

## Watchmen Voter Guide for Boundary County Commissioner District 2

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	Tim Bertling	<a href="#">Steve Fioravanti</a>
<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	My name is Steve Fioravanti. I'm running for Boundary County Commissioner, District 2. I'm running because I would like to see more transparency and citizens participation in our county government. Our current Board of Commissioners lacks foresight and vision and we need an infusion of creative ideas and energy to tackle the complex issues that face us today. I will defend our God-given rights of life, liberty and property. I stand for medical freedom and I oppose all unconstitutional mask/vaccine mandates.
<b>2.</b> When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Life begins at conception. I'm unwavering in my values and it does not affect my executive decision making.
<b>3.</b> What is your opinion of eminent domain? Under what circumstances do you believe it should be used?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	The exercise of governmental power of eminent domain to acquire privately owned land should only be used in an extreme situation. For instance, a private property contiguous to our national border, where a national security breach has occurred, and an enemy to our Republic might be conducting operations that would bring harm to our citizens. I would support taking the necessary action to secure our border in a situation like this.
<b>4.</b> Do you support or oppose forced annexation? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I would put this on the ballot and have our citizens decide on whether or not to annex additional land.
<b>5.</b> Our county is growing very rapidly, where do you see we need to improve infrastructure and what are your plans to improve it?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	We currently have gridlock to access building permits in our county. Boundary County used to have its own planning and zoning department staffed by a county employee. We now subcontract this function to a private firm based in Sandpoint. I've heard numerous stories from exasperated citizens as they've fought to get timely and consistent answers from this private firm. It has caused unnecessary construction delays and has led to gridlock. This needs to change.
<b>6.</b> Due to the rapid growth in our communities, our schools are reaching maximum capacity. What are your plans to accommodate more schools to meet the growing needs of the increased population?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Competition to public education is good and we should look to alternative means of educating our children. I fully support candidate Branden Durst, who is running for Idaho Superintendent of Public Education. His platform calls for a parents right to choose. Money will follow students to any school: traditional, charter, private, micro school or something else.  School choice is an excellent option for parents when the funding follows the student. This gives parents more choices to choose from in their children's education. These alternative options would ease the burden in our crowded schools and eliminate the need for more bonds and tax levies on our citizens.
<b>7.</b> Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I would support an urban renewal project with the caveat that no individual's property was seized improperly. In addition, it would have to be a privately funded project without the use of tax payer money. The project should be vetted with community engagement to garner support, and it should follow planning and zoning requirements.

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<b>8.</b> Do you support or oppose requirements for developers to pay for community infrastructure?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I support developers paying their fair share for community infrastructure.
<b>9.</b> In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Elected officials are directly accountable to the people who elected them. This is the foundation and structure of our government.
<b>10.</b> Do you support or oppose the idea of a county manager? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	We have a small county population. I don't believe a county manager is needed at this time. We can save those tax dollars for something else.
<b>11.</b> With the rapid growth of the county, do you think we need more commissioners?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No.
<b>12.</b> In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I would oppose legalizing marijuana for general recreational use. However, I would not be opposed to using in a restricted manner, such as medicinal purposes.
<b>13.</b> Do you believe the ARPA funds come with Federal requirements that might conflict with Idaho values? Why or why not? How will you advocate for the funds to be used locally?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	The ARPA funds absolutely include requirements and compliance with federal mandates and executive orders. Everything about these funds conflicts with Idaho values. I do not condone taking one cent of these funds and I fully support our stance to be free and independent from federal government overreach.
<b>14.</b> Do you believe the six Row Officers (assessor, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, treasurer, coroner, and clerk) should be appointed or stay elected? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	This should always be an elected position to keep these officials accountable directly to the people.

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<b>15.</b> What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	<p>A career full of experience working in these industries: Automotive, Construction, Industrial, Manufacturing, Restaurants and Sanitation, have given me a wide breadth of knowledge and expertise. I've worked with department heads in all capacities in running companies, which has helped me to develop strong project management skills.</p> <p>I've undertaken many personal construction projects on my own properties and I have a good working knowledge for the permits and planning process, not to mention construction experience. Two of my children have graduated from Bonners Ferry High School. In addition, I've been very involved in our community leading a local conservative and Christian based organization. It is this skill set that qualifies me to serve as a Boundary County Commissioner.</p>