

Watchmen Voter Guide for Representative Legislative District 2b

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| Question | Jennifer Luoma | Doug "Doug O" Okuniewicz |
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| <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. 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 There are a number of agencies whose structures appears to be outdated, and certain of their functionalities appear to be redundant.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>At conception. No exceptions.</p> |
| <p>4. What is your view on Parental consent for a minor to get an abortion?</p> | <p>Define Minor? There isn't an abortion clinic in North Idaho. <u>THIS IS A NON ISSUE!</u></p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>5. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?</p> | <p>Resources for seniors, accessibility to the resources, making mental health services available long term.</p> | <p>Abortion and Planned Parenthood's publicly funded involvement in the practice. I am fervently opposed.</p> |
| <p>6. How would you improve K-12 education in Idaho?</p> | <p>Incorporate volunteers and support vouchers We have a huge senior population that loves volunteering!</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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| 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 it. |
| 8. What is your definition of marriage? | Between 2 people who love one another. I support MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! | 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 | Strongly support. |
| 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. | 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. | 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> | 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 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. |