how our narrative around policing has become skewed”.

Ashby noted that the skewed narrative began here in Ferguson with the Department of Justice Report on the Ferguson Police Department. Wesley Bell, then a Ferguson councilperson, helped negotiate the Consent Decree and the side letter the city required before it would vote to approve the decree.

“While much good has come out of the Ferguson unrest, it was also the start of a skewed narrative around policing that continues to this day, and impacts our ability to make further reforms” Ashby commented. “Wesley Bell was there when it all happened – he is uniquely positioned to help us acknowledge what the DOJ report on the Ferguson Police Department got wrong, and how it impacted our national conversation on policing.”

About Blake Ashby

Ashby, a former Councilperson of Ferguson Missouri, is a successful entrepreneur and consultant and has a long track record of volunteering, with deep roots in the district. While on Council, he pushed for consensus and common ground, with most votes being unanimous. He and his wife served on the Ferguson Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee, formed as part of the Department of Justice Consent Decree with the city. He truly believes that more connects us than separates us. 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 is running two candidates in this election, Jared Young running for Senate and Blake Ashby running for Congress. 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.

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