

Republican Precinct Committeemen 303

	Pierce Duncan	Thomas "TJ" Paterson	Lauren Traw
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	No Response Received	My name is Lauren Traw, and I am running for Republican Precinct Committee Person in Precinct 303. I am running because I believe strong local involvement is essential to a healthy Republican Party. I want to serve my neighbors by building relationships, encouraging grassroots participation, and helping elect Republicans through consistent outreach, communication, and organization.
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	No Response Received	No Response Received	I believe the primary role of the central committee and precinct committeemen is to help get Republicans elected through grassroots organizing, voter education, and get-out-the-vote efforts. Providing voters with accurate information and opportunities to engage allows them to make informed decisions. Maintaining trust and unity within the party is best achieved by focusing on organization, outreach, and participation.
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	No Response Received	No Response Received	I will keep the neighbors I represent informed through open, two-way communication using a mix of personal conversations, community engagement, and digital tools. My goal is to clearly share information about party goals, upcoming meetings, and opportunities to get involved, while also listening to feedback and concerns so they can be communicated back to the central committee.
4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	No Response Received	No Response Received	The most important qualities in a local candidate are integrity, strong communication skills, and a willingness to listen to constituents. Candidates should have practical skills such as budgeting and problem-solving, the ability to engage in civil dialogue, and a genuine commitment to representing the values and priorities of their local community.
5. 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?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Yes, I believe my values closely reflect those of Kootenai County residents, including faith, family, freedom, limited government, individual liberty, fiscal responsibility, and respect for the Constitution. I will work to incorporate these values into the central committee by listening to neighbors, encouraging local participation, and helping ensure party efforts and policy discussions remain grounded in the priorities of our community.
6. 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.	No Response Received	No Response Received	Yes. I believe principles such as limited government, individual liberty, fiscal responsibility, and respect for the Constitution should guide decision-making, even when they are not politically convenient. At the same time, I believe it is important to listen carefully to constituents and communicate respectfully. Voting with integrity while remaining accountable to the people I represent is essential to maintaining trust and long-term credibility within the party.

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7. 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?	No Response Received	No Response Received	My top priorities are strengthening two-way communication between voters and party leadership, increasing grassroots participation, and helping shape the state party platform so it reflects the values and priorities of my neighbors while maintaining integrity and principle. I believe precinct committeemen play a critical role in representing local voices in party policy discussions, while also supporting effective voter education, organization, and get-out-the-vote efforts.
8. Are you willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principle over compromise? How will you do this?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Yes. Accountability begins with clear communication and a willingness to speak honestly and respectfully. I will hold party leaders and candidates accountable by advocating for transparency, encouraging open discussion, and ensuring that voter concerns and core principles are communicated clearly to leadership. Listening to neighbors and representing their values is an important part of maintaining principled leadership.