

Idaho State Representative District 4A

	Joe Alfieri	Angela Jean Chandler
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 re-election to the Idaho House of Representatives, seat 4A. I am running to continue the work done in my first term, to fulfill the promises I made to my constituency. Those promises were to defend election integrity, reduce taxes, and end government overreach. I'm proud to say that we have made significant progress in those areas: strengthening voter ID requirements, eliminating the use of outside money by state election officials, cutting income tax rates, reining in big government.	No Response Received
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	Life begins at conception, and I am proud to have voted for and co-sponsored legislation prohibiting abortion, including the prohibition of the trafficking of minors to receive abortions. Our state has been a leader in acknowledging and protecting the sanctity of life, and I will uphold that standard as long as I am in office. As a member of the House State Affairs Committee, this is an issue that I have been heavily involved in and will continue to fight for.	No Response Received
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	<p>1. School Choice. Idaho should lead the nation in school choice, yet we have fallen behind in enacting effective school choice legislation. We need a program where the money follows the child, which would enable parents to control the education of their child in whichever venue they deem is in the best interest of their child's education.</p> <p>2. Election Integrity. While Idaho has not experienced the kinds of voting problems seen in other states, we should not be blind to the possibility of election fraud. A recent study by the Heritage Foundation ranked Idaho in the lower third for election integrity. It's an issue that I've championed for years, and have proposed legislation to fix: restricting the use of absentee ballots (the largest area of fraud), prohibiting ballot harvesting (Law), co-sponsored eliminating the use of student ID (law), among others. It's an area I'm passionate about and will continue to fight for.</p> <p>3. Chem trails. We need to eliminate the control of our weather.</p>	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	The biggest health care issue we have is the explosion of the Medicaid budget, which now stands at some \$4Billion, making it the largest part of state spending. It is not sustainable, and will either bankrupt the state or cause a prohibitive increase in tax rates. We must remove able-bodied individuals from the Medicaid rolls, and find a more effective way to care for those who are truly in need.	No Response Received
5. Idaho's school system has room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	We must enact universal school choice, where money would follow the children, so parents can choose the education that best meets the needs of their child. It may be public school, private school, homeschooling, charter schools, or something else. Parents should be free to make the choice that works best for their child's unique needs.	No Response Received

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6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	I support all legislation that prohibits chemical treatment and/or surgery for gender reassignment, and have co-sponsored bills prohibiting these procedures.	No Response Received
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?	Well, I think I have done a good job of representing my constituents. I have a 100% Conservative Political Action Committee rating, as an example. In my first campaign I made several promises, and I'm sure my voting record reflects that I have fulfilled those promises. Additionally, I've made a great effort to stay in touch with my constituents, to listen to their concerns, and learn more about their needs. I make myself available at public forums and events, and respond to emails and phone calls as quickly as possible.	No Response Received
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Marriage is the sacred union of a man and woman sworn before God, for life.	No Response Received
9. In recent years, sexually explicit materials have been found in public schools and libraries. In your opinion are these materials appropriate for minors under 18 years old?	No. Absolutely not, and that is why I was a co-sponsor and vociferous supporter of H710A, which prohibits libraries from distributing harmful materials to children. It has taken several years to get this done, and I'm proud that we have finally made it happen.	No Response Received
10. What legislation should be passed regarding School Choice?	The legislation that is needed is a universal school choice bill, enabling the money dedicated to education to follow the child.	No Response Received
11. What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?	With the increasing property values of homes in Idaho, I am in favor of legislation similar to California's Prop. 13, passed in 1978, which tied property taxes to the original sale price of the home, rather than the unrealized market value.	No Response Received
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	As an elected official, I am accountable to my constituents, who elect me to act on their behalf and to represent their values at the state capitol. My decisions are informed by my faith in God, my love of my country and state, and in light of the needs of the people that I serve.	No Response Received
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'm opposed to the legalization of marijuana, it's a dangerous drug whose impact on society is demonstrably harmful. All one needs to do is look at the effect on neighboring states that have legalized marijuana, in increased crime, traffic and other accidents, and its gateway effect to more dangerous substances.	No Response Received
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I have an extensive background as a business owner and entrepreneur, establishing the first computer store in New York City, and a high-tech advertising agency. I've been a corporate trainer in technology and a marketing representative here in Idaho. My broad business experience, and community involvement, provide the basis for my service.	No Response Received