

### Republican Precinct Committeemen 520

	<b>Stefanie Fetzer</b>	<b>Jason Nye</b>	<b>Michael Rutledge</b>
<p><b>1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</b></p>	<p>My name is Stefanie Fetzer and I am running for the office of Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 520. I am running for this position because I want to help to bring transparency to the KCRCC. I have been attending meetings regularly for the last 2 years and I feel that I can bring energy and action to the committee to help improve certain practices like rating and vetting as well as community outreach. I believe that the PC position is important as it is the most direct line of representation between the voters and the policy makers. I have observed that some precinct committeemen and members of leadership have come to a place where they represent the party more than they represent the people.</p>	<p>My name is Jason Nye, and I'm running for KCRCC Committeeman for Precinct 520.</p> <p>My family and I set our sights on moving to Coeur d'Alene in 2017 because we were drawn to its strong sense of family, community, and quality of life. We found that here—not just in the natural beauty, but in the people.</p> <p>Over time, I've seen some of what makes this community special—our schools, libraries, and way of life—come under pressure, with decisions that don't always reflect the will of local residents.</p> <p>That's why I'm running. I believe our precinct deserves honest representation, clear communication, and leadership focused on the community—not personal agendas. I want to help ensure our voices are heard and that we protect the values that make North Idaho special.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p><b>2. Do you believe that the central committee should endorse candidates in primaries and non-partisan elections? Why or why not?</b></p>	<p>I would prefer to see comprehensive voter guides published that transparently share the process for thoroughly vetting candidates. If endorsements are going to be given, I want to transform the rating and vetting process so that voters have a clear picture of the process and can have confidence in the committee. Ultimately, I would rather work toward educating voters and help them in the research process so that they can come to their own, educated conclusions on the best candidates in each election.</p>	<p>I believe the role of the central committee should be to support and engage voters, not to limit their choices. In primary and non-partisan elections especially, voters should have the opportunity to hear from candidates and make their own decisions.</p> <p>Because of that, I'm generally cautious about endorsements. When a committee endorses candidates, it can give the impression that a small group is trying to influence or narrow the field, rather than allowing voters to decide for themselves.</p> <p>I think the more appropriate role is to provide accurate information, encourage participation, and create opportunities for voters to engage with candidates directly. That helps ensure the process stays fair, transparent, and driven by the people—not by internal preferences or agendas.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>

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<b>3.</b> How will you inform the people you represent about the goals and objectives of your central committee?	Open lines of communication are critical at all levels of governance. As a precinct committeeman, I will walk my precinct to connect with voters, maintain a website that informs the voters as related to meeting agendas, meeting minutes, resolutions, candidate selection and other community outreach efforts. Over the last 6 years, the only communication I have received from my elected PCs are campaign cards during election season. When elected, I will communicate beyond campaign season. I will schedule quarterly events at community centers wherein the voters can connect with elected officials and policy makers from our community. I will respond to email and phone calls and represent my precinct with honesty and integrity.	I would focus on clear, straightforward communication—primarily through email and direct conversations—so people understand what the committee is doing and why it matters. I think it’s important to translate goals into plain language and focus on what’s most relevant to our precinct.  I’d also make myself available for questions, because communication should go both ways. My goal would be to make sure people feel informed and confident, not overwhelmed.	No Response Received
<b>4.</b> What do you consider the most important qualities in a candidate for local office?	I think transparency, honesty, and integrity are important. I think a candidate should be humble and available to voters. In my experience, the best candidates are those who have a servant leadership mindset. Those elected to public office only hold office because the people put them there and it’s critical to remember that.	I think the most important qualities are integrity and a genuine commitment to the community. People need to be able to trust that a candidate is making decisions for the right reasons—not for personal gain or to push an agenda.  I also think it’s important to be willing to listen. Good leaders don’t just talk—they take the time to understand the concerns and perspectives of the people they represent.  Clear communication matters too. People deserve honest, straightforward information, not confusion or spin.  And honestly, a big part of it just comes down to character—being respectful, approachable, and willing to serve others. At the local level especially, it’s about being a good neighbor and focusing on what’s best for the community as a whole.	No Response Received

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<p><b>5.</b> 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>	<p>Yes, I believe that my values accurately reflect the values of Kootenai County residents. The Idaho GOP Preamble and Platform, as well as the Idaho State Constitution and the US Constitution serve as amazing guideposts. A biblical worldview informs my values as they relate to traditional families, personal property rights, parents' rights, etc. I will keep these values in mind when serving as a PC. They will inform all of my actions and decisions as I work to improve the central committee.</p>	<p>Yes, I believe my values align with many in Kootenai County—faith, family, personal responsibility, and looking out for one another. People here value independence, safe communities, strong schools, and a government that works for them, not over them. Those are values I share.</p> <p>At the same time, I don't assume I speak for everyone. Listening is essential. My goal is to represent my precinct honestly by staying connected, hearing concerns, and carrying those perspectives forward.</p> <p>I believe decisions should reflect the will of the voters and the needs of the community—not personal agendas.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p><b>6.</b> 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>	<p>Yes, I am not afraid to stand apart from the crowd if the crowd is on the wrong path. The most important thing to me is glorifying God in all that I do. Additionally, it is important that my children see me standing on conviction and truth. I learned long ago that sacrificing reputation is often part and parcel with doing the right thing.</p>	<p>Yes, I believe it's important to stand on principle, even when it's not the most popular position.</p> <p>At the same time, I don't think that means being unwilling to listen. For me, it's about staying grounded in values like integrity, personal responsibility, and doing what's right for the long-term health of our community.</p> <p>There will be times when the right decision isn't the easiest one. In those moments, leadership means staying true to those principles while still listening respectfully and communicating clearly.</p> <p>My goal is to strike that balance—standing firm on values like faith, family, strong education, and safe communities while representing my neighbors honestly.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>

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<p><b>7.</b> 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. I want to bring more transparency to the central committee. As an elected office holder, my job is to represent the people, not the party.</p> <p>2. I will urge the committee members to refine the rating and vetting process for candidates and ensure that the voters have a clear picture as to how the process works, ultimately instilling confidence in the voters.</p> <p>3. I would like to see the committee more engaged in community outreach beyond fundraising and sample ballots. As precinct committeemen with direct access to the voters, we have an incredible opportunity to serve and set an example for community building and improvement.</p>	<p>My top priorities would be restoring trust, improving communication, and ensuring the committee reflects the will of the community.</p> <p>First, restoring trust through integrity and transparency—making decisions grounded in shared conservative values and focused on what's best for the community, not personal agendas.</p> <p>Second, improving communication so people feel informed and heard, with clear, honest dialogue between the committee and voters.</p> <p>Third, ensuring the committee truly represents its precincts. This role is about representing neighbors, not personal views, and making sure decisions align with what our community actually wants.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p><b>8.</b> 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 think it is important to hold true to principles. Although sometimes compromise in some areas may be important to get things done, as a conservative Christian, I will never compromise my values. Communication and honesty are key in this area. If the expectations are set in advance, there won't be any surprises for party leaders and candidates. We need to raise the standard, not lower it via compromising our values. The Idaho GOP Preamble and Platform, the Idaho State Constitution, the US Constitution and, of course, the Bible, serve as guideposts that will keep us on the right path. I will work to remind party leaders and candidates that these guideposts are in place to ensure that we never compromise our principles.</p>	<p>Yes, I believe accountability is essential, and I'm willing to stand for principle even when it's not the easiest path.</p> <p>For me, accountability starts with clear standards—integrity, transparency, respect for voters, and honest representation. When those guide decisions, it's easier to recognize when we're off track.</p> <p>I would approach this in a straightforward, respectful way by asking questions, encouraging open discussion, and supporting decisions that align with those principles while pushing back when they don't.</p> <p>I also believe accountability depends on keeping voters informed and engaged. When people understand what's happening and feel confident speaking up, leadership stays grounded in the will of the community.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>