

### Republican Precinct Committeemen 205

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<p><b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</p>	<p>Rick Montandon Republican Precinct Committeeman 205</p> <p>I am running for this position because I believe that our rights come from God, not the government. Freedom is God's idea and is the cornerstone of our nation, state, and community. I become concerned when I hear of things that suggest a lack of transparency and a falling away of servant leadership.</p> <p>The government exists to serve the people. I believe we must follow the Constitution and keep the power with the people.</p>	<p>Brent Regan Committeeman for Kootenai County Precinct 205 To protect the rights and to promote the prosperity of my neighbors and my family.</p>
<p><b>2.</b> Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Yes, I believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections. I think the central committee should make the effort to get to know all Republican and non-partisan candidates and understand their platforms as well as possible. As a conservative Christian, I believe that the central committee should use principles from the Bible as the standard in rating and suggesting candidates. I think this would be a way to help us to elect candidates that best align with our Christian-world view.</p>	<p>Yes, IF there is a well-defined and thorough process to vet, evaluate and recommend candidates. The Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC) has such a process including recruitment, vetting, background checks, interviews, meet and greets, debate and ultimately a secret ballot vote by the entire central committee.</p> <p>Other groups endorse based on special interests (doctors, real-estate agents, builders, etc.) while the KCRCC is the only organization with a complete cross section of the county because every precinct is represented.</p> <p>The mission of the KCRCC is to enhance freedom and prosperity by promoting fiscally and socially conservative candidates who will implement the Idaho Republican Party Platform as policy. Recommending candidates helps accomplish that mission.</p>
<p><b>3.</b> How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?</p>	<p>I will inform the people that I represent about goals and objectives of the central committee by talking with neighbors face-to-face and using email. If elected and the people of my precinct expressed interest in social media updates, I would be happy to provide that option as well.</p> <p>My email is: RickMontandonpc205@gmail.com. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!</p>	<p>For the last ten years, before every election I send the Republicans in my precinct a letter that provides important information about the upcoming election. Good decisions need good information.</p> <p>As part of the KCRCC I participate in the candidate recommendation process (see #2 above). I also help compile and publish the Voter Guide which is distributed to every mailbox in the county.</p> <p>I also write a weekly column in the local paper, participate in podcasts and radio interviews and speak at local Republican organizations when asked.</p>

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<b>4.</b> What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	I think the most important qualities in a candidate for local office are based on a Christian-world view that places honesty and integrity at the top. I think it is critical that a candidate for local office be somebody that loves the things that are most important to God; namely, God and people. Communication is critical. A local office candidate should be able to get to know his or her neighbors and should have good communication with them. It is also critical that a candidate for office have the courage to do what is right in God's eyes, even if that is not the easy or convenient thing to do.	Life experience is very important. If a candidate's life experience is radically different than most people's then they may not understand the citizens' perspective. Also consider the candidates views and experience regarding faith, family and freedom as the foundation for their decisions. If they do not align with you on those basics then they may not make the kinds of decisions you would make.  Kootenai County has over 230 elected offices with taxing authority (school boards, water districts, fire districts, etc.). It is important that the candidates have the foundational experience to function in those positions. Often people with the skills to do the job lack the skills to campaign. This is where the KCRCC can help to put good candidates in office so they can do good work.
<b>5.</b> Do you believe your values accurately reflect the values of Kootenai County residents? How will you work to incorporate those values into the central committee?	I think that Kootenai County residents are largely Christian. I will look to biblical principles primarily and amplify the conservative values of Kootenai County residents.	I cherish our Republican form of government and believe that our founders were divinely inspired. As articulated in the Declaration of Independence, the prime function of government is to protect our rights. I believe the traditional family is the foundation of society. My wife and I have been married for forty years and have three children, two grandchildren and one on the way. Having well defined property rights are essential to prosperity. I successfully fought to defeat the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) that would have upended property rights for thousands of citizens. I was part of the successful effort to stop the sale of Avista to Canada's Hydro One, which would have caused a huge rise in power rates. I believe most Kootenai County residents would appreciate my efforts.
<b>6.</b> Becoming a precinct committeeman is the most direct way to influence your local party, shape its priorities and fight for the principles that built this nation. Are you willing to vote for these principles even when they are not popular? Please explain your answer.	I am willing to vote for these principles even when they are not popular. I am responsible to God first. As your precinct committeeman, I ask that God help me to act with honor, honesty, and integrity.	I will, as I have for the last 10 years. I have stood by conservative Christian principles even when they have drawn considerable criticism from progressives. Past actions are a good indicator of future performance.

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<b>7.</b> Meaningful change begins in our local elections. As precinct committeemen you serve as a link between the voters and your parties' leadership. What are two or three top priorities that you want to bring to the central committee?	It would be a priority to work toward central committee leadership that is transparent and accountable to the voters. I would also do my best to vote and work toward keeping our local and state Republican party closely aligned with biblical values.	Maintaining the successful programs and policies of the KCRCC is a top priority. During my chairmanship over the last 10 years the KCRCC has become very effective in promoting grassroots conservative values and candidates. As a result, the number of Kootenai County voters who affiliate Republican has increased by 85%, twice as fast as the increase in the number of voters, resulting in 67% of all county voters now affiliating Republican, up from 53% a decade ago. Opponents seek to stop the successes of the KCRCC and are running committeeman candidates that would do that. Nearly half of the NIR endorsed committeeman candidates signed the petition to put Rank Choice Voting on the ballot. Thankfully it was defeated 70% to 30% because nearly all true Republicans voted against it.
<b>8.</b> Are you willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principle over compromise? How will you do this?	Yes, I am willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principles over compromise. I will do this how I have done this in my private life. I will stick to truth and be accountable first and foremost to the Lord Jesus. God has blessed me with Godly friends and family, and I will plan to continue to benefit from their love and support that helps me keep focused on the truth even when it is not easy or popular.	Yes, I will continue to hold leaders and candidates accountable. The Rating and Vetting system requires all candidates, including incumbents, to undergo the process at each election. Their performance is reviewed by the entire committee and underperforming elected officials have lost the KCRCC's recommendation. Many organizations provide endorsements based on the candidate's relationships with a few members. The KCRCC recommendations are based on thorough due process and the secret ballot vote of all participating members.  I am proud of the system we have developed and it is the recognized standard for other counties to emulate.