

# Jason Kander

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### 39th [Secretary of State of Missouri](#)

#### In office

January 14, 2013 – January 9, 2017

**Governor** [Jay Nixon](#)

**Preceded by** [Robin Carnahan](#)

**Succeeded by** [Jay Ashcroft](#)

### Member of the [Missouri House of Representatives](#) from the 44th district

#### In office

January 12, 2009 – January 14, 2013

**Preceded by** Jenee Lowe

**Succeeded by** Caleb Rowden

### Personal details

**Born** May 4, 1981 (age 43)  
[Overland Park, Kansas](#), U.S.

**Political party** [Democratic](#)

**Spouse(s)** Diana Kander

**[Alma mater](#)** [American University](#) (BA)  
[Georgetown University](#) (JD)

**Website** [Official website](#)

### Military service

**Allegiance** [United States](#)

**Branch/service** [United States Army](#)

**Years of service** 2003–2011

**Rank** [Captain](#)

**Battles/wars** [Afghanistan](#)

**Jason Kander** (born May 4, 1981) is an American lawyer and [Democratic Party](#) politician. He was elected [Secretary of State of Missouri](#) in 2012, serving from January 2013 through January 9, 2017. He served as a state representative before becoming secretary of state. He was an intelligence officer in the Army National Guard, achieving the rank of Captain.

## Career

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He was the [Democratic](#) nominee for the [United States Senate](#), losing the [2016 Senate election](#) to [Republican](#) incumbent [Roy Blunt](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

On June 25, 2018, Kander announced that he will run for [mayor](#) of [Kansas City](#) in [2019](#) to replace term-limited incumbent [Sly James](#).<sup>[2][3]</sup> He dropped out on October 2, 2018, after revealing that he suffered from [PTSD](#) and [depression](#).

## References

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1. <sup>↑</sup> [Missouri U.S. Senate Results: Roy Blunt Wins](#), nytimes.com; accessed November 9, 2016.
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