

Idaho State Representative District 1a

	Karen Matthee	Jane Sauter
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	Jane Sauter, running for Idaho House Seat 1A. The incumbent voted with the Democrats 83% of the time in 2025 and 74% of the time in 2026. I believe we need a course correction. I do not believe that he represents the Conservative Republicans of District 1, and that he is nullifying the votes of our Representative in House Seat 1B, Mr. Cornel Rasor.
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	No Response Received	Life begins at conception, and this will be an issue that I will fight for in every way.
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	No Response Received	Tax relief and fiscal responsibility State spending guidance and transparency Healthcare reform
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	No Response Received	Medicaid has gotten out of control. Right now, Medicaid costs about \$4 Billion a year - roughly 32 percent of Idaho's entire budget. That is not sustainable. We have to restrain the growth, slow the rate, and put guardrails in place. Eligibility caps and work requirements are a must. If a person is able-bodied with no dependents, they should be working. Also, no Medicaid or Medicare for illegals. Period.
5. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	No Response Received	I support legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatments and surgery on minors. Irreversible medical procedures for minors carry serious risks - physical, emotional, and long-term. This is a public safety issue, and is not something that we should compromise on.
6. If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how will your voting record reflect those values?	No Response Received	I will depend on my constituents to keep in contact with me both during the session as well as the other months of the year as things are happening up here in the North. My votes will reflect my own values and the conservative values of those who elected me.
7. Do you support or oppose Digital IDs in the State of Idaho? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I oppose digital IDs. It's just one more way for the government to keep tabs on the people, and it is completely unnecessary.

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8. What is your opinion on the use of Central Bank Digital Currency? Would you support this for Idaho?	No Response Received	I do not believe that Central Bank Digital Currency is good for the people of Idaho. I would oppose any efforts to make it a reality here.
9. What is your definition of marriage?	No Response Received	The union of one man and one woman.
10. The cost of electricity is increasing across the state of Idaho. What legislation would you recommend to help increase electrical generation and independence in Idaho while still allowing power companies to remain profitable?	No Response Received	I am a firm believer in fossil fuels. I also think solar power is possible in some places for parts of the year and hydro power is also a solution in some places.
11. What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?	No Response Received	I would not be in favor of tax increases. In order to lower the taxes we must be better at cutting state spending. I fully support the reduction and eventual elimination of property taxes. In it's place we could institute a one-time sales tax on a home, but when that's paid in full, then the home would be the owner's, free and clear.
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	No Response Received	I believe that I would be accountable to the people who voted me into my position.
13. In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I do not. We are not at a place in our society where people would not know how to restrain themselves from abusing it.

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14. Is there anything in your personal, business, or career life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of Idaho?	No Response Received	No, there is nothing that would prevent me from doing my duty as a Representative of District 1.
15. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	My background is in Theology, education, marketing, manufacturing, travel and customer service. I also have nearly 40 years as the wife of one man, and the mother of nine children. All the things I've learned from them have been invaluable to the formation of who I am. I have also been a Christian for nearly 50 years, which has given me strength, courage and the ability to trust God in the midst of good times and bad.