

Republican Precinct Committeemen 313

	Tamara Bateson	Daniel Green
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	My name is Tamara Bateson, and I am running for Republican Precinct Committeemen for precinct #313. I have been serving in this role for the past 3 years and consider it an honor to serve the voters in my precinct. I am running for re-election to continue to serve my precinct, to help them be informed of local issues, events, and candidates, and to continue to be their Republican representative to the Central Committee. Being a precinct committeeman is the epitome of grassroots, boots on the ground servant leadership. For the last 3 years, I have built relationships, answered questions, provided direction to other jurisdictions and have been the conduit of information that helps my precinct be an informed electorate.	My name is Daniel Green. I am running to represent the 313 Republican precinct as a committee man. I want to bring my years of living in Kootenai County, successful business experience and years spent volunteering and as an elected County Commissioner in Kootenai County to the Central Committee. The Central Committee is to often overlooked by many citizens in the county. I want to raise the "awareness bar" of the Central Committee.
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	Yes. Idaho has a closed primary. You have to be a registered Republican in order to vote. However, this does not stop people from other party affiliations, like Democrats, from crossing over and voting in our primary elections, which does happen here in Kootenai County. Making sure we get true, conservative Republicans is vitally important. That is why the Central Committee created the Rating and Vetting Process. Candidate interviews, third party background checks, and meet-n-greets are also part of the process. I have been the Vetting Committee Chairman for the past 2 years. This process works. It is why the liberals hate it. Personally, I believe that every race is partisan because a person's worldview and experience influence their decision-making process.	I do not think they should endorse in primaries. I have been a registered republican for about 50 years and for almost all of the those years, the role of the central committee was not to engage in the primary but rather let the citizens, without the participation of the central committee, elect their representative for the general election. The central committee was then supposed to actively support the citizen's choice in the general election.
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	For the past 3 years, I have used a few different ways of informing my precinct. Every election, I walk neighborhoods and knock on doors to actually talk to people. I have enjoyed getting to know many people, hearing their concerns and relaying important information back to them. I send a letter that addresses issues, gives candidate and voting information, our polling location address, and my personal email address so people can contact me directly. I send emails letting people know about town-halls and Lincoln Day Dinners. I also help with the Voter Guide that is mailed county wide, helping voters to be informed about Republican candidates. You can also attend our Central Committee meetings which are open to the public. I have met some great people in my precinct at these meetings!	My precinct is very large geographically. I will use direct mail and email to keep them informed. I will also set up an email address that anyone can access for the specific use of being kept up to speed with central committee issues and interaction with me.

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4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	As Vetting Chairman for the past 2 years, I have spent 100's of hours interviewing many candidates. What is their general background, life experience, educational background, professional background, posts on social media, and do they have knowledge about the office they are running for? Do they have the skill sets necessary and the right temperament? Do they listen and are willing to accept criticism and work toward solutions? What is their work ethic? To me, faith is also important, as well as ethics and morality. Terms like integrity and honesty actually mean something and should not be thrown around lightly. All these factors and more contribute to the candidate's qualifications and their ability to do the job. It is necessary to look at the whole package.	Number one for me has always been integrity. Number two is a strong moral compass.
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?	Traditional values are often touted by candidates but rarely defined. The traditional values I stand for are Faith, Family, and Freedom. I am a Christian first. Jesus is my savior, and I try to thank Him daily for His grace. Family is not just my blood, but my friends, my neighbors, my community. Freedom is because of those who have fought for us for over 200 years, to create our Republic, and those who continue to fight for it every day. Freedom isn't free. It is borne on the blood, sweat, and tears of those who fight for it, whether that is in the military, law enforcement, political officials, and moms and dads. I believe this is the foundation that formed our Republic. I have fought for these ideals and will continue to fight for them.	I think my values represent the majority of residents here in our county. I will listen at the central committee and promote those same values and concerns that I promoted as a county commissioner....I will not be a wallflower but someone who respectfully engages in many discussions.
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.	A mentioned above, I have already fought for them. In 2021, I served on a county advisory board that was proposing to change our county government by creating a bigger government, more bureaucracy, less accountability to the taxpayer and the possibility of removing our ability to vote for some elected officials. I fought against this for a year. I stood then, as I do now, for limited government, less bureaucracy, less taxes, and more accountability and transparency to the taxpayer. When the board first convened, I stood alone. Doing the right thing for the right reason(s) may not be popular sometimes, but it is never wrong. I stand on my Christian, conservative, Republican principles, even when it was difficult, and I will continue to do so.	Yes. As an elected official and a volunteer on many boards, I have never just followed the status quo if I thought it was leading the organization in the wrong direction.

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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?	Serving as precinct committeeman for the past 3 years, I have learned that voters want to be heard. They want to know that their concerns and questions are being addressed. This applies to not only to the Central Committee but also creating lines of communication to other elected officials. By meeting people in my precinct, I have been able to bring issues to the KCRCC and also to other officials locally, statewide, and federally. Essentially, it means taking the time to actually go talk to people in my precinct. Get to know them personally. Ask them what concerns they have and then try to get the concerns addressed or at least moving in the right direction with the right people. Communication is vital. Listening is important. Taking action is key.	Eliminate the vetting process of candidates in the primaries. That is the job of the citizens. I want our Lincoln Days event reach out to state and national republicans in good standing....not ones that have a black cloud over their head. Third, I want to support our local elected officials to act as a conduit of information from my precinct to them and that information flows both ways.
8. Are you willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principle over compromise? How will you do this?	Yes. There is a difference between collaboration and compromise. Collaboration is good. It fosters dialogue. It builds relationships and bridges. It can bring issues into focus and find creative solutions. However, compromise may mean someone had to give something up in order to attain something else. This is not necessarily bad, unless principles were compromised. As Vetting Chairman, I have had candidates come through the process where the difference between collaboration and compromise was evident. Actions speak louder than words, or You will know them by their fruit. Incumbents have lost prior recommendations, and other candidates did not receive the recommendation. This accountability should be done with respect and the altruistic motivation to help them get back on track.	Absolutely. I vote my heart, sometimes I am in the minority but so be it. I am not here to rubber stamp positions, party leaders or candidates if I do not agree with them.