

Republican Precinct Committeemen 408

	Gary C. Neill	Leah Southwell
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<p>My name is Gary Neill I am a candidate for Precinct Committeeman in Kootenai County Precinct 408</p> <p>I am running for this office after attending the Town Hall at Coeur d'Alene High School where I witnessed the violent removal of a political opponent at the direction of the Chair of the Kootenai County Republican Committee (KCRCC). This after the KCRCC recommended candidates tried to dismantle North Idaho College.</p> <p>As a Precinct Committeeman, I will vote to replace the current Chair.</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>No. The party has no business endorsing candidates prior to the primary.</p> <p>The County and State Republican parties have used the closed primary to limit voter choice already. Allowing local parties to further limit voter choice is not in the best interest of the public, only a narrow minority.</p>	No Response Received
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?		No Response Received
4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	The most important quality in a candidate is to listen.	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?	Yes. I was born and raised locally and want to bring those values to the Central Committee. The ongoing racist flavor of the local politics is not good for business or the community.	No Response Received
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.	You can be certain that the first meeting of the newly elected Central Committee will be contentious and unpopular among many.	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?	<p>A new Chair and Executive Committee would be the most meaningful priority.</p> <p>Opening the party rather than closing it to those with whom you disagree.</p> <p>Offering meaningful voter information.</p>	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?	Campaign contributions and feet on the ground for candidates who stay on principle.	No Response Received