

Watchmen Voter Guide for Legislative District #1 State Representative - Position A

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	Steve R Johnson	Spencer Hutchings	Adam Rorick	Mark Sauter	Travis Thompson	Cynthia P Weiss
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	Spencer Hutchings, State Rep District 1A. We had a great Rep in Heather Scott. She should be replaced with someone who is of the same mindset and will work just as hard. No other candidate on the slate fits that bill. This is why Heather has endorsed me to fill her now vacant seat.	Adam Rorick – Idaho State Representative Seat 1A – I am running because I have seen firsthand how the left’s socialist, tax and spend ideology has destroyed cities and our culture. I see the same policies at work here in Idaho. I took an oath to uphold the US Constitution and the rule of law. When I retired and moved to my home in Sagle, Idaho I realized that I could not sit back and watch the Idaho I knew as a young boy become a carbon copy of California, Oregon, and Washington. I will fight for Idahoan’s freedom. I will fight to eliminate the federal government’s control of Idaho’s land and natural resources to return the land to state control for use in creating new job opportunities for Idahoans and reduce the effective tax burden for many Idahoans.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	Declined to Respond	Conception. Abolition of abortion is goal to work towards. In the meantime we must work to make abortion unthinkable to the average citizen.	At conception. I will not support any legislation that does not work toward the elimination of abortion.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	Declined to Respond	Eliminate CRT and all sex related education from public schools, smaller government, kick the feds out of Idaho.	a. School Choice – The tax money should follow the children to their school. b. Education Reform – Removal of Common Core, CRT, DEI, and transgender studies in our public school system and return to a mastery of the basic foundational principals of reading, math, writing, and civics. c. Tax reduction and stabilization – Eliminate the grocery tax and reduce property taxes.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Declined to Respond	Forced medical procedures. Absolutely against it.	The biggest issue facing Idahoans is the enormous overreach of the Department of Health and Welfare. I am against any forced medical mandates that have proven ineffective at reducing or eliminating the current health scare surrounding COVID-19.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
5. Idaho's school system has a lot of room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	Declined to Respond	Remove CRT and any discussion of sexual activity. Concentrate on Reading, writing, arithmetic and civics.	I am a proponent for returning control of our educational system back to the parents and local school boards. Parents have rights. Parents should have access to all curriculum involving their children and the final approval for their use. I believe there should be a system in place where the educators are held responsible for teaching subjects or textbooks contrary to the wishes of the parents and school board. The subjects currently taught, Common Core, DEI, CRT, SEL, transgender studies, etc., are not aligned with the construct of the US Constitution and the founding father's opinions surrounding the birth of our county.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Declined to Respond	These procedures should be a crime. Doctors who perform these procedures should be prosecuted.	I support legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
7. If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how your voting record	Declined to Respond	Open communication with the citizens of D1. I will get a consensus of opinion and do my best to vote in the best interests of the citizens of D1	I openly encourage all my constituents to contact me with their concerns, opinions to discuss how I might be able to better represent them in the legislature. With their input, I will balance their wishes with the legal, moral, ethical standards within the Idaho State Constitution, US Constitution, and current laws. God is always first and I must	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

will reflect those values?			balance my duty to represent the people of my district with His word.			
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Declined to Respond	One man, one woman. Of course these days I must add, “of the age of consent”	It is the union, before God, between one man and one woman.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
9. In recent years, sexually explicit materials have invaded public schools and libraries. In your opinion are these materials appropriate for minors under 18 years old?	Declined to Respond	Not at all.	No.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?	Declined to Respond	Parents should be able to choose where and how their children are educated.	I believe in school choice and the tax money should follow the children to their school. I am a proponent for returning control of our educational system back to the parents and local school boards. Parents have rights. Parents should have access to all curriculum involving their children and the final approval for their use. I believe there should be a system in place where the educators are held responsible for teaching subjects or textbooks contrary to the wishes of the parents and school board. The subjects currently taught, Common Core, DEI, CRT, SEL, transgender studies, etc., are not aligned with the construct of the US Constitution and the founding father’s opinions surrounding the birth of our country.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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11. Migration from other states has caused property taxes for current homeowners to substantially increase. What legislation would you recommend to prevent the property tax increases that are causing financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?	Declined to Respond	<p>a. Scale taxes so you pay less if you are doing long term rentals rather than airbnb, encouraging long term rentals to help families that can't afford to buy but keep getting squeezed out due to airbnb type arrangements.</p> <p>b. Find a way to heavily tax private equity speculation on housing market, i.e. Blackrock, Vanguard etc.</p>	I am passionate about tax reform and stabilization. I will work toward eliminating the grocery tax and reducing the volatility in the property tax rates for all Idaho homeowners. I am a proponent for freezing any property tax increase for those homeowners who are on a fixed income. To reduce the risk to Idahoans who are retired, on Social Security, or otherwise unable to work due to a disability, the rampant property tax increases must be addressed before they are taxed out of their homes.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
12. In your opinion, should the House of Representatives and the Senate have their own attorney/legal representation apart from the Attorney General?	Declined to Respond	Yes. Should be split by party as well.	Yes.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
13. In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of	Declined to Respond	I don't use drugs, never have. Hemp makes fine rope and other materials. I'm not sure pot concerns me as much as the much more destructive drugs like fentanyl, meth etc. That said legalizing pot use would just drag our state down further into the abyss, so no, I would not support the legalization of recreational drug use.	No, I will not support any legislation for the legalization of any illicit drug. In my 26+ years of law enforcement, Marijuana legalization has not worked and only increased the amount of more potent illicit drug usage. I do not condemn or judge people for their use of these drugs, but I cannot support any legalization.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

marijuana? Why or why not?						
<p>14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>a. That is a big question in a small sentence. I've never been a politician. Our country needs fresh faces representing us, not career politicians. The class of people seeking political office for power or wealth should be automatically disqualified from public service. I can not be bribed. I can not be bought. I do not seek power. I am a proud citizen of the United States of America. I will serve my fellow citizens for a limited period of time. I will seek and tell the truth no matter what. I will fight to claw back our freedoms from those who have robbed us of them. I will stand for what is right, period. When my time is done I will go back to my tiny house in the forest to be happy with my wife of 26 years.</p> <p>b. Currently my wife and I own a gun store in Sagle. We have both been executive board members of the Bonner County Republican Central Committee for several years. In my past life I was a project manager on billion dollar projects managing large teams of people. I'm a Marine.</p>	<p>I owned and operated a successful construction business before starting a career in law enforcement. I held several ranks while serving the community. I was a senior training instructor where I was responsible for training all new officers. I specialized in training firearms, self-defense, search and seizure law, constitutional law, and field operations for new patrol officers. I am a constitutional conservative. I believe in the rule of law and inalienable individual rights. I support <u>ALL</u> the Bill of Rights, including, but not limited to, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right to keep and bear arms. I began a career in law enforcement to help those people who could not help themselves, to give a voice to those who were too victimized to advocate for themselves. I am very effective in conflict resolution, and I worked to hold those individuals, who caused harm to others, accountable for their actions through the judicial system. My knowledge and experience in the judicial system has prepared me well for representing the citizens in the legislature.</p> <p>I am the right person to hold the position of Idaho State Representative of District 1A. I believe in free market capitalism, limited government regulation, and effective public safety. I am a strong voice to safeguard our vast natural resources and recreational areas within Idaho. I believe that the path to a stronger Idaho is through education reform, tax reduction and stabilization, and school choice.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>