

Watchmen Voter Guide for Kellogg City Council Seat #3

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	Lori J. Teeters	Ron Zetterberg
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?		Ronald Zetterberg, running for Kellogg City Council, Position #3. I purchased a home in Kellogg in January this year and left Hayden in February 2023 having found a gem of a community in Kellogg. Kellogg is a precious and increasingly rare example of 20th Century small town America. As stewards of this gift from God, it is our responsibility to protect and contribute to this community. As such, I am running for City Council to be a Conservative/Republican voice in the direction and culture of Kellogg and to standup to the slowly encroaching liberal agenda in our nation.
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.		<p>As a beautiful small town in the Idaho panhandle, Kellogg has a rich and varied history in mining and logging. Since the closure of the Bunker Mine in the 1980s, Kellogg has tried to change its identity to a tourist destination but without much success. Unlike the thriving Wallace downtown, walking down Main and McKinley we see a few small shops running their businesses but mostly we see empty, deteriorating buildings that were once thriving retail businesses. Even with the potential re-opening of the Bunker Mine, Kellogg should focus on and commit to developing a downtown that is a draw for tourist trade. The council needs to think outside the box and solicit input from the community and the Chamber of Commerce to define an identity for Kellogg and to develop ways to draw small retail businesses to our downtown. The challenge is to develop ways to draw tourist into Kellogg and to give them a reason the return.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our town needs to be proactive in marketing the wonderful outdoor activities that we offer, from skiing to mountain biking and hiking, in addition to the water park and Gondola. • Working with the Chamber, provide incentives to small business that will encourage their development in restaurants, novelty shops, sporting goods, among others. • With some effort and enthusiasm, we can develop an identity far beyond being a town along 90 on the way to Wallace.
3. What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho?		<p>As a refugee from the liberal pit of California, I appreciate the desire of so many people from all over the nation to find a little bit of heaven on earth that North Idaho offers. Rarely do we make changes in our lives unless where we are no longer suits us.</p> <p>The downside of growth is the demise of the small-town community, as exemplified by CDA's rapid changes in population and demographics. It is possible to control and limit the growth of our small towns and still maintain their identity by controlling the issuance of building permits to a level that the community has determined to be acceptable.</p>
4. In your opinion what best serves the public, elected officials, or appointed officials?		<p>As we see in our gargantuan bloated Federal government, appointed officials seem to have more power than the elected officials and all too often we have no power to remove these bureaucrats from their positions of power and little say in the control they exercise over our lives.</p> <p>With that being said, wherever possible, officials who have power over us should absolutely be elected by and be accountable to the citizens of the community. The surest way to have control over these officials is through the ballot box.</p>

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5. What improvements should be made to the city councils' role in the design and authorization of new developments?		<p>Fortunately, Kellogg has yet to see the 'free range' developers and builders descend upon our community as they have in CDA, Post Falls, and Hayden. We have all watched as their forests have been leveled and subdivided, farmland plowed-under and sub-divisions marked out. Within reason, growth is necessary for a community to prosper. However, uncontrolled growth and, more importantly, growth for growth's sake is detrimental to the community. All too often, a City Council is swayed by the wealth and power of these companies and willingly approve permits and development outside the vision and desired quality of life of the community.</p> <p>The City Council REPRESENTS the community and any new development and construction should be discussed thoroughly with the community with a sincere effort be made that these decisions will enhance the quality of life for its citizens.</p>
6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?		We in engineering always have said, "if its not broken, don't fix it.". Kellogg's public services seem to be working well. Once in office, I will look at those service's cost to benefit ratios, speak with the community, and determine if changes would be in the best interest of the residents of Kellogg.
7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?		By their nature, people who live in rural areas tend to be more independent and self-sufficient than those who live in municipal areas and therefore do not need to depend upon the municipal services for access to sewers and water. However. Should those residents determine that municipal services would improve their lives and be of benefit, then a review of the cost to benefit should be reviewed and services, if requested, would then be offered.
8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund without increase taxes?		<p>We are a small community and every dollar spent should be accounted for and all effort should be made that the dollar spent enhances the community's quality of life.</p> <p>I have yet to have access to the detail of Kellogg's financial status and situation. Therefore I am not yet qualified nor knowledgeable enough to answer this question directly.</p>
9. What is your opinion of the increased push for affordable housing?		<p>It is the character of any community to care for its citizens through limited local government or largely through charity and church organizations. It is not the role of the government to dictate where and to whom we provide support. When we see the term 'push', we need to determine WHO is doing the pushing. In this case we can see that 'affordable housing' is generally government dictated subsidized by tax dollars.</p> <p>Much like the 'Smart Cities', this is a tactic used by the liberal agenda to control where we live and with whom and, most importantly to them, control of the voting demographic to their advantage.</p>
10. All too often local residents feel that their public comment is not taken into consideration when decisions are made that directly affect their daily lives and their property value. What would you suggest so that the public's best interests become a priority over builders and developers?		<p>As stated in a few other answers, the power and wealth of the Development and Construction companies hold sway over many municipalities. Those City Council's approval or decline of development permits have little to do with the citizen's desires and much to do with revenues to the city.</p> <p>Also stated in other answers, Kellogg's City Council can be more in tune with the community as we continue to remember our role as representatives of the community, not in power over the community.</p>

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11. What is your opinion of “Smart Cities” and how they apply to North Idaho?		If there is anything that the liberal agenda and social engineers have come up with that is the antithesis of what America is, “Smart Cities” wins the prize. This is a tactic used by the liberal agenda to control where we live and with whom and, most importantly to them, control of the voting demographic to their advantage.
12. Should the concept of “equitable outcome” be implemented as a part of the city council’s decision-making process? Why or why not?		This term can be defined in several ways. Equitable outcomes means outcomes that burdens underserved populations less than and benefits underserved populations as much or more as the city or county population as a whole. With that definition in mind, the City Council should not implement this policy or any resembling it. Every citizen in this community should be treated equally under the law and under City Statutes regardless of current status.
13. Is there anything in your personal, business, or career life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?		There is nothing in my life that will present a conflict of interest in serving the citizens of the City of Kellogg.
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?		After leaving the US Navy in 1973, I started an engineering career in high tech, working with great companies in their infancy; Intel, Amdahl, Bridge Communications, Biomation, among others. As an entrepreneur, I built several small tech companies providing consulting and engineering services to prodigious corporations such as EDS, PMI, and many others. I have run business units for large high-tech corporations. I have experience in running both small and large organizations, develop and operate under multi-million operating budgets, develop and manage small and large company and engineering projects, set and attain goals, and managed large and small professional staff. With this background, I am well qualified to take on the tasks and responsibilities inherent with the position of City Councilman. With that said, I am running for the City Council office because it is a place to stand up against the subtle drift of small town America from the God fearing, Bible believing, Judeo-Christian society into the liberal perversion exemplified by California and the Blue controlled cities and states. I see that movement every day and this is the time to say.. “Enough, we will go no further.”