

Republican Precinct Committeemen 419

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	John Goedde - Precinct 419 Committeeman. I feel that our central committee leadership has taken a wrong turn. The majority of that team are not precinct committee people and have no obligation to reflect the values of the voters. I feel I have the commitment to stay the course and assist in more responsible leadership.	No Response Received	No Response Received
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	NO. The central committee should stay out of primary elections and support the candidate that voters have elected in the general election.	No Response Received	No Response Received
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	Hopefully, the local paper will provide an account of committee meetings. I would certainly support an invitation to them. I do not use social media because I was hacked and that created personal problems.	No Response Received	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	Qualifications are the most important. I spent 14 years in the Idaho Senate including ten as chair of the Education Committee. I served on the Coeur d Alene School Board. Following legislative service, I was appointed to the Board of North Idaho College when that institution was on the brink of losing accreditation. I am proud of being a part of the board that moved the college toward a solution to the governance problem it had. Local experience is next; I am a Kootenai County resident for over 50 years. I have been active in the business community, serving as chair of the Coeur d Alene Chamber of Commerce and the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce. The county Republican Central Committee must be focused on local and state issues before looking to the national spectrum.	No Response Received	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 am concerned about extremists on both ends of the spectrum. In the past, I have been characterized as a moderate Republican and a fiscal conservative. I believe that the people should determine who represents them in the US Senate, not a group of individuals who may be cronies. I will work toward normalizing central committee resolutions and the state platform.	No Response Received	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.	See above	No Response Received	No Response Received

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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?	I believe Central Committee leadership should come from Precinct Committeemen and currently that is not so. Debate is healthy when making decisions and I am told that some current committee members are excluded from this process.	No Response Received	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?	Certain principles such as those contained in the US Constitution and its amendments should be sacrosanct. Other issues should be subject to the will of the majority. I will support both those statements to the best of my ability.	No Response Received	No Response Received