

Watchmen Voter Guide for Idaho Lieutenant Governor

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	Scott Bedke	Pro-Life	Terri Pickens Manweiler
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<p>Scott Bedke, Idaho Lieutenant Governor.</p> <p>Under my conservative leadership, we've created the best state to live, to work, and to raise a family. With Joe Biden and the Democrats trying to destroy our nation one liberal policy at a time, Idaho needs leaders who have experience blocking federal overreach. As a fourth generation Idaho rancher, and Speaker of the House in the most conservative legislative body in the nation, I have led many successful fights against the federal government to protect our shared Idaho values. With your support, I'll continue to protect the Idaho Way as your next Lieutenant Governor.</p>	<p>My name is Pro-Life. This is my legal and only name. I am running for Lt. Governor with the Constitution Party. I will not be on a primary ballot in May 2022. You see my name on the November ballot. I am running to make people accountable for hearing the truth.</p>	Declined to Respond
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	<p>I believe life starts at conception and am the only candidate in this race who has consistently voted to protect the unborn. That's why I have a 100 percent voting record with Idaho Chooses Life. I will continue to put our conservative values into policy as Idaho's next Lieutenant Governor.</p>	<p>Life begins at conception (when sperm meets egg). If I become Governor I would by Emergency and Executive Order declare that 'abortion is murder' and I would close all abortion clinics. I would also, on day one, stop the sale of all birth control pills and abortifacients.</p>	Declined to Respond
3. What is your stance on federally owned land in the State of Idaho? Do you have any suggestions of changes that should be made, or should the current arrangement be maintained?	<p>We cannot let our guard down when it comes to the federal government. The best way to ensure our rights as a state is the 10th amendment, which we've successfully used in previous cases of attempted overreach by the federal government. I've fought to protect our land and water as a fourth generation Idaho rancher and Speaker, that won't stop as your next Lieutenant Governor.</p> <p>Like many other issues, the best way to balance the needs of all is by ensuring an honest and open line of dialogue where all stakeholders are involved in the decision-making process. Since 1976, the multiple use concept has served us well. As Idaho grows, there will be increasing demands on the amenities that we have all come to expect from the public lands in Idaho. Cooperation, coordination, and communication have been the keys to our success to this point and will continue to be so in the future.</p>	<p>The Idaho Legislature should pass laws declaring state ownership of all federal lands in Idaho. The Statehood Enabling Act by Congress in 1890 allowed the federal government to retain control of unclaimed land. This was unconstitutional.</p>	Declined to Respond

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4. Does the Idaho legislature have the authority to terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time, overriding any executive order? Why or why not?	Idaho’s constitution grants the Legislature this authority, should both chambers agree that an override is needed on a veto, or a state of emergency is no longer needed.	The law states that the legislature can vote to end, or renew, the State of Emergency order by the Governor within 60 days, Idaho Code 46-1008. The Attorney General, Lawrence Wasden, ignored the written law and advised Governor Little to continue the emergency for over 700 days. We need a new Governor, Attorney General and most legislators.	Declined to Respond
5. Have you signed a “no new tax” pledge? Why or why not?	It’s my general policy to not sign pledges, but I will never support raising taxes. Under my conservative leadership as Speaker, we’ve passed historic tax cuts that provide relief for families, businesses, and property owners across the state.	I sign, and will continue to sign, every “no new tax” pledge.	Declined to Respond
6. 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?	Again, it’s my general policy to not sign pledges, because I believe lawmakers need to individually review each piece of legislation. However, my beliefs and voting record are in line with both documents. Every policy that’s ensured these conservative values in Idaho has passed over my desk as Speaker.	I have signed the Manhattan and the Families First pledges. If I become Governor I will, by Executive Order, end homosexual marriage, and all transgender activity in Idaho. Adultery, fornication, homosexuality, swinging, porn, etc. should be illegal in Idaho. Transgenderism should be illegal. I would like to see the votes to stop my Executive Order to clean up Idaho.	Declined to Respond
7. Do you interpret the Idaho Constitution as a living document?	Yes, because it can be amended. However, making amendments to the Constitution is, and should be, a stringent process to ensure that we have checks and balances in place. Additionally, it requires the consent of Idahoans before such a change can be made.	The Idaho Constitution is written, and the written language is our basic law. I will have none of this “living constitution” lie.	Declined to Respond
8. As Lieutenant Governor, how do you see your responsibility in maintaining the policies of the Governor when acting as Governor?	I think it’s neither responsible nor appropriate for an acting Governor to do anything by executive order without the Governor’s explicit permission. Doing otherwise erodes public trust and reduces credibility of the office. Any situation where this action is warranted should be done in coordination with the Governor unless he or she is physically incapable of doing so. Anything else is political grandstanding and campaigning, which should not be done on the taxpayers’ dime.	I will not support the Governor if he breaks the laws of Idaho. I will not support a governor that supports federal law when it conflicts with Idaho law. Idaho law trumps federal law.	Declined to Respond
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<p>9. According to the Idaho Constitution, the office of the governor, has “supreme executive power.” What does this mean to you as you are second in command for the State of Idaho?</p>	<p>The Lieutenant Governor is an ambassador for the state of Idaho and should extend the reach of the Governor. As Speaker, I have worked closely with the Governor on many successful issues. We’ve also occasionally been on opposite sides of disagreements, but we always talk it out and attempt to find middle ground. We don’t agree 100 percent of the time, but we always conduct business in good faith with each other and the people of Idaho.</p>	<p>I will only use “supreme executive power” to protect life, health, liberty, morals, and property in emergency. The Governor does not have “separate and equal power with the legislature and judicial branches.” The legislative branch is superior to the executive and judicial branches. The people are the real power via juries and voting.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>
<p>10. If elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?</p>	<p>I am accountable to the people of Idaho. That’s how I have conducted my business as Speaker and will continue to do so as Idaho’s next conservative Lieutenant Governor.</p>	<p>I am accountable to God, my conscience, natural law and constitutions. I will not obey court decisions that are against God’s law, natural law, and constitutions. I will follow Jesus Christ rather than men.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>
<p>11. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?</p>	<p>We’ve always ensured that Idaho parents have a preeminent say in their child’s education. Whether that’s public, private, charter, homeschool, etc. I strongly support school choice, but it’s our duty to ensure that funding these programs makes sense. Any taxpayer funds spent on education should ensure Idaho is recruiting the best teachers and, most importantly, directly benefiting our kids.</p>	<p>I believe that smart parents never put their children in government schools at any level. No state colleges. Marx and Engels in the Communist Manifesto (1848) said, “free education for all children in public schools.”</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>
<p>12. 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?</p>	<p>The 10th amendment is the core tool for states to battle federal overreach. In many of Idaho’s legal battles with the federal government, we’ve effectively used the 10th amendment to protect Idahoans from unconstitutional power grabs.</p>	<p>If we cannot find a power in the federal constitution, specifically given to the federal gov’t, then the federal gov’t does not have the power. Almost all powers, constitutionally, are given to and reserved for the states. Our legal and judicial culture is way out of bounds. Federal judges and congressional members (almost all of them) that violate the Constitution need to be removed. Rand Paul and Mike Lee are the only Senators that I respect.</p>	<p>Declined to Respond</p>

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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?	I oppose the legalization of marijuana due to my conversations with community stakeholders. Legalizing marijuana would only create more of a burden on parents and law enforcement. I believe it's unsafe and Idaho has been getting along just fine without legalizing marijuana.	I am totally opposed to recreational marijuana. Hemp and medicinal are good.	Declined to Respond
14. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	<p>I'm asking for your vote to be Idaho's next Lieutenant Governor. I'm proud to have been elected Speaker of the most conservative legislative body in the nation, for five consecutive terms. Under my leadership, we have created the best place to live, to work and to raise a family.</p> <p>Together, we have put Idaho's values into policy: We have made Idaho the least regulated state in the nation, we have cut taxes, we support protecting our borders, we Back the Blue, we protect your 2nd amendment rights, we always protect the lives of the unborn, and we always empower parents in curriculum and school choice. Most recently, in the United States Supreme Court, we beat the Biden administration and their ridiculous vaccine mandates.</p> <p>As a fourth generation Idaho rancher, it's always been my goal to deliver proven, conservative results for our state. We need someone who is willing and capable of fighting to protect the Idaho we know and love. We cannot let all this new growth in Idaho change the underpinnings of our state. I vow that, as your next Lieutenant Governor, I will work to keep our state something we can all be proud of.</p>	I have been a candidate for office many times: Governor (3), Lt. Governor (1), US Senate (2), Congress (3), legislature (1). I have served as third party national officer. Go to my website www.ProLife-Idaho.com and you can see why I will probably never win.	Declined to Respond