

Watchmen Voter Guide for Legislative District #4 State Representative - Position A

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	Jim Addis	Joe Alfieri	Megan Dardis-Kunz
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	My name is Joe Alfieri and I am running for Idaho State Legislature, House seat 4A. I'm running because we need true conservative representation in the House that reflects the will of the people.	Declined to Respond
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	Declined to Respond	Life begins at conception, and I will support any and all legislation that honors the sanctity of life.	Declined to Respond
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	Declined to Respond	The first three issues that the legislature must address are taxes, government overreach, and election integrity. We must eliminate the grocery tax, and reduce the overall tax burden. The legislature must ensure that our constitutional rights are protected and prevent mandates. And we must tighten our election laws and forensically audit our elections.	Declined to Respond
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Declined to Respond	The biggest health care issue is the imposition of mandates and other restrictions on our freedoms, under the guise of a health crisis. It is not within the purview of the government for it to dictate how individuals and organizations address health care issues. We have set a dangerous precedent, and must reverse course immediately.	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	The education system has become little more than indoctrination centers that seek to replace parental control with state-sponsored outcome based learning. As an example, the State Board of Education adopted certification standards requiring teachers and professional school personnel to be trained in culturally responsive teaching. I'm more interested in our children getting an education than in cultural indoctrination, and in freeing teachers to teach. I am in favor of recent proposals that would allow funds for education to follow the student, wherever the parent chooses to send them. This will create a free market in schools, and force government schools to compete with the more efficient private sector.	Declined to Respond
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Declined to Respond	I do support this legislation. We must stop this child abuse.	Declined to Respond

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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?	Declined to Respond	I will make myself available to my constituents as often as possible, and constantly ask for opinions, from them, as well as community leaders such as priests and pastors. One of the things I pledged to do in my campaign for mayor was to have a counsel of pastors and priests. I'd like to do the same, and include other legislators.	Declined to Respond
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Declined to Respond	The Sacrament of Marriage is the sacred union of man and woman before God, for life.	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	They are not only inappropriate, but illegal, as they are pornographic and the distribution, and display of them to minors should be prosecuted.	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	I am a firm advocate of parental choice in education, and I support efforts to allow state funding to "follow the student," which would allow parents to use the money for public or private education as they see fit.	Declined to Respond
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	This is a very important issue, and I'm glad you've asked about it. With increasing tax values, assessments are rising, and we are near the point where people will be forced out of their homes because of their inability to pay their property tax. If elected, I will propose legislation that would prevent an increase beyond a modest amount (perhaps 1%) per year, and only assess true values if the owner sells the house. This is similar to California's proposition 13, which helped homeowners protect their homes.	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	Absolutely. Currently, the state's Attorney General, as a member of the executive branch, serves the governor. (He should serve the people, but that's another long story.) The legislature needs its own legal representation to defend its interests, and advise on legal matters.	Declined to Respond

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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?	Declined to Respond	I am opposed to the legalization of marijuana. The evidence is absolutely clear that it is a gateway drug, harmful to society, and with its legalization comes crime and a general deterioration of society. You don't have to go far to see it, the recent rise in crime locally is largely a result of the legalization of drugs in Washington.	Declined to Respond
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	<p>I'm a retired entrepreneur and businessman, and opened the first retail computer store in New York City, serving the New York Times and others. After selling the business, I was type director for a large advertising agency with major accounts such as Mercedes-Benz. Moving to California, I started an agency serving the Apple computer market, and then became a corporate trainer serving companies such as EDS.</p> <p>My wife and I moved to Coeur d'Alene to be closer to her family, who have been here since Idaho was a territory. I was a business developer for a local company, and also chaired a committee with the chamber of commerce.</p> <p>On retiring, I began to attend city council meetings, and other government and local political meetings. Before running for mayor last year, I had no prior political experience, but have always read about, watched and studied politics and public policy. My broad range of experience and interests, my study skills and ability to absorb information, and make decisions give me the foundation to be a successful state legislator.</p> <p>Moreover, I am passionate in my desire to prevent Idaho from becoming another overtaxed, crime-ridden and lawless state. I will stand against policies that conflict with our traditional Idaho values. As a two-time political refugee, I have seen this scenario played out before, and I pledge to do everything in my power to not let it happen here.</p>	Declined to Respond