

## Watchmen Voter Guide for Senator Legislative District 3

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Question	<a href="#">Alex Barron</a>	<a href="#">Marc Eberlein</a>	<a href="#">Peter Riggs</a>
<p><b>2.</b> To help Idaho's economy grow, do you support</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raising fees, (If so, which ones?)</li> <li>2. Closing tax loopholes (If so, which ones?)</li> <li>3. Raising income taxes (If so on whom?)</li> <li>4. Raising the sales tax</li> <li>5. Cutting spending (if so, what areas of the budget and by how much?)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No.</li> <li>2. In general, no. We have a spending problem, not a taxing problem.</li> <li>3. No.</li> <li>4. No</li> <li>5. Yes. Funding for public education is a massive part of the annual budget. Addressing this issue would provide enormous spending relief. I do not have any problem with public education. I believe they can compete successfully. I am a product of public education, K-12, and university. However, we must have a school choice. Specific areas include the massive growth in administrative positions in K-16 education. Also, I would like to encourage Educational Scholarship Accounts (ESA), which would give each family approximately 5.5K per child, per year to put their children into schools that best meet their needs.</li> </ol>	<p>GROWING ECONOMY IS <u>NOT</u> A PROPER FUNCTION OF GOVT.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Per Idaho statute fees must be <u>at cost</u> and NOT ONE PENNY MORE – some fees should go away</li> <li>2. Biz subsidies</li> <li>3. Not desired – PLANK #2 communist manifesto progressive graduate income tax</li> <li>4. Sales tax is a use tax – choose to pay or not unlike income or property tax</li> <li>5. As many depts and as much as possible</li> </ol> <p>TAXES – Keeping in mind that certain services of Govt. are legit and that most folks desire roads, fire, ambulance, police, jails, etc – some depts are not a function of Govt – and some Legitimate ones are sandbagging – GOVT. GROWTH IS THE REAL ISSUE.</p>	<p>I oppose raising taxes and I will always be on the lookout for ways to trim bloated budgets. The key to enhance the growth of Idaho's economy comes from supporting small businesses. The small business community is the engine of Idaho's economy and any of the changes listed will not be effective without first providing a friendly, low-regulatory environment in which these small businesses and our community members who own them can thrive.</p>
<p><b>3.</b> When do you believe life begins?</p>	<p>At the moment of conception. Science is catching up with the Holy Bible, which says the Lord "knew you from the womb." Now science has proven that at the moment of conception, a child has unique DNA and is a genetically separate human being in development.</p>	<p>At conception</p>	<p>At conception.</p>
<p><b>4.</b> What is your view on Parental consent for a minor to get an abortion?</p>	<p>It should require at least one parent, most preferably both parents or a judge for some outlying situations. Your child needs permission for many routine medical procedures.</p>	<p>The U.S. Declaration of Independence proclaims that the Right to life, liberty &amp; pursuit of happiness is a <u>God</u> given Right as does the Idaho constitution Art. 1 Section 1 – MAN OR MANS INSTITUTIONS HAVE NO RIGHT TO COUNTER GODS LAW.</p>	<p>Parents are legally responsible for their children until the age of 18. Parents should be involved if one of their children is requesting an abortion.</p>

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<b>5.</b> What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	The cost of health care. I believe in cross state-line competition and medical cost-sharing programs for different groups. I think it is immoral that American companies drastically reduce the cost of medicine for poor nations, yet they do not offer the same pricing structure for poor Americans. I also believe in more transparency in price to help bring down costs.	The ACA, Obama care, destroyed private health insurance – I would like to see the ACA gone as the cost is prohibitive and unaffordable.	Outside of the current pandemic we’re experiencing, the biggest ongoing health care issue is the cost of health care and the inability for citizens to understand what they will be charged for care and ensuring it is affordable.
<b>6.</b> How would you improve K-12 education in Idaho?	Putting parent’s in charge of their children’s education. I would create Educational Scholarship Accounts (ESA) to improve education. This would put parents in charge of their children’s education by having the “money follow the child.”	Best case scenario, allow vouchers for private schools & home schools, and if parents desire, public schools. Worst case scenario, at least remove the moral decadence & socialist aspects from public schools AKA common core. MARXIST MANIFESTO PLANK #10	Children should be put first, and we need to ensure that we are providing an education that will properly prepare them for life.
<b>7.</b> Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Yes. These procedures are permeant and often lead to things like complete sterilization of the child. To make such a massive decision when you are so wrong seems dangerous.	Support. Absolutely support banning “sex change”. If a minor is to young to make decisions of who to vote for, how can they possibly make good decisions that will affect their entire life.	I am opposed to gender reassignment for minors.
<b>8.</b> What is your definition of marriage?	Marriage is the sacramental union between a man and a woman for procreation and education of children.	Same as God A man and a woman.	Marriage is a fundamentally religious institution between a man and a woman.
<b>9.</b> What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	Completely support homeschooling, charter school, and school choice. You missed private schooling. Our family has used all of these various forms of school choice over the years.	Support. Yes, we either homeschooled or sent our kids to private school.	I support all of the above educational choices. Parents should be involved in their child’s education.
<b>10.</b> Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	I oppose URDs.	OPPOSE – Shifts tax burdens to everbody else and benefits special interests.	URDs can be a useful tool for community development when managed properly. When managed poorly, they can easily become a threat to lives and businesses of people in our community. I agreed with HB 217 last year, which made it more difficult for urban renewal agencies to build public buildings, libraries or sports stadiums without holding a public vote.

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<p><b>11.</b> Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?</p>	<p>No. While we should treat those who suffer from Gender Dysphoria mental illness with love and care as the Lord Christ demands, the rights of minorities must take into account the rights of the majority. People have the right to go to the locker room and bathroom and feel comfortable with members of their own biological sex.</p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u> – Gender Identification is a violation of Gods law. Moral decadence – Besides I don’t want some creep in the head w/my female family.</p>	<p>There is a specific difference between the genetics of gender and a person’s preferred identification. Bathrooms, locker rooms, and other sensitive places should be limited to genetic, biological gender.</p>
<p><b>12.</b> Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Not at this time in Idaho. At this time, I will advocate for the legalization of hemp and CBD oil. Hemp appears to be a crop where American farmers can dominate and bring young people to the land. CBD oil has proven medical benefits for many people. Both are legal to buy in Idaho, but not permitted to produce here in Idaho. I am willing to talk to the voters in Kootenai County as to why I believe the decriminalization of cannabis has its benefits, although adding another “semi-legal” intoxicant to our community has its challenges. From meeting a lot of voters in my district, there does not seem to be an appetite for legalizing cannabis at this time.</p>	<p>OPPOSE – Criminal element, hazard to society and leads to worse drugs.</p>	<p>I do not support the legalization of marijuana. There are not sufficient controls or safeguards for the use or sale of marijuana, and could endanger people in our community.</p>
<p><b>13.</b> Do you support or oppose the Prison Community Re-entry Center in Kootenai County? Why or why not?</p>	<p>I oppose the prison facility as currently defined. And I have taken a leadership role on this issue, speaking at multiple locations in opposition. These facilities should require local input and a community impact plan. These facilities should be smaller and more spread out so that people from Kootenai County (and perhaps the adjoining counties) are the only prisoners returned to these facilities. These facilities should be outsourced to the private sector, specifically churches, as we know that it is a change of heart that leads to changes in a man’s life. The Christian Churches have successfully provided similar services for generations. Also, when these facilities are under the charge of a trustworthy pastor, the community can feel more secure that they are being run in a proper form.</p>	<p>OPPOSED – Criminal element that would remain in K.C. – We have no idea who or what would come our way – Nor do we know the potential threat to our families.</p>	<p>I cannot support the construction of a Prison Community Re-entry Center here when the citizens of Kootenai County that I’ve spoken with are almost universally against it.</p>