



Watchmen Ministry North Idaho Voter Guides Kootenai County

Our goal for the Watchmen Ministry North Idaho Voter Guides was to create a nonpartisan document that educated the voter on where candidates stand on issues that matter to YOU. Questionnaires on race specific issues were sent to ALL candidates in contested races on the November Ballot for Kootenai, Bonner, Boundary, Shoshone, and Benewah Counties. The results are posted in a side by side / easy-to-compare chart.

★ Please be aware that if candidates did not respond in a particular race, we are not including the voter guide in this packet as there are no answers to report. The complete voter guides, including those that declined to respond are available on our website. Also not included here are races where the candidates are running unopposed. You can view their answers on our website.

Attached are the Voter Guides for Legislative Districts 2 – 5 and NIC Trustees. The complete set of **Voter Guides** is available on the Watchmen Ministry North Idaho website. In addition to Voter Guides, each candidate's complete questionnaire with their answers is on the website.

Please take the time to become an informed voter. Pray about your choices, go vote, and pray about the results.

Go to www.WatchmenMinistryNorthIdaho.com for complete voter guides, candidate questionnaires and important news.

Our Voter Guide is 100% 501c3 compliant so that it may be dispersed in churches.



Remember, it is your God given civic responsibility to not waste a single opportunity to VOTE.



By voting we perform the minimum of our civic duty by electing and empowering those public servants who give their full attention to governing.



We cannot sit this election out. Your VOTE counts!

Watchmen Voter Guide for North Idaho College Trustee Zone 2

** Click on each candidate's name to see their completed questionnaire **

	Brad Corkill	Diana L. Sheridan
1. What is your name and what office are you running for?	Declined to Respond	Diana Sheridan, North Idaho College Zone 2. (All Kootenai County voters get to vote for me)
2. How could North Idaho College be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Thorough transparency in all contracts. Fort Myer property was purchased without providing Trustees the 90+ page detailed appraisal prior to the purchase. They did 1 appraisal and should have had 2-3 appraisals for a million-dollar property. b. All contractual agreements are upholding the best interest of NIC. c. I will work with all Board members so that the continuance of NIC's full accreditation will be assured. d. Having the Board support Workforce Training Programs. I would like to expand the Parker Technical Center that attracts businesses to this area. e. Ensure education not indoctrination. All candidates for North Idaho College claim conservative values, but my opponent has been recorded saying he would be open to reinstating the mask mandate on campus and I would strongly oppose any medical mandates. Students need clear policies and NIC's policies are riddled with vagueness.
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Educational freedom for students as well as instructors must be valued. Return the emphasis of teaching back to how to think not what to think. I want a place for students to learn how to write and how to create skillset development, not receive ideological indoctrination. b. NIC should advance students and develop individuals who contribute to society, the local economy, and the Idaho workforce needs. c. I commit to scrutinizing sabbaticals and tenure candidates and ensure Board of Trustees does its job
4. Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No, I do not support CRT and believe introducing more racism to rectify historical racism will not solve modern day problems but exacerbate them. b. Does America have work to do regarding racism? I think it is more of ethics and morality work than racism work. The United States consists of so many diverse ethnicities and the foundational values is to provide all people groups the land of opportunity. c. America's forefathers said our system of government only works with a moral and just society. I believe one of America's biggest problems is father absence and overall lack of morality. d. Anywhere sinful mankind exists, racism will occur which is why symbol for Justice has a blindfold. The underlying goals of America are revolutionary consisting of self-reliance and I am involved politically to help contribute to America living up to those goals.

	Brad Corkill	Diana L. Sheridan
5. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing student fees or tuition? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I would support cutting spending and reprioritize certain allocations in the budget. Staff personnel have steadily increased while student enrollment has significantly declined over that same period of time. This needs to be reviewed and I have solutions to propose. b. Tuition is already maxed out to the maximum value allowed by legislature. Idaho's 4-year universities just call other student costs "fees" instead of tuition to expand beyond the maximum value allowed by Idaho's legislature. I think that is wrong. c. Parker's Carpentry program was shut down due to being unable to hire instructors at the low pay rates instructors offered. The president is making 330k with total package. I would re-focus the budget on the workforce to better meet the needs of students. d. For example, the golf coach is practically a full-time volunteer and making 19k per year and coaching both men's and women's golf teams. I would ensure our sports teams receive the administration support required for the students to succeed.
6. How do you view the role as a trustee member in regard to public policy like taxes?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trustee members need to provide wisdom that the college is operating properly and judicious use of taxpayer dollars. b. I despise reserving foregone taxes c. I would strongly oppose any medical mandates while to-the-contrary my opponent has been recorded saying he would be open to reinstating the mask mandate on campus.
7. Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No. b. Especially no to unions in the government which largely benefit solely the democrat party.
8. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Women rights and safety should not be sacrificed for trans-rights.
9. In what ways can North Idaho College help local high school students prepare for a college education or for a trade school?	Declined to Respond	Back to my original goal: teach them how to think, team them how to write, basic academic skillsets.

	Brad Corkill	Diana L. Sheridan
10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	Declined to Respond	When the money follows the child, we will have a true free market competition and the best will rise to the top.
11. How would you, as a trustee, create opportunities for an education more equitable towards students coming from a private or homeschool background?	Declined to Respond	a. I am unaware that NIC is not equitable for alternative learning environments. b. I would like to see NIC actively pursue private and homeschool communities and ensure those communities' needs are met.
12. What does the term "education" mean to you?	Declined to Respond	Education is how to think not what to think. Students should not be forced to swallow an instructor's ideology to pass courses, that's indoctrination.
13. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	a. I would be in-favor of legalizing it for prescribed medical purposes. b. Overall, I have concerns of legalizing broad general consumption.
14. What is your background and why does it qualify you for this position?	Declined to Respond	a. I believe you need business professionals on the Board of Trustees. I am a business Executive Officer for 38 years and decades as President/Vice President. I know how to set expectations and hold people to it. b. Innovation in Education needs to happen and it is hard for government to innovate on its own. A Board of Trustees, coming from and elected by the community, holds NIC to the community's expectations. c. I have 25 years of student and family advocacy specifically in education and I did my initial training through Parents Are Vital in Education (P.A.V.E.) I started as a volunteer pro-bono advocate and eventually became a paid advocate. I came out of retirement to solve the problems I see and heard directly from students. The Board of Trustees needs to work together, respect duly elected trustees, and welcome all viewpoints on campus.

Watchmen Voter Guide for North Idaho College Trustee Zone 5

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	Pete Broschet	Mike Waggoner
1. What is your name and what office are you running for?	Declined to Respond	My name is Mike Waggoner and I am running for NIC Zone 5 Trustee. To clear up a common point of misunderstanding; all residents of Kootenai County can vote for me.
2. How could North Idaho College be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond	<p>First, is transparency, as it stands, a large portion of our community believes NIC is anti-Christian. In order to change this belief, thorough investigations must be done and those investigations must be open to the public, at least to some degree.</p> <p>Secondly, I am concerned about the cutbacks in technical programs. I intend to look into why the programs had the problems that caused them to be cutback. After doing so, I would like to reintroduce these programs as it is important for our community to have local workers for technical jobs that we didn't import from somewhere else.</p>
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	Declined to Respond	I am of the view that academic freedom should be one of the core principles driving education. I am concerned that NIC has several programs that do not care for academic freedom and like to use it as a shield in order to indoctrinate students. I have heard stories of students being required to write on subject matters that they did not want to write on and that bore no relation to the class they were taking. They were apparently told they would have to write on the subject or their grade would be at risk. Academic freedom is not only for the faculty and it is certainly not coercing a student into parroting claims that they morally disagree with.
4. Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?	Declined to Respond	No, definitely not. I have done extensive research into understanding what it is and how its ideas are hidden with the intention of keeping it from being identified. It is a direct rejection of the values put forth in the Bible as well as the values espoused by the Constitution. It advocates for laws equivalent to those Jim Crow era laws, only with different targets.
5. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing student fees or tuition? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Declined to Respond	Assuming the problem isn't caused by mismanagement, it would probably be a combination of all three. I would first start with cutting spending before I would go onto anything else.
6. How do you view the role as a trustee member in regard to public policy like taxes?	Declined to Respond	It is the primary responsibility of the Trustee to represent the public interest at the College. Taxes should be minimized by making the College as efficient as possible and only supporting programs that the community strongly wants.

	Brad Corkill	Mike Waggoner
7. Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	Declined to Respond	No. Political activities are up to each citizen as to whether or not they want to support them.
8. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	I support bathroom and locker room usage on biological identity only.
9. In what ways can North Idaho College help local high school students prepare for a college education or for a trade school?	Declined to Respond	NIC already has a dual enrollment program that does an excellent job of helping with this. NIC would likely benefit from having a new program focused on providing summer classes for high school students where the classes are not a part of a larger program but instead intended to help students better find what programs they are interested in.
10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	Declined to Respond	The ability to choose where your children go to school is vitally important. Further, the ability to actually know what is being taught at a school before you send your children there is just as important.
11. How would you, as a trustee, create opportunities for an education more equitable towards students coming from a private or homeschool background?	Declined to Respond	One of the steps I will take is talking to many individuals in our community with a focus on parents of high school students. I hope to find out what their perception of NIC is, what they would want to see changed within it and what would help them send their children to NIC. I expect this will, at least in part, involve having advisors who talk to local homeschool organizations and provide assistance as needed.
12. What does the term "education" mean to you?	Declined to Respond	Teaching skills to students which will benefit them and the community. The goal first is to teach, not to indoctrinate.
13. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	I do not support the legalization of marijuana except as a controlled medical substance. It is mind altering and can damage users, especially younger users.
14. What is your background and why does it qualify you for this position?	Declined to Respond	I have extensive experience managing larger corporations than NIC, even if you include the students in that number. My experience has also had a significant focus on reorganization and changing the culture of companies, even doing so when teams don't want to change. This experience will be helpful in trying to solve the root cause of NIC's enrollment problems, namely, that NIC is not a safe place for Christians to send their children. While I hope that is only a perception problem, I am concerned that it is in fact a true statement.

Watchmen Voter Guide for Legislative District #2 State Representative - Position B

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	Dale Hawkins	Jennifer Ann Luoma	Tom Stroschein
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Dale Hawkins, Legislative District 2, Seat B, House of Representatives for the state of Idaho. I have watched over the years as the principles of our republican form of government and our liberties have been trampled on by those who claim them and claimed to be conservative Republicans. I can no longer sit by and watch.	Jennifer Ann Luoma, House 2, Seat B I'm a phenomenal candidate, People before politics!	Declined to Respond
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	I believe that life begins at conception and I will do everything in my power to protect the life of The Unborn.	Life <u>never</u> ends	Declined to Respond
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	Property tax relief, parental rights and stopping the perversion of our education system.	Housing, Roads, Body Autonomy 24/7 for Everyone!	Declined to Respond
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	The government trying to tell us what type of care we need and what kind of drugs to put in our body. Vaccines, vaccine mandates. We must be able to make our own medical choices.	Our community is aging out. I am <u>Passionate</u> about creating a <u>Safe</u> health & happy 2050 Idaho.	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?	Ultimately, parents must be put back in control of their children's education. I would also support School vouchers, homeschool programs and I believe that the money should follow the student.	Restructure the entire system. Have a plan by letting it evolve organically. Think outside of the Box!	Declined to Respond
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	I do support legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment or surgery on minors. I believe this to be a form of child abuse of the greatest kind.	I don't support the government getting involved. I would not encourage this until after puberty.	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 will reflect those values?	I believe my faith in Christ and my core values of limited government, individual liberty, free enterprise and the traditions of our founding fathers. I believe it is these that make me in line with the people of North Idaho and I will use these and rely on my faith in Christ to continue to go forward and vote according to these principles.	Every week I will lunch at senior centers. Attend church, soup kitchens & schools (public, private/home). People over Politics!	Declined to Respond

	Dale Hawkins	Jennifer Ann Luoma	Tom Stroschein
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Marriage is a Covenant agreement between a man, a woman and God.	Legal or spiritual?	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?	This is something that I have become aware of recently. I think it's completely appalling and inappropriate for any form of state funding to promote these materials. Or have them in any public facility including schools and libraries. For any age, especially minors.	Discernment. I don't think they are appropriate, but my personal morals should never be law!	Declined to Respond
10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?	Again, I believe that parents should have complete control over their children's education whether it be through vouchers or homeschooling and other options. I believe that the money should follow the student.	I support school <u>choice</u>	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?	I believe, that for immediate relief, a bill putting a moratorium on the evaluation process used by County assessors for four years is needed. This would allow the legislature to come up with a constitutional solution to a more balanced approach for property tax. As well, we should be taking a look at the massive bureaucracies we have created here in Idaho that are consuming huge amounts of resources.	Follow our Libertarian Mike Long or "Idaho Joe"	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?	I am not completely familiar with this subject yet it makes sense that the House and the Senate should not be tied to the executive branch in legal matters.	NO	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 marijuana? Why or why not?	I oppose the legalization of marijuana, I believe all this does is take the drug dealer from down the street and put him in the capital.	Decriminalization. If counties are against they can vote not to have dispensaries.	Declined to Respond

	Dale Hawkins	Jennifer Ann Luoma	Tom Stroschein
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	I don't believe it is my many years involved in the Republican Party or the 30 plus years involved in leadership roles both in the church and in business. I believe that it is my love for God and my unwavering love for the great state of Idaho, the Idaho Constitution and the people of this great state and my desire to protect our liberties and our freedoms for our future and for future Generations.	I'm 53 from MN. I'm a child of God, wife, community & Libertarian. Spent decade working for the government. Several years on safety commissions. Questions call 208-818-0105. Have a <u>super</u> day	Declined to Respond

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

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	Joe Alfieri	Megan Dardis-Kunz
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	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?	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?	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?	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?	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?	I do support this legislation. We must stop this child abuse.	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 will reflect those values?	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

	Joe Alfieri	Megan Dardis-Kunz
8. What is your definition of marriage?	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?	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?	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?	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?	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
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 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

	Joe Alfieri	Megan Dardis-Kunz
<p>14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<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>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>

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

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	Larry Bieber	Elaine Price
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	Elaine Price, Idaho State Representative 4b We are told only certain people are qualified to run for office. We are told we need to ask a specific group permission to run for office. I disagree. The citizens give the power to the government not the other way around. Average citizens like me need to step up and run for office. I am choosing to do just that. I have talked to many people who say they moved to Idaho or live in Idaho because it is a conservative republican strong hold. They have been seeing those values eroded away. We can choose to sit and watch it erode or we can fight to save our state. I'm choosing to fight for our state, the constitution, and conservative values.
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. My conservative beliefs are what guide me when making decision, they will guide me when supporting or opposing legislation.
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	Declined to Respond	My top three priorities are: Closing the loophole in the emergency declaration that allowed the extension beyond the 60 days as stated in the declaration. Making sure all three branches are working together during an emergency. Protecting our minor children from grooming and sexualization. Holding our schools and libraries accountable for content set before our minor children. Repealing the grocery tax. We have a surplus right now. We have time to craft ways to reduce spending to cover the potential loss of this revenue stream.
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Declined to Respond	There are several issues we are facing in Kootenai County. First, we are lacking health care workers for various reasons one being they were forced to choose between being vaccinated to continue to work or refusing to be vaccinated and losing their job. Another is the gentrification of our community. We will be facing a shortage of assisted living homes or other care facilities as well as hospital and rehab facilities. I have heard of several home based health care businesses starting up and I would like to see us encourage those businesses to fill in the gaps we could be facing in the future.
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 solution is not to keep throwing money at our school system. I am for letting the money follow the student. We must pay our teachers what they are worth and not overload them with being counselors and social workers. We need to eliminate social emotional learning and CRT in our schools. This alone is causing increased mental stress for our children. We should also eliminate the sexualization of our children happening in our school libraries. We need to be protecting our children from being groomed. We must stop the normalization of sexual issues that are being introduced to our children at such a young age. I would support legislation that eliminated these things within our schools.

	Larry Bieber	Elaine Price
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Declined to Respond	I would support legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors. Minors should not make these decisions.
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 ask for input and listen to my constituents. I will never forget that I work for the people. I will make myself available to the people, through participation in townhalls and email. I would be willing to do meet and greets as well. I work for the constituents and will not put my North Idaho values aside for a political career.
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Declined to Respond	My definition is the biblical definition which defines marriage between one man and one woman.
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	Absolutely not. We are failing our children with normalization of sex to them. We need to remove the exemption for schools and libraries that allows this material to be in the hands of minors. We have a law that prohibits access to these materials on the internet this needs to be extended to written materials as well.
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 in favor of the money following the student. School choice should be made easy for all. If the money follows the student more parents will have choices for their children.
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	I am for less government, so I don't want to see them involved in areas they are not already. We need to find ways to encourage commercial development to help switch the tax burden back to a more equal balance. It has recently switched from commercial to residential and that is part of the cause of the financial burden. Property tax is also based on government spending, we need to find ways to reduce spending. I would be for a temporary increase in the circuit breaker (a tax relief program for seniors) or to adjust the qualifying home price so those that are being affected by the artificial increase in home prices do not loose their homes.

	Larry Bieber	Elaine Price
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.
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 oppose the legalization of marijuana. I know of many who used it as a gateway drug into a life of substance abuse.
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	I am a blue-collar worker who cares about our country and the constitution. I was born and raised in Iowa in a Conservative Christian family. My experience, education, and skills, all of which I have, are not qualifications to represent a districts constituency in the legislature. Idaho code 34-chapter 6 section 34 defines those qualifications, all of which I meet. We have trusted our state leaders to work for the people and they do not. I will be the real voice of North Idaho in Boise.

Watchmen Voter Guide for Legislative District #5 State Representative - Position A

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	Kristy Reed Johnson	Ron Mendive
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	Ron Mendive State Representative, District 5-A My goal to run for this office has never changed, it is to defend our Constitutional rights and family values. I take my oath to defend the U.S. and Idaho Constitutions very seriously.
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. My voting record is solidly pro-life.
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	Declined to Respond	Medical Freedom with NO mandates, Property Tax Relief, and State Control of the federal lands within our borders.
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Declined to Respond	Medical freedom for Idaho citizens has become a major issue. With the implementation of Obama Care, doctors are becoming employees of large health care facilities. As a result of this, the number of doctors in private practice is decreasing rapidly. As employees, doctors have been forced to treat their patients according to the dictates of their employers under the threat of dismissal. We just witnessed our government and hospital administrators insert themselves between the doctor and the patient by requiring government prescribed treatment. Doctors were not allowed to choose "off label" treatments that proved more effective and less costly. I oppose any interference with the doctor- patient relationship.
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	Legislation has been ineffective in reforming education in Idaho. The laws passed are not always recognized and implemented by some teachers in their classrooms. Legislation was passed to remove Critical Race Theory from the classroom; however, it has been renamed "social justice ", and is still being taught. We, as legislators have no mechanism to enforce these laws, it is the responsibility of the parents and local school board to work with us to see this legislation realized.
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Declined to Respond	Emphatically oppose.
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	As I have stated previously, I support both the U.S. and Idaho Constitutions and defend family values, and this seems to reflect the values of my district.

	Kristy Reed Johnson	Ron Mendive
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Declined to Respond	God defined marriage, it is the covenant between one man and one woman.
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	NO, we attempted to deal with it legislatively (H-666) but it failed to even get a hearing in the Senate. We will continue to fight this battle to protect our children!
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 have been an advocate for Education Savings Accounts for 9 years. This bill allows the state allocated education money to follow the student and allows parents to find the best educational pathway for their child's individual needs. This model is being successfully implemented in many states. My hope is for Idaho to recognize and adopt this educational alternative. ESA legislation has been introduced for the last 4 years but is still lacking majority support.
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	Rising property values dramatically increase taxes causing many people to be taxed off their property. This session a proposal was made to eliminate the property tax from the primary residences for Idaho homeowners by raising the sales tax by 1.85%. This idea has merit. My hope next session is to explore this proposal further or find another solution for property tax relief.
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! We need to have the ability to hire counsel that would represent the Legislature.

	Kristy Reed Johnson	Ron Mendive
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 oppose the legalization of marijuana, I believe it is the catalyst for introduction to harder substance abuse.
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	I believe the education that one attains through life experiences is a major asset for serving in the legislature. My education equipped me with the tools needed to tackle the various jobs I pursued. My work history includes mining, logging, farming, building custom homes, being involved in developing and patenting the first successful self-igniting pellet stove and now I have a seasonal land service business. This diverse job experience affords me an opportunity to have the perspective of being self-employed and an employee. For over 30 years I have been a small business owner. It has taught me that government policy at all levels impacts Idaho business.

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	Teresa Borrenpohl	Tony Wisniewski
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	Name: Tony Wisniewski Office sought: State Representative District 5B Since I am currently a two term Representative, I wish to continue to support the primary role of government, which is the protection of our God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness.
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	Declined to Respond	This issue is no longer a matter of conjecture, as science has clearly shown that a new human life begins at fertilization. I will support legislation that recognizes this fact and protects life from conception to natural death.
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	Declined to Respond	a) I will continue to support legislation to protect the lives of all preborn children. b) Medical freedom is another of my priorities. Many individuals have been faced with the horrible choice between losing their livelihood or taking the inoculation. I support an individual's right to decide for himself whether to have an experimental drug injected without his fully informed consent. This includes being told the associated risks. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) has multiple reports of anaphylaxis, thrombosis, Guillain-Barré Syndrome, myocarditis and pericarditis, and even death after receiving the "vaccine". Click Here to see the remainder of Mr. Wisniewski's Answer
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Declined to Respond	The Department of Health and Welfare was given millions of dollars by the Federal Government to advocate for public health through advertising. They spent this money promoting the Covid 19 inoculation, which is not a vaccine in the traditional definition. They did little or nothing to make the public aware of how to boost their natural immunity to disease by taking Vitamin D and other supplements, reducing one's body mass index, getting the proper amount of sleep and exercise, having a proper diet, reducing stress, etc. Click Here to see the remainder of Mr. Wisniewski's Answer
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 threat of Covid caused serious disruptions in the schools. Many parents were displeased with the school administrators' responses (total shut down, mandatory masking, refusal to reopen, etc.). Since many parents were forced to find alternative educational routes, they realized that the public school system is not the only way to teach their children. Unfortunately, these alternatives cost money, and parents found out they were paying twice. Click Here to see the remainder of Mr. Wisniewski's Answer
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Declined to Respond	I support any legislation that prevents irreversible pharmaceutical or surgical procedures on minors. House Bill 675 was introduced this Session and would do exactly that. It was passed in the House along mostly a party line vote of 55-13, but it was denied a hearing by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

	Teresa Borrenpohl	Tony Wisniewski
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	<p>Our district is fairly rural and therefore reasonably conservative. For example, we were one of the few districts that voted against Medicaid expansion in 2018. I am a social and fiscal conservative and believe that my principles adequately reflect those of the community that I serve. I will continue to be a strict steward of the public treasury.</p> <p>I enjoy a mid-90% rating with the American Conservative Union. The Club for Growth has awarded me as one of only 15 Idaho Representatives (70 total) with a score of 90% or higher on their economic freedom index.</p>
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Declined to Respond	<p>The wording of the question presupposes that there are multiple valid definitions of the term. Before the recent gender dysphoria began, the dictionary definition was, "the ceremony, civil or religious, by which two people of opposite sex become husband and wife."</p> <p>In Genesis 2 we find, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."</p> <p>Clearly, for all of Western civilization over millennia, marriage is a union of one man and one woman. I cannot improve on the secular or religious definitions!</p>
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	<p>I agree that these materials are inappropriate. But more important is that Idaho Code 18-1514 defines "obscene material" and "harmful to minors" and makes it clear that they should not be made available to children. The real issue is that Idaho Code 18-1517 specifically exempts school and public libraries (and other venues) from having to restrict these types of materials to minors. House Bill 666 was written to protect children from these materials in these types of institutions.</p> <p>Click Here to see the remainder of Mr. Wisniewski's Answer</p>
10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?	Declined to Respond	<p>Please refer to my response to question 5 above.</p>
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>There are some common misconceptions about property taxes that need to be dispelled. First of all, none of the property tax revenue collected by cities and counties is sent to the state. The state does not create the budgets that these entities propose to fulfill their mandated functions. Lastly, the state does not determine the assessed value of properties that eventually determine the amount of tax owed on each parcel. One exception where the state has some obligation is the area of unfunded mandates.</p> <p>Click Here to see the remainder of Mr. Wisniewski's Answer</p>

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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	I believe it is imperative that we get independent counsel for the Legislature. The Attorney General represents the interests of the Executive Branch and therefore may have conflicts of interest when dealing with a different branch of the state government. I know of at least two recent decisions of the AG’s office that, in my opinion, have not been correct and in the best interest of the Legislature.
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	<p>A Libertarian viewpoint would be that the government has no business telling me what I can or cannot consume. In addition, they would claim that using marijuana is a victimless crime. I believe there would be a large number of users who would be responsible enough such that no one would even be aware that they were using the substance.</p> <p>However, there are a number of reasons that tip my decision away from legalization. Foremost is the cavalier attitude that this action will have on youth, that society now appears to approve of getting high. It will increase usage among teens, and marijuana affects young brains that have not fully developed until around age 25. Safety behind the wheel and in dangerous occupations is also a concern. The tax revenue derived from marijuana would not cover the social costs of enforcement and drug treatment.</p> <p>The criminal black market would prosper since there would be more demand, and these “entrepreneurs” can always undercut the price of a state-controlled substance. Organized crime would also increase the presence of other illegal activities such as illegal drugs and sex trafficking.</p> <p>I believe that there are legitimate uses for marijuana and would be in favor of legalizing medical marijuana.</p>
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	<p>I have been involved with the local Republican Party as a Precinct Committeeman since 2008. This is a publicly elected position that I have served in for seven terms. I have also been elected as the Vice Chairman of the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee for four terms, serving under three Chairmen. I have participated in almost every State Winter and Summer Meetings, served as a delegate or alternate at all State Conventions since 2008, and have been on several State Central permanent committees as an active member.</p> <p>Click Here to see the remainder of Mr. Wisniewski’s Answer</p>