

Idaho State Representative District 5A

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	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. Constitutions very seriously.	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. My voting record is and continues to be solidly pro-life.	No Response Received
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	1) Property Tax relief 2) Money follows the child in Education (Parental choice) 3) State Control of our federal lands. Idaho should control the resources within our border. The Federal government controls 62% of the land in Idaho.	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	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. During Covid we 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.	No Response Received
5. Idaho's school system has room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	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. Now, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is being promoted. These teachings are designed to perpetuate racism and make children ashamed of being an American. 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 is realized.	No Response Received
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Support. In the 2023 Legislative session the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed H71. (The Vulnerable Child Protective Act.) It prohibits puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex reassignment surgeries for children under the age of 18 when administered or performed for the purpose of changing the appearance of a child's sex. These medical and surgical interventions can cause irreversible physical alterations: and some render the patient sterile or with lifelong sexual dysfunction, while others mutilate healthy body organs. This legislation also provides for exemptions for medically necessary uses of these drugs and procedures. It's sad that this legislation was necessary. I supported this Legislation.	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?	As I have stated previously, I support both the U.S. and Idaho Constitutions and defend family values, and I believe this reflects the values of my district. The Constitution is the rule of law of our land. It makes our country a beacon of hope and a model for the entire world.	No Response Received

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8. What is your definition of marriage?	God established and thus defined marriage, it is the covenant between one man and one woman.	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, they are definitely not appropriate. This last session the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed H710 into law, The Children's School and Library Protection Act. It requires public schools and community libraries to take reasonable steps in restricting children's access to obscene or harmful materials. I fully supported this Legislation.	No Response Received
10. What legislation should be passed regarding School Choice?	I have been an advocate for Education Savings Accounts for 11 years. ESAs allow the state allocated education money to follow the student and allows the parents to find the best educational pathway for their child's individual needs. Many other states are adopting this education alternative and are improving outcomes. ESAs have been introduced for the last 6 legislative sessions. I am cautiously optimistic about the chance of getting a bill through the legislative process this next session.	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?	I would recommend raising the sales tax by one percent and eliminating the property tax on primary residences for Idaho residents.	No Response Received
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	The beauty of our governmental system is: we choose the people that represent us. Every person that is duly elected is accountable to the people that elected him or her. Any one of us that fails to represent our constituents can be fired by our voters in the next election.	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 oppose the legalization of marijuana, I believe it is the introduction to harder substance abuse.	No Response Received
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	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 40 years I have been a small business owner. It has taught me that government policy at all levels impacts Idaho business.	No Response Received