

Watchmen Voter Guide for Representative Legislative District 2b
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Question	Jennifer Luoma	Tim Kastning	Doug "Doug O" Okuniewicz
<p>2. To help Idaho's economy grow, do you support</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raising fees, (If so, which ones?) 2. Closing tax loopholes (If so, which ones?) 3. Raising income taxes (If so on whom?) 4. Raising the sales tax 5. Cutting spending (if so, what areas of the budget and by how much?) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No, if anything REDUCE Fees 2. Depends I will close any loophole that helps cronyism. 3. If I need to support a tax it would be a flat tax 4. No! but I can be very creative. 5. Combining services to improve efficiency and reduce taxes. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No 2. Maybe. This will require studying before recommending changes in our tax code. Should I get appointed to the Tax and Revenue committee, I will look at the loophole issue. 3. No 4. No 5. Yes. The two largest budgets are education and health and welfare. Both agencies have a budget over three billion dollars each. I do not believe that giving public education more funding will solve our educational problems that are leaving our young adults ill-equipped to support themselves and function in society. Health and welfare programs continue to fail Idahoans such as gender reassignments, child protection services, the changing of a person's gender on their birth certificates, and so on. Governor Little asked all state agencies to cut their budgets by 1%. That is only a start. Without a thorough study of the budgets of the agencies, I cannot give an accurate percentage of where budget cuts should be directed. I am 100% in favor of cutting spending- responsibly. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No. This sounds like code for raising taxes. I want to help reduce government spending and lower taxes. 2. I don't believe the government should pick winners and losers. So, it depends on the definition of "loophole." If by loophole the question is directed toward some accidental wording in the law that gives someone an unfair and unintended tax benefit, then, yes, it should be closed. On the other hand, if the question is directed toward an intentionally drafted and enacted tax benefit for a particular class of citizen, like veterans, that would need to be examined on a case-by-case basis. 3. No. I want to help reduce government spending and lower taxes. 4. No. I want to help reduce government spending and lower taxes. A potential exception that seems to interest some of my constituents is the concept of eliminating property taxes for homeowners to ensure that they can actually own their homes instead of just renting them from the government. And, in turn, increasing sales tax to offset the elimination of property taxes. I am not sure yet about this approach. 5. Wherever possible and as much as possible. There are a number of agencies whose structures appears to be outdated, and certain of their functionalities appear to be redundant.
<p>3. When do you believe life begins?</p>	<p>* That's between God and the Mother. I'm PROCHOICE! Not Proabortion but Prochoice. I'm unapologetic on this issue! I will fight to make adoption out of Foster care <u>free!</u> If we provide for anyone it should be our vulnerable members of society.</p>	<p>Life begins at conception. Abortion after conception is the killing of an innocent life.</p>	<p>At conception. No exceptions.</p>

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4. What is your view on Parental consent for a minor to get an abortion?	Define Minor? There isn't an abortion clinic in North Idaho. <u>THIS IS A NON ISSUE!</u>	I'm against all abortions with or without parental consent.	First of all, abortion should be illegal. And, every possible hurdle should be put in place. Requiring parental consent, as well as consent from the father of the unborn child, and any other rule or law that has a chance to save a life should be enacted and enforced.
5. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Resources for seniors, accessibility to the resources, making mental health services available long term.	The biggest health care issue is over-regulation by the government and the cost to health care that is driven by government over-regulation. I support a free-market health care system. Our government has practically made privately owned hospitals illegal. I'm in touch with the owners and management at Northwest Specialty Hospital and am trying to understand the difficulties the government has placed on their business.	Abortion and Planned Parenthood's publicly funded involvement in the practice. I am fervently opposed.
6. How would you improve K-12 education in Idaho?	Incorporate volunteers and support vouchers We have a huge senior population that loves volunteering!	To improve K-12 education in Idaho I will encourage school competition within the various school options and allow funding to follow the student through a voucher system. Our public-school system has a monopoly on the funding- and competition always brings out the best in us. When the public-school system experience more students leaving their schools for charter, STEM, private, Christian, and home schools, I believe public schools will do a better job of educating our children because of the risk of losing students and money. I would also end common core standards and bring back career-technical education to high schools such as KTEC. School districts need to be consolidated to save costs on administration.	By making it easier for parents to apply their tax dollars to the schooling options that best suit their children's strengths and needs, including home schooling, vocational programs, STEM, etc.
7. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Since I've been through puberty & menopause I have an insider view. I'm against <u>ANY</u> physical alteration of a minor. NEVER MESS WITH HORMONES! But I'm not a doctor.	I support legislation to prohibit gender reassignment on minors.	I support it.
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Between 2 people who love one another. I support MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!	The definition of marriage is the union of a man and a woman in which the two become one in marriage. It is an ordinance of God and not the State.	A loving union between a man and woman, conducted in a place of worship, which is administered according to the couple's faith.
9. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	Support School Choice, homeschooling & Charter Schools	I support Homeschooling, charter schools, STEM schools, private schools, and Christian schools.	Strongly support.

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10. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	Oppose. Stealing from tax payers Ease up on zoning and building and allow the market to take care of it.	I oppose Urban Renewal districts as they are presently used in Kootenai County. One of the problems I see is that their boards are made up of non-elected persons who many have conflicts of interest. Urban Renewal Districts also divert monies into these districts to be managed by unelected board of directors that have little oversight rather than the tax revenue going into the general fund. Should I be elected to the House of Representatives I will work to bring reform to or eliminate Urban Renewal Districts.	Oppose. They seem to be used more often for projects other than urban blight, etc. They are also often comprised of unelected board members who have no responsibility to tax-payers, which is essentially another form of taxation without representation.
11. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	This isn't a problem and is petty. NO, I don't think boys should be in girls locker rooms.	I oppose the use of public bathroom or locker room based on gender identification. Gender or sex is biological identification.	Oppose. I find the alternative personally objectionable and entirely illogical, at least because the practice disproportionately favors a tiny population which seeks excessive accommodation from the majority who, in turn, finds the practice inappropriate and difficult to manage.
12. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	I support decriminalization Because a plant shouldn't be controlled. God gave us natural medications. Making it illegal is a <u>SIN!</u>	I oppose the legalization of marijuana. Legalizing marijuana will hurt businesses who depend on a drug-free workplace such as trucking. I see nothing good coming from the legalization of marijuana. CBD products that do not contain THC is another issue.	Oppose. It is a gateway drug. It doesn't seem like society is in need of any more legally intoxicating substances. Further, I am not aware of any compelling "success stories" for society-at-large in other states that have already legalized its sale, possession, and use.
13. Do you support or oppose the Prison Community Re-entry Center in Kootenai County? Why or why not?	I support it. We need to find a way to help <u>all</u> members of society. Solution: less laws = less prisoners = problem solved	I oppose the prison re-entry Center in Kootenai county because the residents do not want it here. It is important to have community behind this project and the Corrections Department does not have the community support. This is mostly the fault of Corrections and their lack of communication. I also do not feel that Kootenai County if a good fit for this project.	I am strongly opposed to the criminal re-entry center that has been proposed for Kootenai County for a number of reasons, including the fact that relocating prisoners, who are not from Kootenai County, into our community will increase the amount of crime we would otherwise experience if the re-entry center does not come here. In turn, opening a re-entry center would not only negatively impact our way of life, it would serve to increase the already high tax burden for property owners in Kootenai County.