

Watchmen Voter Guide for Senator Legislative District 3

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Question	<u>Peter Riggs</u>
<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>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>3. When do you believe life begins?</p>	<p>At conception.</p>
<p>4. What is your view on Parental consent for a minor to get an abortion?</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>
<p>5. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>6. How would you improve K-12 education in Idaho?</p>	<p>Children should be put first, and we need to ensure that we are providing an education that will properly prepare them for life.</p>
<p>7. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?</p>	<p>I am opposed to gender reassignment for minors.</p>
<p>8. What is your definition of marriage?</p>	<p>Marriage is a fundamentally religious institution between a man and a woman.</p>
<p>9. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?</p>	<p>I support all of the above educational choices. Parents should be involved in their child's education.</p>
<p>10. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>11. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?</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>12. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?</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>13. Do you support or oppose the Prison Community Re-entry Center in Kootenai County? Why or why not?</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>