

Kootenai County Conservative Voter Guide

Idaho Republican State Primary May 21, 2024

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Official Publication

This is your official 2024 Kootenai County Idaho Republican Primary Voters' Guide. It is meant to help you cast your vote-by-mail or in-person ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters beginning May 6, 2024.

Included in this guide are election deadlines, voter registration information, and candidate statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Brent Regan".

Brent Regan,
Chairman, Kootenai County Republican Central
Committee

May 21, 2024 Primary Election Information

April 26, 2024, is the voter registration deadline for the May 21 Primary Election. Voters can register to vote at the polls on Election Day.



Go to voteidaho.gov to register to vote, check your voter record status, request an absentee ballot, and check your request.

Absentee Voting

Paper forms for absentee voting are available at the Kootenai County Elections Department or can be printed:

<https://www.kcgov.us/DocumentCenter/View/22220/2024-ABS-Request-Form>

Absentee request forms can be dropped off, mailed, emailed, or faxed to the Elections Department. The last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot is May 10, 2024, at 5 pm. The last day to return your Absentee Ballot is May 21, 2024, at 8pm.

Early Voting

Early Voting will be available at the County Elections Office starting May 6, 2024, through May 17, 2024.

The Elections Department is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM at
**1808 N 3rd Street
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-3407**

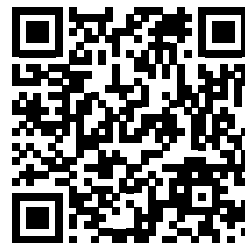


Voting Day!

May 21, 2024 polling places are open from 8 AM to 8 PM. Find your polling place:

<https://www.kcgov.us/321/Polling-Place-Look-Up>

**Polling Places may be changed up to 30 days prior to the upcoming election.*



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VOTER GUIDE METHODOLOGY



The following request for information was sent to every candidate in this guide:

“The Kootenai County

Republican Central Committee is creating a Voter Guide to help inform Republican voters leading up to the May 21 Primary Election. Your responses will be distributed by postal mail and digitally to reach the majority of registered GOP voters in Kootenai County. This is your chance to let the majority of GOP voters of Kootenai County know where you stand on the important issues of the day.

To leave a more favorable impression for the voters, we highly recommend you respond to this questionnaire. We will not edit your responses in any way. If you do not respond, your candidate profile will remain blank and indicate that ‘Candidate did not respond.’ DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS APRIL 8.

Describe in 5 or less sentences your stance on each of the following issues:

- Cost of living in Kootenai County
- ‘Wokeism’ including DIE, CRT and racial preferences
- Children’s books in libraries
- President Trump
- Ranked Choice Voting
- Parental rights in schools
- Immigration
- The 2nd Amendment
- Homeschooling and school choice”

Where applicable, certain candidate profiles will also display helpful rankings provided by The Idaho GOP Platform Rating System, The Idaho Freedom Foundation’s Freedom Index, and/or a recommendation from the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee.

County Commissioner Seat 1



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Cost of Living: "My budgetary philosophy is to cut wasteful spending, lessening the cost of living, and properly funding essential services. A county commissioner's duties

are to oversee governmental activities on behalf of the property taxpayers. County budgets/spending drives property taxes; frivolous spending raises the cost of living while too little spending endangers public safety and essential services.

Wokeism: CRT (culturally relevant teaching), CRT (critical race theory), DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion), and other such are tools used by influencers to adversely affect the stability of the USA. Don't drink their poison Kool-Aid

Children's Books in Libraries: "Perverse children's books in the library are an abomination. Get rid them all. Sally, Dick and Jane worked just fine for decades.

President Trump: I'm all aboard the Trump train, toot, toot. I voted for Trump in each election.

Ranked Choice Voting: There are those who advocate that Idaho should embrace Ranked Choice Voting, don't drink the liberals poison Kool-Aid. The concept of Ranked Choice Voting is a plot to undermine the essence of free elections. The very purpose of this tactic is to elect and put liberals into office and undermine the USA. For example, liberal Senator Lisa Murkowski (Alaska) would not be a senator today without Ranked Choice Voting.

Parental Rights: In the good ol' days parents could trust public school teachers to do the right things for the children under their charge. There are still great teachers today who do right for our children. However, today there is a growing cadre of change agents masquerading as teachers leading our children down the path of ruin. The evil influencers are doing the devils work by ignoring parental rights.

Immigration: For centuries the USA became home to many industrious new Americans. And the USA became great prospered. "Immigration" on our soft borders today does not have the odor of immigration as the Founding Father envisioned it. Rather call it what it really is, an invasion of our borders sanctioned from within.

2nd Amendment: I embrace the Second Amendment in every aspect as envisioned by the Founding Fathers of this great nation.

School Choice: A growing number of parents are choosing to protect their children from the change agents by using private schools and homeschooling. I advocate for private schools and homeschooling.



KCRCC Recommended

The above information provided by the candidates.

County Commissioner Seat 1



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Cost of Living: Bad national policies are increasing prices. However, addressing irresponsible growth can keep taxes and the cost of living low. Sadly, growth

doesn't pay for infrastructure, so citizens must bear the burden of paying for that growth. If you want to keep the cost of living low, then we MUST address the irresponsible growth occurring in our community. That is what my entire platform as county commissioner is based upon.

Wokeism: There is no place for these liberal, woke ideas in our community. These policies are rampant in our cities and larger communities. If we want to keep that from happening here then we need to address growth, so we don't become like the next Seattle or Los Angeles. That is what I plan to address as your county commissioner.

Children's Books in Libraries: I am against sexually explicit books in the under-age section. Before this community experienced rapid growth, we didn't have these issues. We need strong leadership to focus on smart growth policies that make sense for this community. I know how we can do that and that's why I'm running for county commissioner.

President Trump: President Trump is an America First leader. What we need is a Kootenai County first leader. That's why I'm running for county commissioner. I'm tired of hearing about how we need to build more homes so more people can move here. What about the people who already live here? Please vote Dale Gibboney for county commissioner.

Ranked Choice Voting: Like picking cronies and recommendations, this, too, is an underhanded way of preventing party voters from picking the best candidate. I will do everything I can to protect the Republican Party Primary system, so you can decide who the best candidate should be. That's why I'm running to be your next county commissioner.

Parental Rights: Parental rights always prevail over school authority. If we want to ensure that our schools honor parental rights, then we need to elect people who understand how big-city policies can hurt our community. I know that the county can have a big influence on that and I will ensure that happens with responsible growth policies as your county commissioner.

Immigration: Legal? Yes. Illegal? No. Since I am already endorsed by the Sheriff's Office Employee FOP, you can be confident I will work hand-in-hand with our Sheriff AND Prosecutor to stop illegal immigration from coming to Kootenai County. That is my promise to you!

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County Commissioner Seat 1

2nd Amendment: There is no 2nd Amendment in liberal cities. That's why we need to do everything we can to keep this place from growing into the next Portland or Seattle. I support the 2nd Amendment unequivocally and will work with our Sheriff to ensure your Rights are always protected.

School Choice: Parents should have the ultimate decision-making authority over how their children are educated. We need to do everything we can to keep more democrats from moving here and trying to change our community. As your county commissioner I will fight hard to preserve this option for you.

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County Commissioner Seat 1



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Cost of Living: The cost of living keeps going up and up and the wages are not keeping pace with them. Taxes increase 3% per year of late, but employers are not increasing employees' wages accordingly. New residents moving to

this area are now going to be faced with impact fees as well, and additional burden to the residents. The county commissioners have to quit talking of being fiscally conservative and start being fiscally conservative.

Wokeism: I disagree with all of these issues, and I feel they have no place in Kootenai County.

Children's Books in Libraries: All children books in the libraries need to be age appropriate. There is no way around this, traditional/Christian values dictate this. These books should be evaluated by a panel of adults and not by one or two individuals.

President Trump: President Trump has done a lot of good for this country. I don't always agree with his tactics, but he has done what he said he would do. Controlling the borders, improving the economy, opening the pipelines, not relying on foreign countries for providing products for the U.S. etc.

Ranked Choice Voting: I disagree with RCV., citizens have the right to choose who they want to vote for instead of having some ill-thought-out scam going so a small part of society picks who wins election. This occurs because you have spin-off groups vetting candidates with a poor process, and picking who they wish to support before the vetting process ever starts.

Parental Rights: Parents should have the same rights in school as they do at home. It is the schools job to teach the children, and not tell the parents how to raise them. As long as the parents are not abusing the children, or neglecting them.

Immigration: I am not opposed to immigration but come into this country legally and contribute to society, pay your taxes, and enjoy the benefits.

2nd Amendment: I am a gun owner. I support the second amendment; I fought in foreign wars to protect that right for all U.S. Citizens.

School Choice: Again, homeschooling is a parent right as long as the child is taught the requirements as set forth by the Education Department of the state. School choice is not always possible due to the number of children living in an area and attending public schools.

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County Commissioner Seat 1



John Padula

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Cost of Living: The cost of living in Kootenai County is outrageous. For any young family to succeed, both parents will have to be working, which means taking away the Mother's ability to be with her children. Our children will never be able to live in Kootenai county if we don't do something fast.

Wokeism: I completely reject the woke agenda. The DEI, CRT, and other forms of attempting to unite our communities are actually dividing our communities. We need to sit down and have healthy discussions on how to battle this. All people, no matter what they believe, or their race, are equal and should be treated equal with equal rights.

Children's Books in Libraries: Children under the age of 18 should not have any access to books or materials that are not educational or informative in a healthy manner.

President Trump: Although I do not support some of President Trump's character, his policies were great. Although he was very brash, at least he did what he said he was going to do.

Ranked Choice Voting: I would vote against any Ranked Choice Voting, and I would not support open primaries.

Parental Rights: God set up the family structure to where the parents are completely responsible for their children. No matter where they are or what they are doing, parents have 100% rights over their children, when they are at school or when they are at any medical facility.

Immigration: Our border needs to be closed. There's a legal process to enter into any country, and there should be zero exemptions. If somebody wants to come into America, they need to do it legally.

2nd Amendment: I stand behind and fully support the 2nd Amendment, and I don't believe in any laws, statutes, or ordinances that that would disrupt it.

School Choice: I believe if a family is able to, homeschooling should be the first option. If they are not able to, then they should be able to choose the school their child goes to. That would promote more healthy environments in schools, competition for schools, and would give parents the confidence to know their children are being taken care of. If they are not, there are other options.

County Commissioner Seat 3



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Cost of Living: Kootenai County is an incredible place to live, environmentally, socially, and politically which causes property values to rise as demand rises. One way to combat the cost of living here is to avoid enacting ordinances/regulations that cause prices to inflate.

Wokeism: What ever happened to the days of Mayberry where neighbors looked out for neighbors and treated everyone fairly and kindly? Wokeism, DIE, CRT, and Racial Preference cause division, not kindness. Love your neighbor as yourself, live and let live, be kind, you're in Idaho now, are the mantras we should be living by, not division.

Children's Books in Libraries: Children need to be protected from early sexualization. Library patrons ought to be able to browse a library without stumbling upon inappropriate materials accidentally.

President Trump: I thought President Trump served in a way that helped Americans get their way of life back. He is not perfect, but I believe he loves American and has the best interest of the citizens at heart.

Ranked Choice Voting: I do not agree with RCV. A political party is obligated to select the best candidate that represents their values otherwise why have parties at all?

Parental Rights: Schools are not a substitute for parents. A school district that keeps this in mind, serves the students and the parents the best. It is crucial to have a partnership with parents to produce the best outcomes in student education.

Immigration: America has thrived because of LEGAL immigration. Having open borders is destroying America. Let's close our borders and protect our country.

2nd Amendment: Without the Second Amendment, none of the other Amendments will survive. "Shall not be infringed" is pretty clear. I think everyone with the mental fortitude to carry a gun should get trained and exercise their Second Amendment right.

School Choice: I home schooled both of our children. I think it is imperative to have choices when it comes to the education of our children. Children are unique and need to be schooled in the way they learn, not just what works for the majority of students.



County Commissioner Seat 3



Brett Surplus

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Cost of Living: It's skyrocketing! And it needs to stop. Growth in Kootenai County has made the cost of living too much. Why are we paying for the schools, roads and jail beds so new residents can move here. That needs to change. I will fight to keep your taxes low by tackling out of control growth. Vote Brett Surplus to keep taxes low by fighting irresponsible growth.

Wokeism: No. I am against all of these policies. We cannot let this place turn into the next Portland. It will if we allow unrestricted growth so more people can move here from liberal states. Vote Brett Surplus county commissioner if you don't want to see these woke policies in your county government.

Children's Books in Libraries: Kids should not be exposed to books that are for adults. We need a person with strong leadership who can fight these policies.

President Trump: His policies work for America and has America first, we need that for the people more than ever, the best 4 yrs we've had was under his leadership. He and I share some of the same traits, we say it like it is and we put Americans first.

Ranked Choice Voting: It destroyed Alaska and it will destroy Idaho. I will fight it from ever happening here. That's why I'm asking for your vote as county commissioner

Parental Rights: As a county commissioner I will not be in control over the schools, but believe every parent has the sole responsibility over their child even when attending school.

Immigration: Idaho needs strong legislation to battle the deliberate planned invasion orchestrated by the Biden Administration.

2nd Amendment: I am a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment, every individual should know how to responsibly handle a firearm. I will defend our right to own, carry and posses firearms.

School Choice: I strongly support parent choice. The biggest threat to homeschooling is authoritarian democrats moving here and trying to control you. I will fight to preserve it 24/7.

County Sheriff



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Cost of Living: Food, fuel, and farm supplies are greatly increased due to Democrat fiscal policies resulting in inflation. Assessed valuations of real property have leveled after an outrageous increase in 2022-23 of over \$480,000 in one year on my home.

This implies future property tax increases will eventually follow. If elected, Sheriff's Office will tighten its belt and pause optional projects with unknown future costs, such as the aero squadron, and focus on recruitment and the jail.

Wokeism: The provocation of these cultural tumors is un-sufferable and they have no place in North Idaho. Communist and Marxist inspired (redundant for sure), we need to educate our young people on the long term catastrophic effect of these policies on a free society.

Children's Books in Libraries: No child porn in libraries. Why does this need to be said?

President Trump: I fully support President Donald John Trump and we have voted for him since he ran in 2016. If he is not re-elected, I predict a country split, or a civil war within the next term of Democrats.

Ranked Choice Voting: Hell no. What a manipulative strategy, what will they come up with next?

Parental Rights: All important. I recommend homeschooling if parental rights are threatened locally.

Immigration: Illegal Immigration is Voter Fraud in action. Clearly an invasion, and those who enable open borders should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Legal immigration is fine. Elections locally need paper ballots and hand counting. After all, they hand count us when we check in to vote.

2nd Amendment: The only thing preventing the violation of every other right we have. I do recommend no more Sherman Avenue Gun Shows, it obviously provided an intelligence bonanza for somebody, and I think I know who.

School Choice: Vouchers may bust the property tax budget, but they are just. Public schools need to be held accountable for their performance, and if high, rewarded. If not, Homeschooling is recommended.

County Sheriff



Robert Norris

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Cost of Living: As Sheriff, it is my job to tell you how much the cost of living is impacting law enforcement in Kootenai County. Housing is a hurdle impacting all employers in Kootenai County, including your Sheriff's Office. Irresponsible growth will lead to the need for more jail beds, and more law enforcement, which will cost more money.

Wokeism: As your Sheriff, I will never hire or promote an individual based on affirmative action. I will NOT incorporate a policy of DEI, CRT, or any other special interest initiative into your Sheriff's Office.

Children's Books in Libraries: I have publicly demonstrated my position on sexually explicit books in libraries. As your Sheriff, I believe that if a book has sexually explicit material in violation of Idaho law, it should be in an area only accessible to adults. As a taxpayer, I question why my tax paying dollars are purchasing these types of books.

President Trump: I was better off four years ago under President Trump. Threats to our country was a lower risk under President Trump. The World was a safer place under President Trump. Kootenai County was better off under President Trump. I support President Trump.

Ranked Choice Voting: I am 100% against Ranked Choice Voting.

Parental Rights: I am 100% in favor of parental rights in schools.

Immigration: I have made my position publicly clear. I oppose illegal immigration. Period. If a person is here illegally, they should be deported. I spoke in favor of strengthening our Idaho borders against people who have entered the United States illegally. I lobbied to strengthen Idaho's trafficking law on fentanyl.

2nd Amendment: I am a no compromise 2nd Amendment supporter. I have signed an affidavit stating I will not enforce or participate in any red flag laws.

School Choice: I support homeschooling and school choice.



KCRCC Recommended

County Prosecutor



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Cost of Living: Answer not given.

Wokeism: Answer not given.

Children's Books in Libraries: Answer not given.

President Trump: Answer not given.

Ranked Choice Voting: Answer not given.

Parental Rights: Answer not given.

Immigration: I believe that all laws – state and federal – should be followed.

2nd Amendment: The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 11 of the Idaho Constitution protect an individual right to possess firearms and to use those firearms for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense. As your Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney, I swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho.



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School Choice: Answer not given.

Legislative District 2, State Senate



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Cost of Living: The cost of everything is going up because we create money out of nothing. The increase in the money supply is going into assets, like houses and commercial buildings. We won't return to affordable housing prices until we return to a commodity based money system. The

Constitution requires a gold and silver based money system, but we ignore the Constitution.

Wokeism: Wokeism is an attempt to divide us so that we can be conquered one group at a time.

Children's Books in Libraries: Children's books in libraries need to be age appropriate. Children are innocent, and we need to protect their innocence. I voted for HB710 because it will be easy for both libraries and parents to work with.

President Trump: I support President Trump for president. All the recent attacks against President Trump are just a form of election interference. President Trump and I both graduated from the same business school at the University of Pennsylvania, so I have a built in bias to see him be successful.

Ranked Choice Voting: I am opposed to Ranked Choice Voting. I ran a constitutional amendment in our 2024 legislative session to oppose Ranked Choice Voting at the state constitution level. We did not get the necessary 2/3's approval. I will try again next year after we elect more conservatives to the legislature. See House Joint Memorial 004 from the 2024 legislative session.

Parental Rights: Parents have the ultimate and superior right to their children's welfare, their education and to all other issues. When children are attending school, the school is only the custodian of these children.

Immigration: We need to control our international borders and allow only legal immigration. I have visited the Mexico border 6 times, including 4 times in the last year. Last session I ran HB464 - Interstate Compact for Border Security, a bill that would allow interested states to work with each other to secure our borders.

2nd Amendment: Our right to self-defense is a natural right given to us by God. The Second Amendment in our Bill of Rights only memorializes this natural right. Government has no standing to take away a right given to us by God.

Legislative District 2, State Senate

School Choice: Parents are responsible for the education of their children. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Parents have an absolute right to homeschool their children. I will support a no-frills legislative solution for a program where the money will follow the student so that parents can send their children to the school of their choice.



A- 92.31%



IFF Freedom Index:
A+ Education 100.0%
A+ Freedom 97.5%
A- Spending 91.1%



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Legislative District 2A, State Representative



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Cost of Living: I have lived in North Idaho for the last 26 years. Our increased population has put pressure on supply and demand. Prices have steadily gone up, availability has gone down which has made the cost of living higher for most all residents.

Wokeism: Wokeism, and DEI, along with other liberal social issues have invaded north Idaho. It is the job of the churches, not government, to instill a moral compass in people. We are a nation that has turned away from God, and thus are reaping the consequences.

Children's Books in Libraries: Sexually Explicit materials should not be made available to children in our libraries. Libraries should not be exempt from a law that others must adhere to. There is an active agenda by some to pervert the minds of children and destroy traditional families.

President Trump: I think President Trump has shown great leadership qualities and has not caved under the pressure from America's enemies. When he gets elected, we cannot sit back and take a break. We need all hands on deck to save our Republic.

Ranked Choice Voting: Ranked Choice Voting is a scheme to allow Democrats to win elections in Republican States. It will destroy our state.

Parental Rights: Parents need to remove their children from ALL government-public schools.

Immigration: Legal immigration is fine, but this country is experiencing an invasion of illegal immigration. The current administration is encouraging this illegal and detrimental activity. The House tried to pass a bill to empower local law enforcement to address this issue, but the bill died. The Idaho Dairymen Association admitted in committee that 70% of their labor is illegal aliens. Corporate lobbyist are promoting this activity, and the Farm Bureau has lobbied for drivers licenses for illegals.

2nd Amendment: The 2nd amendment protects all others. Idaho continues to be one of the best states for protecting gun rights.

School Choice: Home school is the best school choice! Do everything you can to remove your children from government run schools.

IDAHO GOP PLATFORM RATING
A+ 97.67%

IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION
IFF Freedom Index:
A+ Education 100.0%
A Freedom 94.5%
A+ Spending 100%

Kootenai County GOP
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The above information provided by the candidates.

Legislative District 3, State Senate



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Cost of Living: The cost of living here in Kootenai County and around the country is out of control. While it is largely due to failed monetary policies at the federal level, it has been exacerbated locally by the unprecedented influx of new residents who have had to compete with locals for a limited supply of housing options, which has also driven up prices for homes and rentals. Carefully selecting the right candidates for President and the United States Congress is the primary way voters can affect monetary policy and the only way to eliminate deficit spending. At the state-level we have passed a number of laws designed to help reduce the impact of inflation for Idaho residents, including income tax cuts and property tax cuts, for example. However, state governments do not control federal monetary policy, which has caused the high prices for goods and services we all struggle with today.

Wokeism: During my time in the Idaho State Legislature, I have supported numerous bills that have passed into law which eliminate public educational institutions' ability to require critical race theory statements from prospective employees and instructors, and prohibit the use of public funds to teach divisive theories, for example.

Children's Books in Libraries: I support protecting children from inappropriate materials everywhere, including the Internet and public libraries. This year the Idaho Legislature passed House Bills 498 and 710, which give parents the ability to fight back if their children are improperly exposed to harmful materials.

President Trump: In addition to President Trump being the better choice with respect to monetary policy, U.S. Attorneys are appointed by the President. We need a President who will appoint prosecutors who will enforce the laws of our country instead of ignoring crimes. President Trump is clearly the better candidate to address the crisis at our southern border. President Biden has been utterly derelict in his duties with respect to protecting our borders and enforcing immigration policies.

Ranked Choice Voting: Ranked Choice Voting will be on the ballot this November as part of the Open Primaries Initiative. Left-wing political operatives, like Reclaim Idaho, have been gathering signatures in order to place this question on the ballot. It is important to keep in mind that measures like this one have resulted in less conservative governments where ever they have been implemented. This is simply an effort by the left to undermine Idaho's conservative nature. Don't be fooled. Open primaries and Ranked Choice Voting are bad for Idaho.

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Legislative District 3, State Senate

Parental Rights: Parental rights are fundamental rights. Some school districts and administrations have become less and less responsive to parents' input when deciding how and what to teach our children. Sex education and gender identity topics, for example, should not be forced on children without a parental input and approval.

Immigration: Our country's southern border is a disaster. The Biden administration has essentially abandoned legal immigration, and is instead allowing uncontrolled access for anyone, including drug mules, sex traffickers, and violent criminals.

2nd Amendment: I am a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment rights. I am also an avid hunter and was previously a competitive shooter.

School Choice: I support parents' choice in how and where to educate their children, be it at home, in a private school, or public school.

IDAHO GOP PLATFORM RATING
B+ 87.50%

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IFF Freedom Index:
A+ Education 100.0%
C+ Freedom 76.4%
C+ Spending 76%

Kootenai County GOP
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Legislative District 3A, State Representative



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Cost of Living: Cost of Living in Kootenai County is the result of Federal Deficits and Federal Reserve Printing Press. Inflation can only get worse as the Federal Government borrows an estimated

One Trillion Dollars every 100 days (obviously, \$3.5 Trillion this fiscal year!). Idaho cannot wean itself from the growing amount of federal money, that is structurally a part of our budget, without creating a self imposed collapse of the economy. Unfortunately, I think the cost of living only gets worse from here.

Wokeism: It doesn't take any scrutiny to recognize the orchestrated take down of traditional American Culture. The best way to deter this forced ideology is to take personal action: Read your Bible!

Children's Books in Libraries: Given that the content of books designed for consumption by children is no longer appropriate, because of the high emphasis on sexualizing everything, it is not irrational or censorship to require that these books be kept away from children's section of Libraries, so that if a parent wants to subject their kids to such, they must check them out themselves.

President Trump: Obviously, Donald Trump is not a spiritual savior. That said, he is the last best hope for America to return to rational political outcomes. Even if elected, he will have a 'tough row to hoe'!

Ranked Choice Voting: Another socialist ploy to subvert the will of the people. What is being kept from the voting public is the complexity of this form of voting: It requires a sophisticated 'algorithm' and vast computing power. In other words, we must rely even MORE heavily on computers to determine the outcome of our elections. A VERY bad idea.

Parental Rights: Take your kids out of public school. You are a better teacher for your own children than anyone else. It isn't easy, but it's worth it.

Immigration: LEGAL immigration has issues that are not being addressed by the Federal Government. Aside from the Agricultural community, I think most people on this issue are probably concerned about ILLEGAL immigration.

Surprisingly, this was the very first issue people wanted to talk about my first year running for this office in 2010! I thought: "that's a FEDERAL issue, how can the state do ANYTHING!?" Now I realize that Idaho must take a stand immediately against an invasion of largely military aged males being shipped literally to every major city in the U.S.

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Legislative District 3A, State Representative

2nd Amendment: Shall NOT BE INFRINGED!

School Choice: Homeschool is the best option and should remain completely unregulated by the state. School choice refers to where state dollars go for education. If we would eliminate real estate property taxes, parents would have the funds to choose their schools letting competition thrive in the K through 12 schools system.



IDAHO GOP PLATFORM RATING
B+ 88.10%

IFF Freedom Index:
 A+ Education 100.0%
 B- Freedom 83.2%
 C- Spending 71.9%

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Legislative District 3B, State Representative



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Cost of Living: Having been born and raised here in Kootenai county I've seen the massive changes in the cost of living. I believe that we should allow for more free market solutions to help with the increasing cost. I don't believe further regulation from municipalities is the

answer. The answer to many of these problem is not to make it harder on the free market to function but to limit the government's overreach in the market.

Wokeism: I believe that wokeism is a false religion. It's preying on the minds of many with divisive lies. I think that DEI is simply racism and has no place in our state or this country.

Children's Books in Libraries: I worked extensively with the House sponsor this year on getting House Bill 710 into law. I think it's a good solution to the problem we've seen in our state.

President Trump: I think President Trump was a great president and I believe he'll help get our country back on the right path if elected again.

Ranked Choice Voting: RCV is a terrible system for voting. It was designed to confuse and not honor the will of the electorate. I sit on the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee and I'm one of 8 member made up of 4 senators and 4 representatives. We had a vote in JLOC earlier this year on issues we'd like to take up. The support staff asked us to rank the issues on what we'd like to learn more about. We voted on the issues and 2 of the members of JLOC didn't rank them correctly. These votes would not have counted had that been a RCV election. We had 25% of the State of Idaho oversight committee screw up a rank choice vote. This is clearly not a path we should go down for elections.

Parental Rights: I believe that parents have the primary rights in their children's education. The parent is ultimately responsible for raising their children- not the public school system. While we have many dedicated and caring educators in Kootenai county, I believe that the more parents are involved in their children's education, the more successful their children will be.

Immigration: I believe the southern border is the one of the biggest issues facing our country. I sponsored two bills last year and co-sponsored another trying to do what we can as a state to address this issue.

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2nd Amendment: I'm a strong believer in the 2nd amendment and I believe it's one of the best protections that our country has against government overreach. I actually sponsored a bill that became law dealing with knife rights last year. Knives are arms too and should be protected as such.

School Choice: I was personally homeschooled and my wife and I homeschool our 6 children. I'm a strong supporter of school choice and believe we will have school choice in our state next year. We have many great options for educating our youth in Kootenai county and I feel it is important to support all families in their decision for how to best educate their individual children. I believe that competition between school options is very healthy and would cause all methods of education to be elevated.



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A- 90.70%

IFF Freedom Index:
 A+ Education 100.0%
 C+ Freedom 78.4%
 B- Spending 83.3%

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Legislative District 4A, State Representative



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Cost of Living: The cost of living in Kootenai County, as elsewhere, is rising dramatically and creating a crisis of affordability for many. Much of this is beyond our control, as we are subject to dictates from the

federal government, and the effects of international trade policies. But at the local level, we can continue to fight the growth of state government and cut or reduce spending, because tax dollars are out of the public's pocket. That's why I have routinely voted against budgets with a spending increase of more than 3% since I first took office, and voted for tax cuts.

Wokeism: The scourge of victimhood and special preferences is a cancer on our society, which has thrived for centuries by recognizing the individual's ability to achieve and improve his life. The playing field should be level, but CRT, DEI, Affirmative Action and similar programs use artificial and unfair measurements to favor one group of people over any individual. The content of one's character takes a back seat to alleged wrongs, to make up for supposed sins of the past. We should all be equal before the law, and strive for that equality rather than a societally dictated outcome.

Children's Books in Libraries: Eliminating harmful materials in libraries was an issue that I campaigned on, and this year in the legislature I was a proponent of and co/sponsor of H0384 and H0710, the latter of which passed the House with an overwhelming majority. I argued for it in committee and on the House floor.

It is imperative that we succeed on this issue, and remove the ability of libraries to distribute pornographic material to children. If H0710 fails in the Senate, we will be back next year with a stronger bill.

President Trump: God does not choose perfect men for his tasks, but chooses men who are perfect for the task. President Trump accomplished more in his first term than most accomplish in eight years, despite continued opposition from entrenched powers on both sides of the aisle, the mainstream press, and the entire bureaucratic state. The stakes are that high, as he attempted to dismantle the deep state apparatus that controls the country, that all the powers aligned against him. That opposition has made me even more determined in my support.

Ranked Choice Voting: A terrible idea, and one of the tactics the left is using across the country to enable them to ""win"" elections. One man, one vote.

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Parental Rights: I am a big proponent of school choice, because I think the only way to fix our broken education system is to make it subject to the laws of the free market. By creating a healthy competition, schools will be forced to reform, in not only curriculum and student test scores, but in staffing levels and teacher pay. It's proven elsewhere, and time to raise Idaho to that standard.

Immigration: The only immigration that we need is legal immigration. All illegal immigrants should be deported, as they haven't broken our laws.

2nd Amendment: The 2A recognizes, and does not grant, the right of citizens to protect themselves. Especially against a tyrannical out of control government. It wasn't written to allow us to hunt deer, but to check the power of government.

School Choice: Idaho needs to join the 20 or more states that have enacted school choice, to prevent the further indoctrination of our children, and to provide a more educated population in order to maintain our republic.

IDAHO GOP PLATFORM RATING
A- 90.24%

IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION
IFF Freedom Index:
A+ Education 100.0%
B Freedom 85.2%
B+ Spending 88.5%

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Legislative District 4B, State Representative



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Cost of Living: The cost of living in Kootenai County is a tough one for many living here. There are many factors to this, we cannot fix it by passing laws or ordinances. The housing market will correct

itself, and the federal government needs to quit spending to help with inflation. I appreciate the attempt to cut property taxes by the legislature, I would much rather have the government return the surplus directly back to the citizens so they see the savings in their pockets.

Wokeism: We need to be color blind when it comes to government programs, agencies and schools. The government should be mute when it comes to promoting any social agenda. There have been a few bills passed to make sure this happens but we will need to strengthen that stance with future legislation.

Children's Books in Libraries: Children should be allowed to be children and not deal with social issues at such a young age. I appreciate those that have worked to tackle this issue when it comes to books in our libraries. I do believe parents should be in control of what books their children check out and moving books within the library allows all parents to have that control.

President Trump: The improvements to our economy, our borders and our country in general in such a short time, under his leadership was impressive. I am concerned that he will be under attack if/when he is elected again.

Ranked Choice Voting: One person one vote is the way our founding fathers set out our voting system. Ranked choice voting is not one person one vote. It sets up a system that favors those who are willing to rank candidates that are totally against their principles. I supported the bill to ban ranked choice voting, and I will do what I can to prevent it from coming to Idaho.

Parental Rights: Parental rights are God given, so the State cannot and should not grant parental rights. Legislation has been passed to make sure that it is understood that way. We are working hard to make it clear that the children belong to their parents, not the state.

Immigration: The state must protect our borders and demand the federal government to protect the United States borders. As a state we should do everything within our power to reduce the attraction to our state by illegal immigrants. We have a legal process we must use, if it's broken then we fix it not just ignore it.

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2nd Amendment: The 2nd amendment must be protected without question. This amendment was put in place by our founders to protect the citizens from a rouge government.

School Choice: Our state is the least regulated state for homeschooling and I think we should keep it that way. I want the money to follow the student. There are many students who do not thrive in the public school system. We are obligated to provide schooling for those students as well. We are to provide funding for schools it does not say government run schools. Other states have proven money following the student does not drain the money from public schools. I look forward to finding a solution for all.

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A 95.35%

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A+ Freedom 96.1%
A+ Spending 97.9%

Kootenai County GOP
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Legislative District 4B, State Representative



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Cost of Living: Over the past three years, Kootenai County has experienced a notable rise in the cost of living, with the housing market and inflation, spurred by an influx of new residents. Small businesses are

grappling with the tangible expenses of materials, products, food, gas, utilities, and crucially, maintaining an affordable workforce. My wife and I have our own local business, with employees that struggle to find housing they can afford, which puts an even greater burden on the staff shortage in this area that affects all local businesses. There's a pressing need for legislative measures to provide incentives to developers, aiming to make homeownership more accessible for first-time buyers. Additionally, supporting local small businesses and enhancing programs at higher education institutions like NIC is vital for cultivating a skilled local workforce.

Wokeism: I believe there was a time decades ago that Affirmative Action was necessary, in order to create greater equality of opportunity all people deserve. Having an African American stepson, we have had many conversations in our household about equality. It is naive to think that racism or prejudices no longer exist. At the same time the issue has been taken to the extreme to the point that people who are not qualified are getting positions due to their sex or race, we can all agree that this is not fair or helpful to society.

Children's Books in Libraries: Just like everyone else, I want children to be protected from harmful material. Idaho has laws on the book already to what inappropriate materials are. So, I ask myself, where are the parents? Are parents not with their underaged children when at a public library? And at the end of the day, the parent is the one that should be deciding what they feel is harmful or inappropriate for their household, not the government.

President Trump: I support the Republican nominee President Donald J Trump, just like I will always support who the Republican party nominates.

Ranked Choice Voting: In our society, brimming with freedoms and choices, the act of voting should be no exception, embodying our right to select from a broad array of options, akin to choosing from a variety of choices, such as more than 2 candy bars or 2 ice cream flavors, or better yet, choice of Ford, Chevy, GMC, Jeep, Dodge. Yet, independent voters in Kootenai County and Idaho, who might affiliate with third parties or no party at all, find themselves excluded from participating in primary elections due to a closed primary system we have in Idaho. Such restrictions not only diminish the vibrancy of our political landscape but also hinder viewpoints and ideas, essential for a healthy republic. Open primaries, by contrast, invite increased participation

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and foster political competition, ensuring that the voices of all constituents, not just those affiliated with major parties, are heard, and valued.

Parental Rights: Parent involvement in schools is vital and something that should be looked at as a positive. Our educators need all the support and help they can get. Parents should also be informed if sensitive topics are going to be discussed, giving them the right to choose alternative options during that time if it goes against what they feel is appropriate or acceptable for their household.

Immigration: One of the most agreed upon issues amongst all registered voters in the recent survey by the Hill is Immigration, and 35% of respondents have moved illegal immigration to #1 issue. Our own Governor Brad Little has been in support of securing borders and sending our Idaho State Law enforcement down to help Texas secure the border from illegal immigration, and I support him and this effort 100%, to protect Idaho and to protect Kootenai County. Legal immigration to the United States is the process that must be followed, again legally. Our US Constitution specially addresses our border security which promises that the federal government “shall protect each [State] against invasion,” and Article I, § 10, Clause 3, which acknowledges “the States’ sovereign interest in protecting their borders.”

2nd Amendment: The 2nd Amendment of the United States is and always will be a non-negotiable amendment. It is a reason our forefathers of the Constitution have it at the top. When it comes to the 2nd amendment, I do not need to run for an office to let anyone know, that I will take a stand to make sure that the freedom of my fellow countrymen and women have their right to have a well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, and the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

School Choice: I support those parents that feel homeschooling works best for them and their family, but also feel it needs to be monitored along with testing, needs to take place to ensure that it is being done correctly and that the child is progressing appropriately through the grade levels. I also think it is beneficial to our community to have not only charter/ STEM schools, but also schools that focus on different trade schools.

Legislative District 5, State Senate



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Cost of Living: Kootenai County is in an environment that is growing and vibrant. Still, it might soon suffer the ills of its own successes unless a very proactive approach to planning and making efforts to curtail the rising cost of living is addressed. Living and working in the communities

they call home is becoming more complex for young adults and families, as well as retirees, on a fixed income. With the cost of living roughly 15.9% higher than the national average and the typical home price being 55% higher than the national average and 17.9% higher than the average Idaho home, we are quickly pricing out the very people we count on to sustain this little slice of heaven we call home. The problem is multifaceted, but my work in the Statehouse will continue to support policies that lower tax burdens, increase wages, seek solutions to provide more affordable housing, and work to find innovative ways to increase the affordability and availability of childcare.

Wokeism: Fundamentally, changing / hope and change share the operative word, change. This is the problem with all attempts to subvert the founding principles and establishment of our representative republic. There is a cultural and even spiritual battle taking place to “change” what I and other conservative representatives believe we need to fight to conserve. The vehicle for this subversion is crafted and often disguised in federally mandated programs, i.e., Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Critical Race Theory (CRT), a version of Critical Theory, with the ultimate goal of dividing and eventually conquering the well-established ideals and unity we share as a country. In this last half of the 67th Legislative session, I voted to defund any appropriated money, state or federal, from the College and University budget that funds DEI.

Children’s Books in Libraries: It would be diminishing, in my opinion, the true intent of those who feel having pornography available and accessible to children in our schools and public libraries by just chalking it up to woke or secularist policies. I have heard lengthy debates on this issue and have likely heard every legitimate argument for and against it. However, I still cannot appreciate the point of view that somehow, 1st Amendment rights are being violated or books are being banned by making efforts to reduce the accessibility of harmful materials to minors, which causes me to be suspicious of potential other motives. Regardless of any motives that might be beyond my comprehension, I feel protecting our children from obscene and harmful materials outweighs these concerns, and that is why I voted to pass House Bill 710, The Children’s School and Library Protection Act.

Legislative District 5, State Senate

President Trump: I supported President Trump’s candidacy in his first run and throughout his first term and will support him in like fashion as the Republican nominee in the 2024 election. We now have a stark contrast to examine the effects of poor policy and bad leadership under the current administration to the preceding four years under the Trump administration, which brought record-breaking prosperity to the country in every demographic. I look forward to engaging in the local Republican Party efforts to secure President Trump’s victory and help get the nation back on the proper path to prosperity, law & order, and a renewed sense of pride in America.

Ranked Choice Voting: There is not enough copy space here to explain rank choice voting (RCV) and my views other than to say that I am 100% opposed to changing our current one-person, one-vote voting system. There are different variations, but the most commonly used form of RCV is called instant run-off voting. This method of RCV is overly complicated, where voters choose multiple candidates, and their votes are tabulated in a hidden process, providing little confidence to the voters that their votes were tabulated correctly. This is an unnecessary change in process for Idahoans. Every jurisdiction that has adopted this system has seen voting participation drop. In the first half of the 67th Legislative Session, I supported the passing of House Bill 179, prohibiting rank-choice voting – I will continue with efforts to block its implementation here in Idaho.

Parental Rights: My first campaign emphasized parental rights, not just in the school setting but also for me and, more importantly, when making medical decisions for our children. I was shocked, during COVID, to witness how quickly the government would step in to supplant parents’ rightful place in making critical decisions for their families. This will continue to be an issue I will be mindful of as I hope to return to accomplish the rest of the work in this regard. During the second half of the 67th Legislative Session, I was happy to have been able to co-sponsor a bill with Representative Mendive that provided parents the right to teach their children on-road driver’s training. House Bill 531 was signed into law by the Governor on March 12, 2024, effective 07/01/2024.

Immigration: One of the most rightful attention-grabbing issues of the past 3 years is undoubtedly the complete reversal of the Trump-era immigration initiatives, ushering in a never-before-seen immigration and humanitarian nightmare, especially on our nation’s southern border. Unfortunately, due to the sheer amount of illegal migration coming across our borders, now each state, in its own right, is considered a border state. A country without borders is not a sovereign country. I often ask myself whether there will be time leading up to the next election to reverse course. However, what is most distressing is that our nation is complicit in one of the worst crises of epic proportions in human and drug trafficking in many years. This is an issue I will continue to stand against and support legislation that protects the sovereignty of Idaho.

Legislative District 5, State Senate

2nd Amendment: “...the right of the people to bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Although there seems to be some lingering confusion over the words “shall not,” there was not similar confusion among our founding fathers, who fully understood that a future view was essential to ensure that they would not, ever again, be subject to the threat of tyranny – the framers of the Constitution understood that the Second Amendment and the right to individual self-defense, was essential to protecting life, liberty and our pursuit of happiness. During the 67th Legislative Session, I was afforded a few opportunities to support Idahoan’s 2A rights, including co-sponsoring legislation with Representative Redman to protect 2A rights associated with knives, with House Bill 620, which was signed into law by the Governor on March 27, 2024, effective 07/01/2024.

School Choice: During the 67th Legislative Session, a few attempts were made at legislation to provide some form of school choice/education freedom. Although I am a supporter of the current public school system, including public charter schools, I feel additional competition for public monies will only help to elevate the standards of the entire educational system. I will continue to support efforts towards choice, as I believe there should be an option for education outside of the traditional public school system, and parents who choose to take advantage of these options should receive either a tax break or compensation closely aligned with the per-student allotment in the public school system.

IDAHO GOP PLATFORM RATING
D+ 67.50%

IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION
IFF Freedom Index:
A+ Education 100.0%
C- Freedom 71.3%
F Spending 31.5%

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Legislative District 5A, State Representative



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Cost of Living: Living costs here in Kootenai have risen primarily due to excessive federal government spending. The result is inflation in all aspects of our economy. The uncontrolled printing of money steals our purchasing power and

results in higher costs for absolutely everything. Here in Idaho we are required to have a balanced state budget., however, Idaho is dependent on and addicted to Federal money.

Wokeism: These policies promote racism and should never be incorporated in any public school curriculum. These ideologies are designed to keep racial tension and strife alive in America. Affirmative Action discriminates against the best qualified applicants for job positions.

Children's Books in Libraries: Good children's books in libraries should instill sound moral values and good character. Libraries were once a safe place for children, but now it is imperative to have a parent accompany and oversee selection of reading material. Fortunately after 3 years, the legislature passed H710 this session which is the Children's School and Library Protection Act, which requires Public Schools and Community Libraries to take reasonable steps to restrict children's access to obscene or harmful material. I was a strong supporter.

President Trump: President Trump was the first president in my life time that did what he said he was going to do. His leadership did make "America Great Again". Its tragic how quickly his successes were negated.

Ranked Choice Voting: Ranked Choice Voting is the latest scheme to steal our elections. If there are several candidates on the ballot, and one candidate does not receive over 50% of the votes on the first round then some ballots are considered "exhausted" and the voter might be done!. Its confusing! "Bottom line, Ranked-choice voting disenfranchises voters and undermines 'one person, one vote', the foundation of American elections." It must be DEFEATED everywhere!

Parental Rights: "I have long been an advocate for parental choice in education. Many states have implemented serious education reform in this regard. Each child is unique and the parent is in the best position to find a suitable education pathway for their child. One-size does not fit all. Many Idaho legislators are still working toward this end, but we are not in the majority.

Immigration: We are a nation of immigrants. My grandparents on both sides immigrated legally to America. Now America is facing an all out invasion on our borders. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BORDER, YOU DO NOT HAVE A COUNTRY!! We are the

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only country in the world that does not secure our borders, yet we assist other countries with theirs. This is inexcusable and these policies are creating an existential threat to America.

2nd Amendment: I am a firm believer and supporter of the 2nd Amendment. Our Founders gave us an amazing gift with our Bill of Rights. Idaho is a strong 2nd Amendment State and Idaho laws reflect that. I will continue to insure that we keep this Right protected.

School Choice: We began homeschooling our Children in the early 1980's. Since then Idaho has become one of the most favorable states in the nation for parents to homeschool. There are many choices currently available to Idaho parents with the opening of a variety of Charter schools that add to public school choices.

I have also advocated for education savings accounts which allows the money to follow the student.

IDAHO GOP PLATFORM RATING
B+ 87.50%

IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION
IFF Freedom Index:
C Education 75%
B- Freedom 83.9%
D+ Spending 66%

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Legislative District 5B, State Representative



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Cost of Living: The exorbitant cost of housing is the major factor for the high cost of living in Kootenai County. States with prosperous economies, such as California, offer high wages and this extra income causes their housing prices to increase. As the immigration into Idaho from

these states continues, the free market will tend to equilibrate prices. Idaho is now considered to be the number one state with overvalued property values, so the near-term expectations will be lower real estate prices. Inflation, which is also a major contributor to these high costs, is the product of the federal government's fraudulent attempt to satisfy constituents' desires for all manners of freebies.

Wokeism: The root cause of modern wokeism is the abandonment of the once noble mission of universities from the pursuit of truth, to the acceptance of the premise that society's major problems are due to the classes of oppressors and victims. This notion has spread to the public school system (through the teacher's colleges), to corporate America, to the media, and to government institutions. Equality of opportunity has now been debased to offering equality of outcome. Any disparity in "fair" representation of racial, gender, or other criteria in an organization is offered as proof of racism, misogyny, or homophobia. Meritocracy is being discarded, as is evidenced in the lowering of admission standards in medicine, law, and other professions.

Children's Books in Libraries: Minors' access to harmful materials should be restricted no matter where those materials are located. There is no logical argument that can be made to justify that libraries should be exempt from state laws that have been in force for fifty years. Leadership in both the Idaho House and Senate would not allow excerpts from these questionable books to be read in Committees and on the Floor, yet some would claim that these books are appropriate for children as young as twelve. The innocence of young minds is being sacrificed over petty issues such as establishing separate adult sections and small fines for failure to enforce compliance with proper policies.

President Trump: Trump is far from being a great statesman. He allowed the health authorities to assume too much power during Covid, and the rate of increase of government growth and spending continued at the same pace as during the Obama presidency. In spite of all that, his independence from the government power brokers gave him the opportunity to accomplish a great deal of good without risking any political capital. He placed tight controls on immigration; promoted a strong economy and very low unemployment; brokered a peace agreement in the Middle East; appointed three Constitutionally

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minded Supreme Court justices; restored American respect and leadership in the world arena; stood up for the dignity of human life; and created an environment for American energy independence. With the experience he gained in his first administration, he is more than capable of continuing the advancement of American ideals in a second term.

Ranked Choice Voting: There is a well-funded petition drive underway that is being sold as a way to get the 'open primary' issue on the November ballot. This would allow anyone, regardless of party affiliation, to vote for candidates in another party, which would be the equivalent of allowing General Motors stockholders to select the Board of Directors of Ford Motor Company.

Another part of the open primary proposal, which is not emphasized when seeking signatures, is ranked choice voting. This complicated system forces the voter to rank all the candidates, even those for whom he would never vote. This system unfairly allows for someone with a lower vote count to be selected as the final winner over a candidate with a higher vote count, and denies citizens the ability to exercise their civic right to "one man, one vote."

Parental Rights: Parents have the natural, God given right and responsibility to provide for their children's health, well-being, and education. Parents extend (not relinquish) their power to the schools to act in their behalf just as we extend our individual right of self-protection to law enforcement agencies. The Legislature passed a bill almost unanimously last year that recognized these rights and requires schools to allow parents access to curriculum and selection criteria; access to classrooms, academic and health records; an opt-in requirement for school questionnaires or surveys; and policies to resolve parental complaints.

Immigration: The United States is the object of an intentional, coordinated invasion which is sponsored by the United Nations and NGOs (non-government organizations). In addition to the estimated 10 to 12 million illegal aliens in the country, over 400 individuals on the terrorist watch list were apprehended last year alone. These illegals are straining our social services: education, housing, medical, law enforcement, etc. Last year in Texas over 400 million fatal doses of fentanyl were intercepted, and sex trafficking is a serious problem. It appears that the Biden administration is intentionally allowing this issue to erupt.

2nd Amendment: The Declaration of Independence states that, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. With the first right being that of life, it follows that no one can take a life without due process, and then only in very limited cases in the pursuit of criminal justice. We have the right to protect and defend our own lives against those who would harm us. It is therefore imperative that we maintain that ability through the responsible and restrained use of firearms. This principle applies even more so to protecting ourselves against government tyranny which would deprive us of our

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fundamental right to Liberty.

School Choice: “At one time in the not-too-distant past Idaho parents were jailed for homeschooling their children. Since then, Idaho has become one of the least restrictive in government control over home schooling. I have tremendous respect for teachers who are now burdened with extra responsibilities that have been traditionally handled by the families.

School choice has been a priority of many in the Legislature for many years. However, there has been great resistance by the entrenched public education interests, both in lobbying groups and among legislators with long standing public education backgrounds. Parents have the right to seek alternatives to the mediocrity and indoctrination in many of the public schools.



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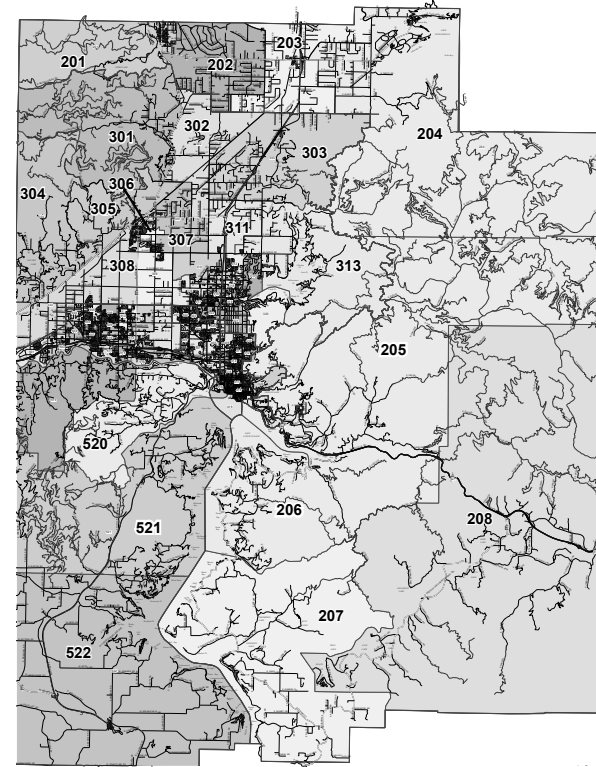
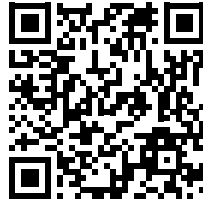
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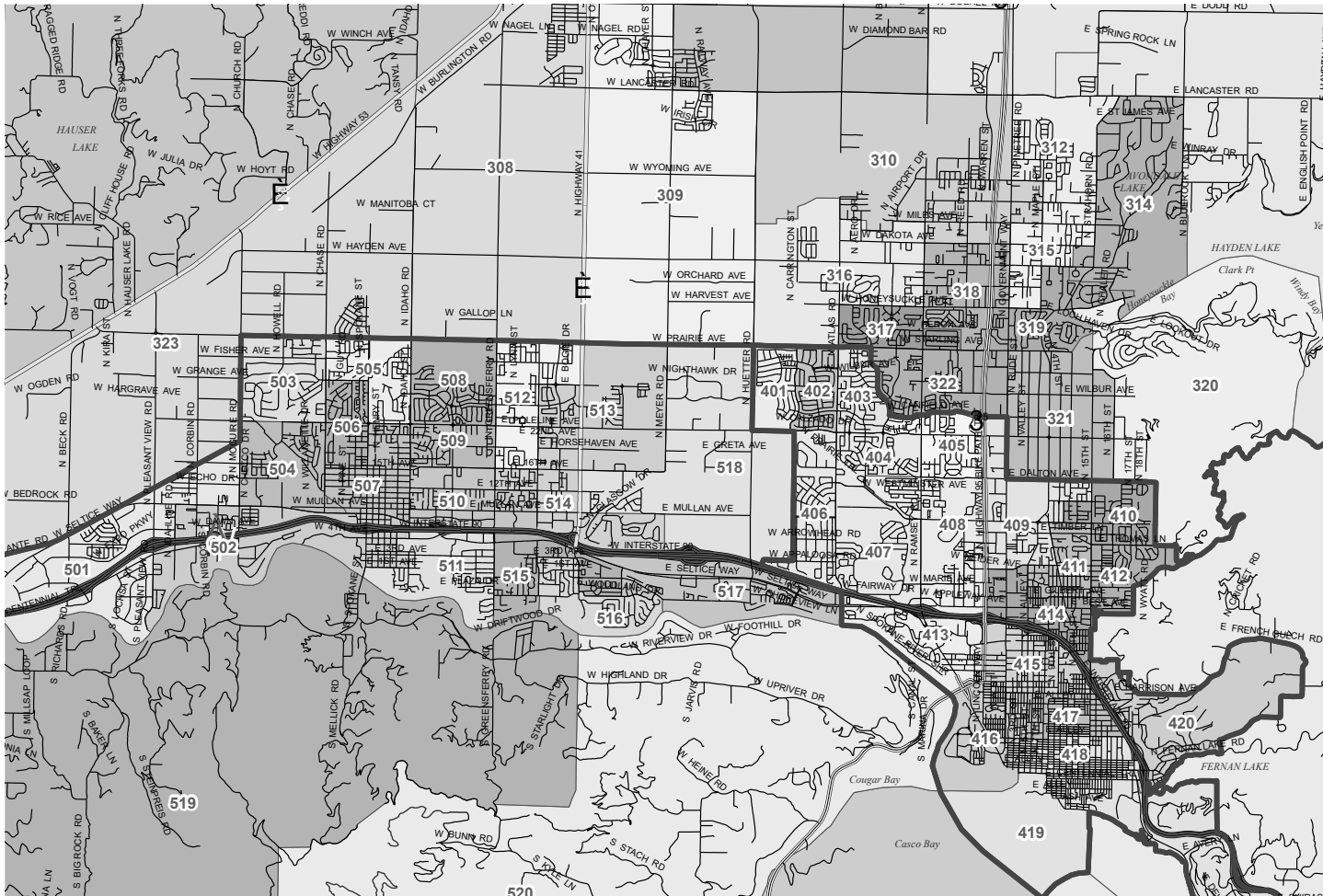
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They are **DEDICATED** to your **LIBERTY-CONSERVATIVE VALUES!**

The following people are running to represent their neighbors' voice in the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC). These are candidates who represent the grassroots conservative, 'Make America Great Again', values of Kootenai County. They will work to further the KCRCC mission to enhance freedom and prosperity by promoting fiscally AND socially conservative candidates who will implement the Idaho Republican Party Platform as policy. The KCRCC has a rigorous vetting process which finds candidates for public office who will represent these values. The KCRCC represents Kootenai County at the Idaho Republican Convention, which sets Republican policy for the entire state.



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- Precinct 201 - Charles Bernhard
- Precinct 202 - Kathy Clark
- Precinct 203 - Melanie Vander Feer
- Precinct 204 - Michael Jehnichen
- Precinct 205 - Brent Regan
- Precinct 206 - David Seurunck
- Precinct 207 - Richard Meyer
- Precinct 208 - Jamie Hass
- Precinct 301 - James Hossack
- Precinct 302 - Steve Cochran
- Precinct 303 - Pierce Duncan
- Precinct 304 - Hendrick Mills
- Precinct 305 - Mary White
- Precinct 306 - Tanya Merritt
- Precinct 307 - Nina Beesley
- Precinct 308 - Anita Dupzyk
- Precinct 309 - Judy Fujimoto
- Precinct 310 - Luke Sommer
- Precinct 311 - Valeriya Rourke
- Precinct 312 - Greg Mckenzie
- Precinct 313 - Tamara Bateson
- Precinct 314 - Paul Mahlow
- Precinct 315 - Nicole Barnett
- Precinct 316 - Randy Hartzell
- Precinct 317 - Christina Beggs
- Precinct 318 - Sandy White
- Precinct 319 - Walt Sackman
- Precinct 320 - John Howard
- Precinct 321 - Justin Rupinski
- Precinct 322 - Lori Anderson
- Precinct 323 - David Crane
- Precinct 401 - Kara Claridge
- Precinct 402 - Terri Seymour
- Precinct 403 - Virginia Williams
- Precinct 404 - Janice Camarena
- Precinct 405 - Barb Hedden
- Precinct 406 - Beverly Guenette
- Precinct 408 - Roger Garlock
- Precinct 409 - Stephanie Schad
- Precinct 410- Brian Smith
- Precinct 411 - Randy Neal
- Precinct 412 - Doug Bacon
- Precinct 413 - Glenn Avery
- Precinct 414 - Bjorn Handeen
- Precinct 415 - Marjorie Desgrosseilliers
- Precinct 417 - Elisha Toews
- Precinct 418 - Richard Price
- Precinct 419 - Lisa Whitehead
- Precinct 420 - Joe Alfieri
- Precinct 501 - Todd Pierce
- Precinct 502 - (Capt) John Moore
- Precinct 503 - David Stoltz
- Precinct 504 - Eric Klinkhammer
- Precinct 505 - Jason Te Nyenhuis
- Precinct 506 - Jeff Populus
- Precinct 507 - Randy Westlund
- Precinct 508 - Jill Storm
- Precinct 509 - Will Amaya
- Precinct 510 - John Moore
- Precinct 511 - Carla Bonney
- Precinct 512 - Marc Eberlein
- Precinct 513 - Don Eichler
- Precinct 514 - Michael Burgess
- Precinct 515 - Daniel Eloe
- Precinct 516 - Brycen Kempton
- Precinct 517 - Megan Rounds
- Precinct 518 - Todd Banducci
- Precinct 519 - Tony Wisniewski
- Precinct 520 - Jeff Tyler
- Precinct 521 - Doug Balija
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- Marc Eberlein - Seat 1
- Leslie Duncan - Seat 3

COUNTY SHERIFF

- Robert "Bob" Norris

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

- Stanley Mortensen

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2

- Rep. Heather Scott - Seat A
- Rep. Dale Hawkins - Seat B
- Sen. Phil Hart

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3

- Rep. Vito Barbieri - Seat A
- Rep. Jordan Redman - Seat B
- Sen. Doug Okuniewicz

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

- Rep. Joe Alfieri - Seat A
- Rep. Elaine Price - Seat B
- Sen. Ben Toews

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5

- Rep. Ron Mendive - Seat A
- Rep. Tony Wisniewski - Seat B
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