

Watchmen Voter Guide for Idaho Secretary of State

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	Shawn Keenan	Phil McGrane	Dorothy Moon	Mary Souza
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Dorothy Moon, Secretary of State, to address election integrity and lands issues.	Senator Mary Souza. I have served District 4, Coeur d'Alene, for the past 8 years in the State Senate and am now running statewide for Secretary of State. I have been focused on elections since 2009 and during my time in the Senate, have sponsored 15 election integrity and transparency bills. Elections are the foundation of all of our freedoms and we must be able to trust that they are safe and honest.
2. Given recent concerns over dark money influencing elections, what can the Secretary of State do to maintain election integrity?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	To investigate all claims of dark money. Have devoted staff to take the time to pursue such claims.	During the 2020 election season, Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane took \$500,000 of Facebook money without consulting with the Secretary of State. There was no state reporting or transparency. You can read more about Zuck Bucks on my website: marysouzaforidaho.com I was the first lawmaker in Idaho learn of the Facebook money problem and was the first in the nation to draft and pass legislation stopping this kind of dark money to run our elections.
3. Do you support a regular review of voter rolls to ensure deceased and ineligible voters are removed? If so, what would your recommendation be to implement this process?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	A county by county report on how many names of ineligible & deceased have been removed. Annual audits of random county voter rolls by the S.O.S. office.	Yes. Every month the deceased voters should be removed. Ineligible voters should be removed during the election process, and all notices or absentee ballots sent from the Elections office that are returned as undeliverable should be double checked and removed from voter rolls if found to be improper.
4. Election integrity is of paramount concern for the voters. How do	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Education is important for poll watchers, election workers & clerks. Elections are to be uniform & consistent so education of current and updated election law will occur often.	There must be pro-active communication and leadership from the SOS office in order to establish consistency with the counties. When I was notified by my national contacts about the Facebook money in our election, my assistant and I gathered all the

<p>you propose to have election consistency in all of Idaho's 44 counties?</p>				<p>information from each of the 20 out of our 44 counties that took the money. (You can see all of their documents on my website.) When I the information up to the SOS's office, they were shocked. They said that none of the County Clerks said a word to them. We need to improve our SOS relationship with the counties and we should confer with other conservative states as well.</p>
<p>5. Have you signed the Manhattan Declaration (which defines marriage as between one man and one woman) or the Families First pledge? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>No, I have never heard of them and have never been contacted by either group.</p>	<p>I have always believed in the sanctity of marriage, and my husband and I have been married for 43 years, we have 4 grown children and two grandchildren so far.</p>
<p>6. What should the state of Idaho be doing to maintain a high level of election integrity?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Demand government issued state identification, residency & citizenship requirements are fulfilled once passed into law.</p>	<p>Some people will try to tell you that we have no problems with elections in Idaho. That is not true. The Heritage Foundation has recently published an Election Integrity scorecard for every state (https://www.heritage.org/electionscorecard). Idaho is ranked #38 out of 50. The scorecard lists the weaknesses in our system, and we have some work to do. I am not saying we have massive fraud...yet. But, if you inadvertently leave your garage door open all night, and you check the next morning to find all is ok, you don't continue to leave it open, do you? No, you make sure to secure your valuables. Our votes are incredibly valuable and we must make sure our Idaho elections are as safe as possible.</p>

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7. Are you in favor of ballot drop boxes, why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	No, many are not secure, ballots can be mailed back or taken directly to the County Clerk.	I am not in favor of ballot drop boxes unless they have an elections staff person taking each absentee ballot from the voter after checking their ID.
8. What do you see the role as Secretary of State in regards to working with or against the Federal Government?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I would work with the federal government to promote the good neighbor authority to allow the State of Idaho to manage federal lands. Economic impacts would help our rural counties.	Under the US Constitution and the Idaho State Constitution, it is the state legislatures that are responsible for election laws. The Federal government has a role in Federal elections only, and in protecting military and overseas voters. We must work with the Federal system on these issues but stand strong on our independence with state election law.
9. Do you interpret the Idaho Constitution as a living document?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I believe because it can be amended it could be considered a living document. Most amendments have not helped America. The Constitution needs to be followed not changed.	No. We must follow the US and Idaho Constitutions as written, unless they are properly amended by the people.
10. Are there any checks and balances that the Secretary of State provides with other elected officials?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Yes, in making sure elections are fair and secure. Every candidate should know it is a level playing field for all candidates. Investigate questionable elections.	Yes, the SOS is one of the 5 members the Land Board, along with the Governor, Attorney General, Controller and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Land Board makes final decisions about the State Endowment lands. These lands are an essential revenue source, bringing in timber sales, mining, grazing land fees and more. 85% of the yearly Endowment interest goes to the Public School budget, so it is very important.
11. The Secretary of State has the ability to influence legislation. If elected, how will you influence our legislature?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	The Secretary of State responds to new laws passed by the legislature. I will not try to influence legislators. That is their constituent's responsibility. Checked errors, simple changes are a yes.	Only the legislature votes on election bills and then the Governor signs the bills into law. The SOS can, and should, work with the legislature, but the SOS has no vote and must administer the law as intended.

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12. 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 responsibly?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	ARPA does conflict with Idaho values when the federal gov't tells private businesses to vaccinate or close. Funds should be returned to avoid federal mandates.	I am not pleased about the enormity of the ARPA funds and worry about the inflationary impact of such money. That said, I think it was a good idea for Idaho to use some of this money on paying down our debt on government buildings and increasing our state's rainy day fund.
13. If elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	To the people of Idaho. They are the ones who put their trust in me to serve in the office	As Secretary of State I will be accountable to the people of Idaho and to the legislature for administering and enforcing the laws as intended.
14. What would you do as Secretary of State, if it was determined that ballot harvesting/tampering had occurred?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	I would prosecute based on election law, including federal charges.	I brought a ballot harvesting bill this year, which was held by the committee. It was a good bill and had been vetted by national conservative election experts I know and trust. But politics in an election year can be powerful. We must have a ballot harvesting law in Idaho! I will work with the legislature again next session to get one through the system, then, as SOS, I will enforce it as written.
15. 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?	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	We are a sovereign state and need to behave accordingly. When Pres. Biden tries to nationalize all state elections we will fight it out in the courts and prevail.	It means that states have rights, in election law and other areas as well. We must not let our state sovereignty be eroded by Federal overreach.

<p>16. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>My formal education with a B.S. Secondary Education and my M.S. in Resource Planning. My experience serving six years in the legislature. My unique lifestyle living off grid since 2005 up the Yankee Fork.</p>	<p>Here's my Bio: "The only girl of eight children, Mary grew up competing with her seven brothers and building the strength of a leader along the way. She knows how to meet a challenge. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Pacific Lutheran University and spent the next decade working as a critical care nurse and clinical nursing instructor before returning to school and earning her masters degree in health education.</p> <p>Mary and her husband, Rick have been married 43 years and have 4 grown children and two grandchildren. When Mary and Rick started their business 37 years ago, Mary stepped away from nursing and was general manager for 15 years. Thanks to that decision, Mary understands what it takes to run a successful business in Idaho.</p> <p>In 2014, Mary was elected state senator and is now finishing her eighth year in office. As our state senator, she has sponsored and/or carried a long list of election bills, with a focus on reporting, transparency, and increasing turnout while maintaining security. Now that our current secretary of state is retiring, Mary is ready to step up to the challenge and bring her warm, calm, communicative leadership style to the job</p> <p>Senator Mary Souza has been named a Top 20 Election Integrity Superstar by WorldNetDaily's Whistleblower Magazine along with Gov. Ron DeSantis, Harmeet Dillon, Texas AG Ken Paxton and more. She is one of only 12 state legislators nationwide to be chosen for The Honest Elections Project."</p>
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