

Watchmen Voter Guide for Representative Legislative District 3a

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Question	Christopher S. Matthews	Ron Mendive
<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?) 	<p>Declined to respond</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I do not usually support raising fees, but sometimes user fees are appropriate such as camping, boating, etc. These fees help maintain campgrounds, boat launches, etc. 2. I am not an accountant, so am at a loss to say. There may be some that need to be closed. 3. NO 4. I might be willing to increase our sales tax to eliminate property taxes. 5. The education budget consumes 2/3 of the state's general fund revenue. I believe education reform could open the door to reduce Ed. Funding. After "covid 19", we may realize new ways to streamline the maintenance Of our schools
<p>3. When do you believe life begins?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	At conception
<p>4. What is your view on Parental consent for a minor to get an abortion?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	I don't believe abortions should be legal nor an option. However, since abortions are Legal, minors need parental consent.
<p>5. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	Affordable health care is the biggest issue. The current 3rd party Payer model has insulated the consumer. The consumer no longer knows what a Procedure costs. Health savings accounts or something similar, where the patient is directly involved in the payment for a procedure could help keep costs under control. Plastic surgery is usually not covered by insurance, therefore we see competition among providers and consumers checking out the costs thus keeping it affordable.
<p>6. How would you improve K-12 education in Idaho?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	By introducing competition Through legislation like Education Scholarship accounts---similar to H253, which I introduced in 2019 session.
<p>7. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	Support
<p>8. What is your definition of marriage?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	God instituted and defined marriage. It is a Covenant between a man and a woman.
<p>9. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	I support them all. My children were homeschooled, and I have a grandchild at A charter school
<p>10. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	Oppose! New growth should fund itself. URDS cause the average homeowners Property taxes to increase.

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11. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	Declined to respond	Oppose! Can't believe we are having This discussion. Boys belong in their bathroom and girls in theirs---otherwise we Create even more problems
12. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to respond	Oppose! I believe marijuana is the gate way to other drugs
13. Do you support or oppose the Prison Community Re-entry Center in Kootenai County? Why or why not?	Declined to respond	Oppose.