

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

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	Sage G. Dixon	Todd Engel
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Sage G. Dixon, House of Representatives Seat 1B, I am running in an effort to continue the honest, principled, conservative representation I have provided for the past eight years.	Todd C. Engel. House of Representatives Seat 1B. To replace the current establishment representative
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	Life begins at conception, and I have been a constant supporter of pro-life legislation during my tenure in the legislature.	At conception. It will always be paramount and I will fight to end all abortions in Idaho
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	The legislature needs to address property taxes, needs to strengthen family values legislation, and needs to continue to oppose federal overreach into our state.	Property Tax relief and/or repeal Protect Idaho from Federal & World Economic Forum overreach Protect our children and Idaho from and & all mandates
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	The biggest healthcare issue for Idaho right now is the staffing shortage most healthcare facilities are experiencing. In addition to a general lack of employees, forced vaccine mandates, which I oppose, have exacerbated this problem, as well as other healthcare policies initiated last year. Medicaid expansion has exponentially increased the amount of money Idaho has to spend on healthcare, and efforts to curtail this harmful social program should continue. We also need to be vigilant against pushes for euthanasia under the guise of "healthcare" which is starting to be seen in other states.	The lack of affordable health care & insurance. Forced mandates on healthcare workers has been detrimental to employee retention & moral. Fed Gov health insurance (medicaid) is causing overcrowding in our emergency rooms & our ability to get timely appointments
5. Idaho's school system has a lot of room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	Increasing the opportunity for parents to direct their children's education is a priority, as well as improving the funding formula for public schools. Having state dollars follow the student to each different education source is important, as is strengthening our curricula standards.	Ensuring that parents are the primary stakeholders in their child's education & future. Eradicating 'CRT' & common core immediately. Protecting children from the deviant sex indoctrination occurring in our nation. Allowing monies to follow the child to the school of their choice.

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6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	I wholeheartedly support legislation to prohibit the mutilation of the bodies of minors in the name of gender reassignment, and voted in favor of such legislation earlier this year.	I vehemently oppose these so-called treatments on minors
7. If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how your voting record will reflect those values?	I have provided accurate representation for the constituents of District 1 for the past eight years. We have a broad spectrum of political philosophies that range from populist libertarians to leftist progressives, but the vast majority are traditional, conservative republicans. My voting record is consistent with the interests of the majority of my constituents, as well as the values I espouse in public.	At every opportunity, I will be meeting with my constituents to hear their concerns. My voting record will be aligned with Heather Scott's record.
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Marriage is the union of a man and woman in the bonds of matrimony, under the eyes of God, and preferably facilitated by a Church.	Marriage is a union between a biological male & biological female and is a union ordained by God.
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?	Sexually explicit material should not be available to minors in any publicly funded building, and especially in schools and libraries.	They are absolutely inappropriate for minors of any age in our schools & libraries.
10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?	I believe parents should be able to direct their child's education as they see fit, and that there should be as many education options as possible. Years of effort on this topic have started to bear fruit, and I am hopeful the next session will see major change instituted.	Parents should be free to choose their child's school & oversee the curriculum they're being taught

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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?	Our property tax formula is a multifaceted system that needs streamlining. I would like to see all property taxes for owner occupied properties go away. If we are unable to do this, then a constitutional amendment to hold assessments, or taxes, at the level when the property was purchased would be helpful as well. A minor improvement would be a rolling average assessment to reduce the volatility of property values.	At minimum, I would like to see a 'Proposition 13' type system that will require a constitutional amendment. At best, I would be in favor of a property tax repeal.
12. In your opinion, should the House of Representatives and the Senate have their own attorney/legal representation apart from the Attorney General?	The Legislature should have their own legal representation separate from the attorney general. This is an effort we have tried to get accomplished for a few years, and, last year, separate counsel was provided to the legislative services office with the intent of serving legislative needs.	Without a doubt as the current A.G. states he is the attorney only for the Governor. I understand separate council has been provided but seemingly to little effect.
13. 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?	I do not support the legalization of marijuana, either medical or recreational. Although alcohol can be just as harmful, accepting another mind-altering substance to be used in the state is directly against our constitutional directive to promote temperance. Despite the marketing of pro-marijuana activists, the fiscal impact is often negative, and the criminal aspect does not diminish with legalization.	I have witnessed first hand the results of abusing marijuana, alcohol, & pharmaceutical drugs. All three have proven useful to certain ailments & pain, I.E., wine for your stomach & infirmities; pain killers for post. op pain relief & marijuana to reduce seizures in children & adults. Everything is useful in moderation. I believe the voters can decide the issue concerning marijuana.
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	I am the incumbent for the position, and have proven to be an effective legislator during my tenure in the office. I am well versed in the founding principles of our nation, have been a small business owner, have been a teacher in my church, and have a deep interest in the reformation of our system of government.	I've been a small business owner in the past employing over 50 employees. Through my literal fight for liberties and way of life, I have a unique understanding that freedom is not free.