

Republican Precinct Committeemen 322

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Erin Barnard, Republican Precinct Committeeman 322 I am running for precinct committeeman because Christian conservatives are on a precipice in this county and state. We must ensure that our most foundational level of politics – the precinct committeeman position is the closest to The People – continues to be solid Christian conservative as we prepare for the influx of liberals coming in from the coastal states. We have been watching liberal policies in our blue state neighbors push out the most liberal of people and they’re flocking to our “free” state. If we have squishy Republicans (or fake Republicans) in office who are not solid in their Christian faith and Republican principles, our livelihood will be a lot more difficult.	My name is David Bobbitt, and I'm running to be Republican Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 322. I was born and raised in Coeur d'Alene, graduated from Lake City High School, and my wife and I are now raising our two daughters here. I am running because giving back to this community was instilled in me from a young age and is something I continue to prioritize today. Serving as a local Precinct Committeeman is my next step in doing just that.
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	Yes, I believe that the KCRCC has the responsibility to meet and speak with all Republican candidates, incumbents and competitors alike. I believe it's the committee's responsibility to rate and suggest candidates based on the principles laid out in the Bible, the IDGOP Preamble, and the structure of the position, no matter if it is a partisan or non-partisan position. I do not believe in suggesting candidates based on friendships and who will do what committee leadership wants them to do. I believe that trust between candidates and the central committee is a two-way street: the central committee should be able to trust the candidates to do what they say they're going to do while in office, and candidates should be able trust the central committee to support them in their elected position.	I believe the Republican Party is strongest when voters and the central committee work together, not at odds. Primary elections exist so Republican voters can choose who best represents their values, and I have deep respect for that process. At the core of conservative principles is protecting the individual's right to choose and limiting the influence of any structure, including our own party, from getting ahead of the people it represents. For nonpartisan races, I urge caution. These positions are intentionally designed to be decided outside party politics, and we should be thoughtful about when and how we engage. Ultimately, my focus as Precinct Committeeman is to ensure the voices of my neighbors in Precinct 322 are heard and represented when decisions are made.
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	I currently have a strong foundation to bring awareness and accountability to local government taxing districts through my social media, Kootenai County Spectator, and website KCSpectator.com. As an elected precinct committeeman, I will have the unbridled opportunity to recap the central committee meetings on my website to engage my precinct with the latest happenings within the local party.	Communication is a two-way street. My role isn't just to share what the central committee is doing, but to ensure it understands what my neighbors are thinking. I'll remain accessible and approachable, whether through conversations at the door or via my dedicated email, bobbit.322@gmail.com, where constituents can reach me directly. Our Founding Fathers often disagreed, but they knew that open dialogue and differing perspectives were essential to getting things right. That same principle applies here. Honest dialogue, even amid disagreement, builds trust and keeps the party connected to the people it represents. Precinct 322 deserves a committeeman who listens as much as he speaks, and that's the standard I hold myself to.

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4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	The Idaho GOP Preamble perfectly sums up the qualities of candidates for all elected positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical and Moral Foundation • Respect for Individual Rights and Human Life • Commitment to Constitutional Government • Support for Limited, Responsible Government • Personal Responsibility and Accountability • Protection of Family and Cultural Foundations 	The most important quality in any local candidate is a genuine love for the community they serve, not ambition or ideology, but a real investment in their neighbors' success. I have deep roots in Coeur d'Alene: I grew up here, I'm raising my family here, and I'm proud of what this community is and what it can be. This is a place where neighbors still support one another and where individuals truly make a difference. A strong local candidate must also be willing to listen to everyone, not just those who agree. Every voice in Precinct 322 matters, and the best decisions come from humility, understanding, and a people-first approach.
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 look to the Bible and the IDGOP Preamble, ensuring that all my decisions accurately represent both.	I believe my values are rooted in what most Kootenai County residents care about: family, faith, community, personal responsibility, and pride in where we live. I was born and raised here, and my wife and I are choosing to raise our daughters here, not as a talking point, but because this is our life and our future. Faith has long been an anchor in this community and shapes how neighbors support one another and define right from wrong. I don't pretend to represent every viewpoint, which is exactly why listening matters. My goal is simple: to show up to every central committee meeting carrying the voices of my neighbors so Precinct 322 is fully and faithfully represented.
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.	There are times that doing what's right is not popular, but I do not believe government should be dictated by what is popular or not – we are a Constitutional Republic not a democracy. I do not thrive on being popular, I am not a narcissist, and don't need affirmations when I have God and our Constitution on my side.	Yes. I believe standing on principle isn't always comfortable. There are times when the popular position and the right one won't align, and character is revealed in those moments. Our Founding Fathers understood this, pledging their lives, fortunes, and honor to principles that were deeply unpopular. I believe in limited government, personal responsibility, faith, family, and individual freedom and those values aren't negotiable. At the same time, standing on principle also means faithfully representing the people who sent me to serve. I will always listen to my neighbors in Precinct 322 before casting a vote, carrying their voices with me. But on the foundational values that built this country, I will not waver.

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<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>	<p>1.) BRING BACK FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY TO THE KCRCC. I want to lead the charge to have actual committee budgets and funds set up to ensure the KCRCC can track every dollar coming in and going out.</p> <p>2.) Social media and/or newsletters. The KCRCC is working in the dark and no one outside of the committee and the few people in the public that attend their monthly meetings know what is going on.</p> <p>3.) Local government meeting attendance. As leaders in the local Republican party, how are we supposed to lead if very few people understand what happens in our local government? I believe at least one PC should attend each main local government meeting and be able to report back, either verbally or through email, to the rest of the KCRCC with those reports added to the monthly minutes.</p>	<p>My top priorities are less about specific issues and more about how the central committee operates and who it stays connected to. First, I want to ensure the committee is truly listening to the people it represents. I intend to be an active bridge between Precinct 322 and the committee, bringing real feedback from real neighbors into the room. Second, I want to encourage healthier dialogue within the committee. Strong leadership requires openness to honest debate, not groupthink. Finally, I want the committee focused on the core principles important to Kootenai County: faith, family, personal responsibility, and individual freedom. Sometimes progress comes simply from showing up, building trust, and ensuring Precinct 322 always has a voice at the table.</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>	<p>I have been trying to hold party leadership and elected officials accountable privately, and then publicly, from the outside with a varied level of success. When I am an elected committeeman, I will be able to continue to hold them accountable from the inside. I have no qualms about calling out our supposed "leadership" as I believe our elected leaders should be held to a higher standard and, as an elected PC, I believe it is my duty to not only continue to keep our elected accountable but also keep myself accountable to my constituents.</p>	<p>I believe accountability starts with honesty. If I'm not willing to have direct, respectful conversations with party leaders or candidates when they drift from principle, then I'm not doing my job. Accountability isn't public attacks or needless division; it's having the courage to speak up early and do so constructively. I will stay informed, engaged, and grounded in what the people of Precinct 322 sent me to represent. Accountability also applies to me. If I expect others to stand on principle, I must do the same, even when it's uncomfortable. Faith, family, personal responsibility, and individual freedom are not bargaining chips, and when I see them compromised, I will speak up respectfully and without apology.</p>