

Republican Precinct Committeemen 508

	Garrett Kreitz	Jill Storm
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	My name is Garrett Kreitz and I am running for Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 508. I am running for this position because the Republican party in Kootenai County needs to return to the common sense party, and the current leadership of the local party is not the one to do that. With all the problems and mishaps that this county has seen over the last decade has turned a lot of people off to the current structure, and it is time for a new direction for the Republican party. One that returns to the grassroots movement that makes us a strong party, because at the local level, the power is in the people, not in those in charge. The Kootenai County Republican Party should listen to you, not the other way around.	No Response Received
2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?	I guess the short answer is no. I think the central committee is responsible for letting the people know what the candidates stand for, but you don't need to endorse someone out of that. I believe truly finding out what candidates are for or against, and presenting that information to the voters so they can decide, would be a better option than endorsing one candidate for a primary. I think presenting that information as a whole, with the "vetting" information of all of the candidates should be the way the party should do things. Just giving the public the information of the endorsed candidate is not transparent. Why did they endorse this candidate and not this one is something that the voters should have access to.	No Response Received
3. How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	I have a Facebook page set up where people can go to ask questions and find out where I stand and what the central committee is up to. You can find my page at GKfor508! I also have an email set up (gkfor508@gmail.com) that can serve the same purpose for those without social media. I would also be glad to meet the people in our neighborhood for discussions face to face. Being available and open is key to being an elected public servant.	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	Transparency and advocacy. Letting the people who you serve see what you are facing in their stead gives them a better understanding of the process and the decisions being made. Advocating for what their thoughts and beliefs tell them is the way they want to local offices to go is fundamental. We are a government of the people (hopefully you'll trust me to represent you), by the people (it's your beliefs and decisions that should drive local government in particular), for the people (again, your beliefs and decisions).	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?	I do. I believe government should be a shoulder to lean on to help get you where you want to go, not a crutch that you need forever. Having small government that shapes broader agendas while families have more power in their own decisions is the foundation of the Republican Party. I will do my best to listen to the families in my precinct (mine included) and use their beliefs and decisions to drive the committee. Fight for what the families of 508 want and need from our committee, rather than what the committee wants and needs from you.	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.	I am. I believe that the people who elect me would trust me enough to know that I want what is best for them, because I am one of them. Even if that means that I would vote for something that goes against what they may want. If I believe that it would not be a good thing, even if it is the popular opinion, I would have to vote against it. I hope that my votes, decided by the people, are based on morally good principles that have been the cornerstone of the Republican Party since Lincoln.	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?	<p>Transparency is the biggest. Not knowing what the processes in the committee are, or what they vote on, or how they come up with their "vetting" questions is frustrating. I don't know that I have ever been asked by my committeeman what I am looking for in candidates, and that needs to change.</p> <p>Second is advocacy. Again, never have I been asked by my committeeman what I think. (I realize I am but one person in my precinct, but voices at the local level are what count) Knowing what my neighbors want out of the party, and figuring out how I can advocate for those wants is something that I believe is fundamental to being a representative.</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?	To an extent. But with all government, sometimes, compromise is something that is going to have to take place. I can compromise with others while still holding firm to principles as best I can, but I am a realist, and I know that it will not always happen. We see, on the national level, what happens when compromise breaks down because representatives hold on too tightly to their "principles". Record government shutdowns, furloughed workers, break down of needed services. I applaud representatives for sticking to their guns, but government does not always work that way unfortunately. So I will absolutely try my best to stick to my principles, but I cannot promise that I will not compromise.	No Response Received