

## Idaho State Representative District 4B

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	Paula Marano	<a href="#">Elaine Price</a>	<a href="#">Dave Raglin</a>
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	Elaine Price Idaho State Representative District 4 seat B	Dave Raglin, running for Legislative District 4, Seat B. We need to have collective action and shared purpose with this community of ours. I hear the same message from so many in the community of coming together, and not becoming like the national political scene where we keep dividing each other. We need to find common ground in our community with one another and foster the history and greatness that makes all of Idaho the self-reliant and persevering state that it is. When I am with my wife and her family, who have lived here all their lives, I hear stories about how it used to be or things they missed. But the culture and foundational roots of Coeur d' Alene and North Idaho, is why we are all here and it is our identity. I want to keep it a place that values families, neighbors, and kindness to one another above personal agendas. I want to do my part to be a voice for North Idaho and represent everyone!
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	Life begins at conception. When you have an underlying belief, it drives your decisions and weighs heavily when looking at legislation and how it affects your constituents.	I know of no other way but at conception. And I will always support or oppose any legislation that says otherwise.
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	We need to cut spending and return surplus money to the people. Continue to pass legislation that protects our children, parental consent on social media would be a good next step. School choice legislation would help those that find public school does not work for their children.	Health Care Shortage – Addressing the ever-growing shortage of workers in the healthcare field. Housing Crisis – We need real tax incentives for developers to help offset the costs and not pass that on the cost of the home, to lower price points for first time buyers. Education – Coming along side our educators to find the metrics needed for a quality education or even trade school classes that students can graduate high school and step into a career field.

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4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	The government should not be involved in individual health care choices with limited exceptions.	We face a healthcare worker shortage like no other in North Idaho. Most all our entire healthcare workforce cannot sustain working here. My wife and I own a Medicaid state agency here in Coeur d' Alene, that helps those with Developmental Disabilities. Our own employees struggle to just live in North Idaho because they cannot afford it. Shortages with nurses, elderly care, or assisted living, they are quitting and moving to Spokane due to higher pay and affordable housing. This loss in the workforce puts undue stress on all medical facilities in trying to get doctor appointments, dentist, mental health. This puts people at risk when you cannot seek or get basic medical needs.
5. Idaho's school system has room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	The public school system should be held accountable for outcome-based results. These need to be measurable goals. I like the idea of funding being based on these outcomes using the funds already allocated for our schools. We are to provide for funding of our schools, no where does it say the schools need to be run by the government.	Our state education system needs compromise and teamwork to achieve a common goal of addressing the educational inequities and shortcomings that we are facing. As a community, we need to find solutions to addressing our education together and work with the legislature and the governor's office to get permanent funding in place. Recent legislatures have changed funding formulas for temporary fixes in the name of property tax relief, but it isn't a permanent solution to ensure we have an education system that meets the metrics we as parents and community want for our children to receive in a quality education system. We need to find real solutions for our children and future generations. Solutions that involve our educators and those in the community and to foster relationships that we can garner ideas in improving the system we currently have.
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	I supported legislation that passed prohibiting these surgeries on minors.	I would support any legislation that prohibits gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors. Minors are not mature to understand and should not have the ability to make that decision.

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7. If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how will your voting record reflect those values?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	I do my best to make myself available to my constituents. I talk to them and hear their concerns, which helps me make sure I am aligned to North Idaho values and constituents. Please check out my voting record the last two sessions and reach out if you have any questions.	By setting up clear communication channels that put an emphasis on accessibility and transparency for constituents' concerns. Priority on active listening and personalized engagement with regular updates that are consistent and prompt and that have true follow up with the constituents' concerns is a must. While in session I plan to hold coffee or town hall meetings on Saturdays when I am in town to meet with constituents to listen to their concerns and share what legislation is pending. I will be responding to their emails and phone calls through the legislative email system.
8. What is your definition of marriage?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	Marriage is between one man and one women.	The bible has not changed, it is a single man and a single woman, joining together, under 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?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	No, not at all. Minors are facing social issues at younger ages each passing year. We should allow them to be children as long as possible.	Just like everyone else, yes, I want children to be protected from harmful material. Idaho has laws on the book already to what inappropriate materials are. So, I ask myself, where are the parents? Are parents not with their underaged children when at a public library? And at the end of the day, the parent is the one that should be deciding what they feel is harmful or inappropriate for their household, not the government.
10. What legislation should be passed regarding School Choice?	<b>Running Unopposed</b>	I would like to see us start out with a tax credit bill and go on from there. There are many students that do not flourish under the current public school system. We are obligated to pay for their education as well.	I support those parents that feel homeschooling works best for them and their family, but also feel it needs to be monitored along with testing, needs to take place to ensure that it is being done correctly and that the child is progressing appropriately through the grade levels. I also think it is beneficial to our community to have not only charter/ STEM schools, but also schools that focus on different trade schools.

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<p><b>11.</b> Migration from other states has caused property taxes for current homeowners to substantially increase. What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?</p>	<p><b>Running Unopposed</b></p>	<p>Property taxes are tied to budgets. There are so many taxing districts which compromise the levy rates used to come up with property tax owed. We need to lower spending, pay for what the government is required to pay for and cut the unnecessary spending.</p>	<p>So many factors that contribute to the local housing and property taxes, most of all, local wages have not kept pace with the housing increase in our state. A recent U of I Housing Study shows only 20% of Kootenai County residents can afford to purchase a median price home. We cannot accept that only those with exceptional incomes can afford to buy a home in our state. We have first responders, nurses and educators that are struggling with housing in Kootenai County. If we do not find legislation quickly, North Idaho will become Sun Valley, Idaho, where 2/3 of the people there cannot afford to live in that area. We need a comprehensive strategy where community and government leaders can work together to make significant progress in addressing the housing issue. Local builders working with non-profit agencies like pahaid.org and proposed legislation for getting state tax incentives to build below-market homes are in the works right now. Strategic partnerships can help with lower price points for cost effective housing for working class families.</p>
<p><b>12.</b> In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?</p>	<p><b>Running Unopposed</b></p>	<p>I am accountable to my God, my constituents who voted me into office, and Idaho residents.</p>	<p>If elected, I see myself accountable first and foremost to the constituents I serve in my district, my city, my county, and the State of Idaho. This commitment stems from the fundamental principle that a legislator's role is to voice the interests, needs, and concerns of their community within the framework of governance. Being elected is a privilege granted by the people, for the people, making it essential to remain transparent, responsive, and dedicated to the welfare of the constituency. My accountability is underpinned by the necessity to uphold this trust through integrity, open communication, and a steadfast commitment to serving the community's best interests, recognizing that every decision impacts real lives and the future of our community.</p>
<p><b>13.</b> 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?</p>	<p><b>Running Unopposed</b></p>	<p>I oppose the legalization of marijuana. I see no good coming from legalization. The states that have done this seem to have an increase in harder drug use and homelessness. I do not want to see that happen in Idaho.</p>	<p>The only legal use of Marijuana should still only be for medical purposes. Too many older American's have turned to medical use to help reduce their chronic pain.</p>

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<p><b>14.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p><b>Running Unopposed</b></p>	<p>My experience, education, and skills, all of which I have, are not qualifications to represent a districts constituency in the legislature. Idaho code 34-6-34 defines those qualifications. I've lived in North Idaho since 1990. I am the current Representative for 4B. I am the voice of North Idaho in Boise.</p>	<p>I have recently retired after 38 years in transportation delivery, management, and logistics ownership. I worked for United Parcel Service (UPS) for 10 years, then managed an Air Freight Forwarding agency company out of Seattle, Service by Air (SBAGlobal) for 2 years, managing sales and operations teams.</p> <p>I opened and operated as CEO of my own Global Logistics business, Total Logistics Services, Inc, for 14 years, moving Air Logistics worldwide. After the airfreight industry changed due to economic downturns, I found myself moving my experience over to the rail industry and working for BNSF Railways for 12 years. I was on their engineering management team, managing railway infrastructure and working with local counties and city governments along the routes.</p> <p>Together with my wife, Heather, we own a local agency that works with Developmentally Disabled Adults, Coordinated Services of Idaho. Our purpose is to assist these adults with being independent and remaining in their own homes, be successful in their daily lives, and be part of the community, right here in North Idaho.</p>