

Idaho State Representative District 3b

	Aaron Hayes	Jordan Redman
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	My name is Aaron Hayes, and I'm running for Idaho House of Representatives, Seat 4B. I feel called to run for office because I do not see the state being run effectively and I see an overreach of personal faith-based initiatives impeding others' individual liberty.	No Response Received
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	I make no claim of confidently knowing when the mystery of life begins. Bible passages like Jeremiah 1:5 that speak of God's divine foreknowledge of us could not, until very recently, have been understood to indicate life beginning at conception if most of human history has suffered high rates of maternal and early childhood mortality. If modern medicine can allow an infant to survive, to have the breath of life in them, then that definition of viability can help guide our secular institutions in healthcare decisions.	No Response Received
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	The legislature is responsible for supporting public education, first responders, and public lands, and they need to get back to responsible fiscal management so they can address these issues.	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Our biggest health care issue in Idaho is access, which is a combination of anti-doctor legislation, corrupt insurance companies, and our rural geography. The state can take steps to help Idahoans by continuing to expand Medicare coverage, decriminalize doctors taking care of their patients, and support programs for expanding rural healthcare access. We can also pursue more effective recruitment and retention programs for doctors in high need fields and regions.	No Response Received
5. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	The specific language, protocol, age restrictions, and other stipulations matter on the issue, but I would most likely oppose legislation that prohibits gender affirming surgery. If the consensus of multiple physicians, parents, and the youth call for a medical intervention of any sort, it's outside of the state government's role to usurp rights from individuals, especially if the consequences of a prohibition lead to an even steeper number of suicides than Idaho already has.	No Response Received
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?	As a Representative, it is the definition of the job to make sure my voting is influenced by the values of all of my constituents - protecting the rights of the minority while moving forward with majority favorable legislation. It will be necessary to keep multiple channels of communication open and remain available before and after the legislative session, and to provide the important details and fine print of the most important legislative decisions.	No Response Received
7. Do you support or oppose Digital IDs in the State of Idaho? Why or why not?	I will oppose the unwarranted collection of data by both governmental and non-governmental entities, and if Digital IDs demonstrate any potential abuse or overreach of the state, I will oppose them. If there are certain digital protocols that citizens opt into, I also want to respect the conservative principle of non-intervention, and allow use if we can guarantee that they are not mandated.	No Response Received

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8. What is your opinion on the use of Central Bank Digital Currency? Would you support this for Idaho?	CBDC regulation would be a National Congressional issue. Idahoans would deserve to have the state's support in maintaining privacy, non-discrimination from Federal policies and practices, and strong education and advocacy about the implications of using any crypto or digital currency.	No Response Received
9. What is your definition of marriage?	My definition of marriage is indeed the image of the unity of Christ and his church. However, I also believe my personal faith becomes corrupted when it seeks power outside of my own spiritual practice, and so in the public sphere I will hold that marriage is a contract between two consenting adults.	No Response Received
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?	I see energy independence as an important short and long term goal. The overarching principal of this independence is a strong diversification of sources; avoiding over-investment in any single technology, but supporting the research, development, and, importantly, decentralization of a highly varied network of energy creation and storage. I think power companies are doing just fine, and they can agree to fair and predictable environmental regulations that allow for sustainable and long term energy usage.	No Response Received
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?	Our increasing property taxes are the result of the irresponsible tax breaks given to ultra wealthy corporations, a short-sighted cut to state income tax, and the lack of tourist or luxury service taxes, all of which could bolster the revenue and operations of the state. Expanded state revenue re-invested into the State Patrol, Idaho BLM, public education, and County discretionary funding then greatly lowers the rate of increase that local agencies are forced to levy property taxes for. State-level revenue can also support property tax relief programs that would be spearheaded by counties, whose discretionary funds are also curtailed when the state does not step up and do its job. Retirees deserve to keep their homes, but the concept of simply doing away with property taxes is an infantile approach.	No Response Received
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	I am accountable to the residents of Legislative District 4, and to those protected by the Idaho and US Constitution.	No Response Received
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?	I believe the question of marijuana would need to be decided with a referendum vote following a rigorous proposal, based on surveying where Idahoans are on this issue. Other states have found that the tax revenue on marijuana, combined with the drop in committed law enforcement time, offsets the negative consequences of legalizing some usage. It is precisely the variables of usage, taxation, and regulation language that deserves a true democratic deliberation that would not be as thorough within the legislature.	No Response Received

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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.	No Response Received
15. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	My main qualifications are simply that I'm a father and engaged community member in this district and can commit to a compassionate and loving platform of listening and caring for my neighbors. I have also had experience as a teacher working with our school district to navigate the extensive legislative policies and funding mechanisms that influence my job. I hold a Bachelors and Masters in Philosophy, which gives me a strong foundational understanding of politics and government.	No Response Received