

Republican Precinct Committeemen 401

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<p>Kara Claridge Precinct 401 Republican Committeeman</p> <p>I have been in this position for three years and I'm dedicated to walking my precinct each election cycle and having face-to-face conversations with my neighbors. I want my precinct to be healthy and informed and to continue living in freedom!</p>	<p>Lacey Moen, Precinct 401. To put it quite bluntly, I'm running because I was asked to. Not once but multiple times. And when people who know you and trust you keep asking, you listen. I'm a small business owner in Coeur d'Alene who cares deeply about this community and I'm ready to show up for it.</p>	No Response Received
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	<p>I do. I believe voters appreciate the recommendations and lean on the guidance especially in non-partisan races.</p>	<p>Yes. When precinct committeemen have been chosen by their local neighborhoods to make educated decisions on their behalf, it makes sense that those same representatives come together to thoughtfully endorse candidates who best reflect the values of the people they serve.</p>	No Response Received
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	<p>I enjoy providing a newsletter each election cycle and I make myself available via email and social media. I do my best to listen and represent my precinct accurately.</p>	<p>My first step after being elected would be to reach out to the people I represent and simply ask how they want to be communicated with. It's not my job to tell them how I'll show up for them, it's my job to ask. Whether that's email, phone, social media or in person I'll meet them where they are.</p>	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	<p>We are most affected by the decisions made at the local level. I have worked hard to support quality candidates that will stand for the truth with courage. I encourage people to get involved in local government. It's rewarding!</p>	<p>Honestly? Everyone is going to say honesty and integrity and they're not wrong. But for me it goes deeper than that. I want someone who isn't afraid to speak loudly even when it's not the easy thing to do. When you are a voice that represents many, you have an obligation to speak clearly, stand firmly and never shrink just because it's uncomfortable.</p>	No Response Received
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>Kootenai county is a treasured place to live. I have found that most residents share my belief in the sanctity of life, traditional marriage and a reverence for God and the Bible. I will stand for these time honored beliefs on the central committee.</p>	<p>What makes me different is that I work with the public every single day. As a salon owner I have one on one conversations with people from all walks of life, all ages, longtime North Idaho residents and newcomers alike. I hear what people are actually going through, what they're worried about, what matters to them. That perspective is rare and I think it makes me a better representative because I'm not guessing what my community values. I'm hearing it firsthand every day.</p>	No Response Received

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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>I enjoy being a PC because it is as grassroots as it gets. I have witnessed ideas that come from local people that eventually are shaped into state policy. Pretty exciting!</p> <p>Yes I will vote on principle even when it's not popular. In this I have already been tested.</p>	Absolutely. That's exactly why I said yes when I was asked to run. Doing the right thing has never been about doing the easy thing. I believe in showing up, speaking clearly and standing firm on principle even when the room isn't with you. That's what real representation looks like.	No Response Received
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?	I want the committee to be a healthy place where PCs can share their ideas and even have spirited debate but not be ostracized for independent thinking. Being on the outside of most communication has given me the opportunity to lean on God more.	Honestly, my top priority is to listen first. I think too many people walk into positions like this with a predetermined agenda and forget that their job is to represent their neighbors, not themselves. Before I decide what to champion on the central committee I want to hear directly from the people of Precinct 401. What are they worried about? What do they need? What do they feel isn't being heard? My job is to be their voice, not my own. The priorities will come from them.	No Response Received
8. Are you willing to hold party leaders and candidates accountable to stay focused on principle over compromise? How will you do this?	Yes I am. I will attempt to do this through conversation and voting with conviction.	Accountability starts with being bold enough to have real conversations. If something isn't right I believe in addressing it directly, not talking around it or behind closed doors. Getting to the root of an issue face to face is always more productive than gossip and political maneuvering. I will always choose the honest conversation over the easy one. I believe honesty is love and I have a lot of it.	No Response Received