

Republican Precinct Committeemen 307

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	My name is Nina Beesley. I am the current Republican precinct committeeman for Precinct 307. I am running for re-election because I love the Lord, my family, and our community. I care. I am committed to defending God-given unalienable rights. Every election, I visit every Republican home in my precinct to provide voter information and listen to voters' concerns, questions, and what is most important to them so that I can best represent them on the committee. For those who have no trespassing or no soliciting signs, I send them a newsletter with voter information and a way to contact me. As for voter information, I do believe the most important information for voters is a comprehensive voter guide with all the candidates and their contact information so they can make informed decisions.	My name is Fritz Wiedenhoff. I am running for Precinct 307 Committeeman. I am doing this to offer the voters a candidate with public service experience who wants to provide transparency and honestly with effective communication back to the voter about what is going on at the precinct level.
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	I am the chair of the Rathdrum Planning and Zoning Commission. We make recommendations to the city council. Could you imagine the city council making its decisions based solely on our recommendation, without reading the city packet or listening to public testimony? Sometimes the city council agrees with our recommendation, and sometimes they don't. They must read the city packet and listen to public testimony while considering the recommendation. I think there is value in recommending candidates, but every voter still needs to do their own research. I also believe the greatest service the central committee can provide to voters is a comprehensive voter guide with all the candidates and their contact information to assist voters in doing their own research to make their own decisions.	The voters should make the decisions and we as the Precinct Committeemen should support them.
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	Every election, I walk my entire precinct and deliver my newsletter and information from the central committee. In my newsletter, I provide my contact information and ask voters to contact me if they would like to receive notifications and updates through email and text.	I would do this by first of all, being available, by email, text, in person or phone when someone has a concern or question and also by regularly relaying what is going on at the central committee level. Not just my version of it. Relaying information based on what is happening and how I supported or opposed a certain topic or item. Provide information people want, not just what I think they want.

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4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	President Teddy Roosevelt said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Anyone running for office needs to truly care about the citizens they represent. A candidate also needs to be respectful and honest. Good character and a good personality are essential. Candidates also need to have their priorities in line: God, Family, Country. When candidates have their priorities in line, everything else falls into place. In my view, candidates must be committed to defending the U.S and Idaho Constitution, which they take an oath to defend when sworn into office. I do look for fiscal and social conservative candidates who can articulate what they agree or disagree with in the Republican Party Platform, and who agree with the platform.	Transparency, Honesty, Availability are very important. Another quality that is also valuable is having extensive experience in public service as well. Also, being open and approachable. Be a Precinct Committeeman that my neighbors want to bring concerns to. Being a candidate that has integrity and does what they say they will do. Willingness and experience in providing the public with service and relaying to them unbiased information about the status of the central committee. Not filtered information.
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?	I do believe my values accurately reflect the values of Kootenai County residents. I have spent a lot of time listening to residents and taking their concerns and what is most important to them back to the central committee.	Yes, I believe my values reflect Kootenai County. A lot of this is due to the fact that I have lived in the same house for 33 years. I grew up here, I went to school here. I raised my family here. I work here. I love Kootenai County and will work to incorporate these qualities into the central committee. I believe in doing what is right, even when no one is looking.
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.	As a homeschooling mother of five children, I have spent the past 24 years trying to teach my children correct principles so they will govern themselves well. I had five unmedicated births and was willing to experience pain and discomfort because I love and care about them. Love overcomes all things, bears all things, and endures all things. As a precinct committeeman, Chair of the Rathdrum Planning and Zoning Commission, and previous Legislative District 3 Chair and delegate to the past two IDGOP Conventions, there have been decisions I have had to make that were difficult at times. I find that if I study the short and long-term natural consequences of decisions, study the law, study the underlying principles, listen to the testimony of constituents, and pray, good decisions are made.	Yes, I am more than willing to vote for and champion principles that we as Idahoans, Americans, Christians and quite honestly human beings hold dear. I am willing to advocate for things even when they are not popular, but they are right. I would NOT be willing to support "gatekeeping" or hand selecting candidates/issue stances, etc just because I am "told" to. I would work for the voters in the precinct.

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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?	It is very important to be fair and just. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10). Real change begins when voting members are honest with the Lord, themselves, one another, and the voters, and make things right when they fall short. This includes being transparent. What I want for every Republican is for them to have a comprehensive voter guide delivered to their door every election with all the candidates and their contact information to assist them in doing their own research. I have confidence in the wisdom of the voters. I do believe that the vast majority of voters will make good decisions when all candidate information is put before them.	My top three priorities would be 1) Electing a Chairman and Executive Board that is Honest, Open and Transparent. 2) Listening to the voters of the precinct that I represent. And 3) Providing meaningful feedback and thorough responses back to the voters.
8. Are you willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principle over compromise? How will you do this?	I am not a member of the Kootenai Freedom Caucus or the North Idaho Republicans. I look at each voting member as an individual. It is crucial to make the right decisions for the right reasons. If the voting member is right, I will support it. If the voting member is wrong, I will not support it, no matter who it comes from. I am accountable to God and the voters in my precinct. I know that I have to see voters face-to-face every election in my precinct and explain to them why I voted the way I did on their behalf. I have had to hold party leaders accountable for unethical behavior and did it by following the bylaws and using parliamentary procedures. I also made sure I had crucial, respectful, honest conversations with individuals who needed to be aware of concerning situations.	Yes, I feel that the only way to have an honest and transparent central committee is by doing just that. Hold party leaders and candidates accountable, in fact I believe in holding everyone accountable, including myself. I would do this by first making sure all messages, actions, votes accurately reflect the principles of our community, not just a few that think "they know best". By calling out when missteps are taken and owning mistakes. Everyone can learn from mistakes and stay focused on doing the tasks at hand.