

Republican Precinct Committeemen 305

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<p>1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</p>	No Response Received	<p>My name is Mary White. I have been a CPA for about 40 years and I am a local business owner in Idaho since 1991. I am running for re-election for precinct committman in precinct #305. I am running again because I want to help Idaho keep its conservative values of faith, family, and freedom. My goal is to educate the neighbors in my precinct about hot issues in Idaho. For instance, did you know that progressives and democrats in liberal parts of Idaho are calling for a measure that seeks to change Idaho's laws by introducing a right to reproductive freedom and privacy including a right to abortion up to the point of the fetus's ability to survive outside the womb? My NIR (North Idaho Rhino) opponent has actually admitted in writing that he supports this ballot initiative.</p>
<p>2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?</p>	No Response Received	<p>I most definitely believe that the central committee should recommend (not endorse) candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections. Every voter has the responsibility to research candidates to make a sound vote. The reality is that many people have very busy lives and they do not have the time to research dozens of candidates (who all "say" the right things), go to meet and greets, forums, or town halls. Also voters don't have the disposable income to run expensive background checks on candidates. Every election cycle I am always amazed at what pops up in background checks!</p> <p>Another important reason to recommend the best candidate is to prevent splitting the vote between two conservatives which could result in losing the election to the liberal candidate.</p>
<p>3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?</p>	No Response Received	<p>I have been actively involved in local politics for decades. I've built strong relationships and already know many of my neighbors within my precinct.</p> <p>For me, engaging voters starts with building trust and being accessible. I make it a priority to attend local events such as school board meetings and city council meetings. This enables me to stay connected and better understand the issues that matter most to our community.</p> <p>During each election cycle I either hand-deliver or mail a neighborhood precinct letter along with candidate information to ensure voters have the resources they need to make informed decisions.</p> <p>I also manage a neighborhood Facebook page called "Hidden Valley Neighbors" where I share calls to action, reminders about town halls, and information about candidates.</p>
<p>4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?</p>	No Response Received	<p>First and foremost, a candidate should be qualified to perform the duties of the position. They should also genuinely support and align with the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Anyone choosing to run as a Republican ought to reflect the principles and values associated with that party; if their views differ, they should consider running under a different affiliation.</p> <p>Equally important are honesty and integrity. A strong candidate should demonstrate both consistently. Finally, a solid understanding of the United States Constitution is essential.</p>
<p>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?</p>	No Response Received	<p>I believe that our Republican form of government and our Constitution are the foundation of America. I believe that the traditional family unit is the key to a strong country. Without a strong family unit, children suffer and our country suffers. I have been married almost 41 years and have three successful children. I am married to a Green Beret and I am a mother of a Green Beret. We have five grandchildren and another on the way. I believe in the protection of LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PROPERTY. Life is sacred and every unborn baby has a right to live.</p> <p>I am on the Recruitement Committee of the KCRCC and I work in that capacity to find good conservative candidates that reflect the values of Kootenai County residents.</p>

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<p>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.</p>	No Response Received	<p>I have been a precinctman on and off since the late 90's. Back then there were only a handful of conservatives on the central committee. Over the years the KCRCC (Kootenai County Republican Central Committee) has become much more conservative as the power shifted from the old establishment money to the grass roots influence of local concerned citizens that wanted a change. I had no problem voting for conservative principles when surrounded by progressives in the party. I have shown up for 23 of the last 24 meetings to make sure that my conservative vote is counted. I invite the public to attend a KCRCC meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm (get there early for a seat) at the County Admin building at 451 N Govt Way. Come and watch to see how your precinctman votes.</p>
<p>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?</p>	No Response Received	<p>The rating and vetting of candidates is key to keeping Idaho conservative. In our area of Idaho, Democrats can not win. They resort to running as Republicans in order to try to win elections. There is currently an NIR Biden supporter running for LD4 State Representative against champion conservative Elaine Price. My top priority is to ensure that the Rating and Vetting process continues to weed out fake Republicans so that the voters have accurate information to make an informed decision at the voting booth.</p> <p>As a member of the Recruitment Committee, I am constantly speaking to members of our community that I believe would be good candidates.</p>
<p>8. Are you willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principle over compromise? How will you do this?</p>	No Response Received	<p>Of course, I am willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to principles. The rating and vetting process does just that. The central committee is made up of 74 precinctmen, elected by their neighbors, that represent every inch of Kootenai County. The committee has introduced many resolutions that are sent to the State Republican Party when issues come up. We discuss and debate the issues and vote as a body. The beauty of the central committee is that 74 precinctmen with many talents and viewpoints come together from all different walks of life to make sure that the principles of the Republican party are upheld.</p>