

## Republican Precinct Committeemen 310

	<b>Calvin Freitas</b>	<b>Luke Sommer</b>
<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<p>I'm Calvin Freitas, and I'm running for Precinct Committeeman for the Republican Party. If you're a voter in Precinct 310, I ask for your vote in order to have the opportunity to serve.</p> <p>I'm a husband and father who wants to see Kootenai County thrive and be a great place for current and future generations to live their lives and do the work God has put before them.</p>	<p>My name is Luke Sommer, and I am running for re-election as Precinct Committeeman. I'm running because our party is at a critical point. Local precinct positions help determine who leads the Republican Party and the direction it takes. I believe our party must stay true to its core principles: limited government, individual liberty, and accountability to the people—not insiders or special interests. As a conservative Christian, MAGA and Reagan Republican, I will stand firm, not back down, and work to ensure our party reflects grassroots conservative values.</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>Precinct Committeemen are elected to be a voice for the voters of their precinct. When the committee makes recommendations, the process should be fair and transparent.</p>	<p>Yes. The central committee should recommend candidates who clearly uphold Republican principles. Voters deserve clear guidance, including non-partisan races. However, recommendations must be based on transparent, fair processes—not insider control or favoritism.</p> <p>KCRCC-recommended office holders are endorsing Luke Sommer because conservative leaders know and trust Luke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Vito Barbieri — Idaho State Representative</li> <li>• Sheriff Robert Norris — Kootenai County Sheriff</li> <li>• Commissioner Bruce Mattare — Kootenai County Commissioner</li> <li>• Commissioner Marc Eberlein — Kootenai County Commissioner</li> <li>• Coroner Duke Johnson — Kootenai County Coroner</li> </ul> <p>These endorsements reflect confidence in my commitment to principle, transparency, and accountable leadership.</p>
<b>3.</b> How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	<p>The best dialogue happens in person and face-to-face (e.g., at coffee shops). There's a lot of benefit to looking other people in the eye when discussing the issues facing Kootenai County. I'll walk my precinct and share updates online.</p>	<p>I will communicate directly with voters through door-to-door contact, meetings, email, and phone. I will also help voters understand the role of the precinct committeeman and how local decisions shape the direction of our party. Communication must be two-way—keeping voters informed while ensuring their voices are heard and represented.</p>

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<b>4.</b> What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	<p>Experience gives the best view into a candidate’s worldview, their principles, and how they live and act. Actions speak louder than words. Local experience is a piece of the broader picture of experience.</p> <p>A candidate needs skills and qualifications relevant to the position, coupled with humility and the willingness to listen and learn. I would look at these together. Without relevant skills, a candidate can do more harm than good and end up being counter-productive.</p>	<p>Integrity, courage, and commitment to principle. A candidate must stand firm under pressure, communicate clearly, and serve with accountability. Good judgment and respect for the people they represent are essential.</p>
<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?	<p>I'm a lifelong Christian and conservative. I'm committed to strengthening our community by supporting policies and candidates that protect life, protect our freedoms, and enable our families and businesses to thrive.</p>	<p>Yes. My values align with most Kootenai County residents who support limited government, personal responsibility, and strong communities. I will work to ensure those values are reflected in the central committee through transparency, principled decision-making, and grassroots involvement.</p>
<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.	<p>I will stick to my principles and uphold the freedoms established by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. I have stuck to these principles in the past even when they have cost me something, and I will stick to them in the future.</p>	<p>Yes. Principles matter most when tested. A precinct committeeman should uphold the principles that guide good governance—not follow shifting opinions. I will vote based on those principles, even when it is not popular, and explain my decisions openly and honestly.</p>
<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?	<p>I will promote policies and candidates that protect life and the freedoms God has given us as Americans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring fair, transparent party processes</li> <li>• Supporting principled Republican candidates over insider-driven outcomes</li> <li>• Strengthening grassroots control and voter engagement</li> </ul> <p>I agree with the Mission Statement of the KCRCC: “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.”</p>
<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?	<p>I recognize the value of what exists in Kootenai County and the City of Hayden - the things that attracted me and my family to live here - and I want to build on that foundation for the future. My aim is to keep the character of the community intact and collaborate with citizens to solve the challenges facing our City and County.</p>	<p>Yes. I will hold party leaders and candidates accountable by insisting on transparency, asking direct questions, and voting consistently with principle. I will also communicate with voters so they understand decisions and can hold leadership accountable.</p>