

Watchmen Voter Guide for Sheriff

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Question	Mike Bauer	Justin Nagel	Robert "Bob" Norris
<p>2. Define your role as Sheriff.</p>	<p>The role of a Sheriff in a free society is to assist the People in keeping themselves and their property safe from those who would attempt to take their freedom and property by means outside the Rule of Law, that is, by theft, violence or by popular justice.</p> <p>Inside the organization, the Sheriff is a leader and the director of ethical and cultural attitudes, and a mentor to all in the Sheriff's Department.</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	<p>The number one job of the Sheriff is to protect the citizen's Rights and a very close second is to keep the community safe from criminals. The two primary functions of the Sheriff's Office are managing a Patrol and Jail divisions. Further, the Sheriff should be approachable and listen to the needs to the community so law enforcement services can address the issues the community says are the most pressing.</p>
<p>3. The 10th amendment states: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. What does this mean to you?</p>	<p>I support the Tenth Amendment as a gift from the Founding Fathers that is designed to limit the power of the Federal Government. Locally we see Western land use and ownership conflicts, and I am very sympathetic to those who have pushed back against Federal overreach, including the Bundy family.</p> <p>That said, the Sheriff must lead by example in maintaining a health relationship with our Federal representatives presently in Kootenai County.</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	<p>It means that there are certain powers given to the Federal Government for the benefit of the country and that any other power is reserved to the States and people. The way I read it, and believe in, is that the power should belong to the people as much as possible, then to the states, and then the remainder to the Federal Government. In short, government serves us, the people.</p>
<p>4. What do you see as the issues facing the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office? What are your proposed solutions?</p>	<p>Strong leadership in the relationship with the BOCC is required and will be the biggest challenge in obtaining resources and personnel moving forward. Property taxes are under strong pressure, and I will strongly oppose any expansion of gambling in this County to raise revenue.</p> <p>(The remainder of Mr. Bauer's answer can be seen in his questionnaire)</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	<p>The main issues are changing the culture from one of management to leadership, fighting the irresponsible growth that is going to lead to many of the larger city problems we do not want, and maintaining the staffing levels to address these growth issues.</p> <p>(The remainder of Mr. Norris' answer can be seen in his questionnaire)</p>
<p>5. What is your position regarding the Idaho Department of Corrections Work Release Center being considered for North Idaho?</p>	<p>Regarding the Department of Corrections proposed Release Center, it is not a prison, as has been exaggerated by others, and it is not the end of the world come calling. That said, this issue is one I would refer to the voters.</p> <p>The Governor has insinuated that IDOC will put one up here, and the BOCC is struggling themselves how to stop it.</p> <p>(The remainder of Mr. Bauer's answer can be seen in his questionnaire)</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	<p>I am 100% against this facility. It is a failed program for inmates who complete it and the recidivism rate is not meaningfully impacted. There are several hidden costs that most supporters of this facility are not discussing. To begin with, the Idaho Dept. of Corrections (IDOC) does a terrible job of rehabilitation, which I am 100% for rehabilitation.</p> <p>(The remainder of Mr. Norris' answer can be seen in his questionnaire)</p>
<p>6. In light of recent events in Virginia, the local sheriff made a decision on whether or not to enforce the law as enacted by the state of Virginia. If those events happened in Kootenai County, how would you respond?</p>	<p>I do not intend to support the passage of Red Flag laws, nor will I enforce them by policy. However if faced with Judicial Order and threat of contempt, I would use the U.S.Mail to request the voluntary surrender of firearms from the subject of such a court order. Only under extraordinary circumstances will I authorize use of deadly force to remove weapons from a person under a Red Flag law, if one is ever passed in Idaho.</p> <p>(The remainder of Mr. Bauer's answer can be seen in his questionnaire)</p>	<p>Declined to respond</p>	<p>I'm assuming you're referring to the law regarding "assault weapon" confiscation, which I do not believe was passed. If such a law were every passed during my administration, there would be no way it would be allowed to be enforced in Kootenai County. It is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment. This is the same for so called "red flag" laws that effect law enforcement agencies to confiscate individuals' firearms on the mere unproven accusation by another person.</p> <p>(The remainder of Mr. Norris' answer can be seen in his questionnaire)</p>

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7. If a federal, state, local government entity, and/or the United Nations were to implement a policy of door-to-door gun confiscation in your jurisdiction, what would you do?	Gun confiscation implies impending armed resistance. The BOCC has not funded or staffed sufficient Deputies to accomplish such a ludicrous gun seizure, nor do we have sufficient heavy weaponry to practically do that. It will not happen under my watch.	Declined to respond	I would stand with the people in resisting this measure up to and including the point of risking death. Please understand that such a scenario is highly unlikely and that the real threat is through the accumulation of smaller laws that, in their totality, severely restrict the Right of the people to bear firearms. (The remainder of Mr. Norris' answer can be seen in his questionnaire)
8. What do you believe the protocol should be for outside agencies coming into the county to conduct any type of law-enforcement action?	I will not require any prior notice for Federal authorities to conduct law enforcement operations in Kootenai County. I will appreciate that they confer as soon as it is practical and safe for them to do so, especially if they expect backup from KCSO. (The remainder of Mr. Bauer's answer can be seen in his questionnaire)	Declined to respond	I believe first and foremost in fostering positive relations with other law enforcement agencies. I do not believe that any operation should occur in Kootenai County without my knowledge and consent for how it is to be executed. It is no secret we have seen utter disasters for local citizens both here, in North Idaho, and other parts of the country from overzealous law enforcement agencies imposing their will on citizens. That will not happen under a Norris administration.
9. Would your agency cooperate with legal requests made by ICE?	ICE would be welcome in my jail at any time of the day or night, and their detainers will be honored.	Declined to respond	Yes.
10. Have you ever been involved in past legislation, in any capacity, that would influence your role as Sheriff, be a conflict of interest, or provide personal enrichment?	I have no conflicts of interest, financial or legal, that I am aware of. I have stated in my Candidate Statement that I will not accept any offered campaign donations from anyone who has Sheriff's financial or enforcement interests.	Declined to respond	No.
11. Do you interpret the Constitution by original intent or as a living document?	As written. Not a living document	Declined to respond	Assuming you're referring to the U.S. Constitution, but my answer applies to the Idaho Constitution as well. It should be interpreted by original intent and not a living document. If a change is to be made, there is already a mechanism for making such a change, so I do not agree with the concept of having a judge make interpretations to plain language sections.
12. What are your religious beliefs?	Christian, non humanist.	Declined to respond	I believe in God and that we must all face our maker one day.
13. What does religious freedom mean to you?	Freedom from laws which conflict with religion	Declined to respond	That you have the right to practice your religion peacefully in this country.
14. What is your view on abortion?	Oppose.	Declined to respond	I am against it.
15. What is your opinion on marijuana legalization and why?	Will not oppose or support.	Declined to respond	I believe it should not be legal. In every community I've worked where it was legalized crime went up and quality of life went down.