

Idaho State Representative District 4a

	Joe Alfieri	Maxwell McSwain
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	My name is Joe Alfieri, and I am seeking re-election to the Idaho House of Representatives, seat 4A. I have just completed my second term, and I am running again to continue the work of protecting our God given freedoms and to preserve our way of life for future generations.	No Response Received
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	Life begins at conception, and I will support all legislation that protects the unborn.	No Response Received
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	The most important issue is Proposition One, and if it passes we will have to defeat it in the legislature. Secondly, we have election integrity issues, with our state ranking 23rd in The Heritage Foundation's survey of state's election processes. We also have to reduce the tax burden, eliminating the property tax if we can. An additional benefit if we manage that is that the government will have less money to spend, limiting its power	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	The biggest issue is Medicaid fraud, which reduces the amount of money available to the truly needy. While our state is below the 6% threshold set by the Trump administration, I would like to see the number closer to zero.	No Response Received
5. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	I have in the past supported this legislation, and was a co-sponsor.	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?	Well, I pay close attention to my constituent's concerns by attending town halls and speaking at events, and responding to phone calls and emails. I think I my people know that I am accessible, and always open to conversation.	No Response Received
7. Do you support or oppose Digital IDs in the State of Idaho? Why or why not?	I'm opposed to digital ID, because the potential for fraud is too great. Digital ID can be hacked, which puts the owner at risk of losing money or property. Additionally, with digital identity, numerous identities can be created, as voters, or recipients of government money. The risk of fraud is too great.	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?	I am opposed, as central control of money allows the government to dictate who can access the money, and as have seen in China, your own money can be cut off if it's decided that you have violated the state's social policies.	No Response Received
9. What is your definition of marriage?	Marriage is the union of a man and woman before God.	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 am not sure what legislation is necessary, as I think we do a pretty good job of managing our power sources, as evidenced by the fact that our cost of energy is among the lowest in the nation. I would like to see greater reliance on nuclear, and the development of small reactors at INL is a very good sign that we are moving in that direction.	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?	There is legislation in the works, by Scott Herndon, that would eliminate the property tax within ten years. I have spoken with him about it, and if the numbers look good I will do what I can to get this enacted. If that fails, we will need legislation that indexes the homeowner exemption to the true rise in property values, to prevent people from losing their homes to an unrealized gain in value and the increased property tax.	No Response Received
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	I'm often asked, when proposing legislation, if I have spoken to the "stakeholders." My answer is that the stakeholders are my constituents, the people that elect me.	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'm opposed to the legalization of marijuana for several reasons. First of all, recreational marijuana, which is what many are arguing for, often leads to the legalization of other drugs, or as we have seen in Oregon, the legalization of all drugs. Secondly, today's high potency marijuana is highly addictive, and a gateway to other drugs. People are and should be free to do what they want, but when the impact on society is increased costs in motor vehicle and industrial accidents, we must put a stop to it. Third, the societal costs of drug addiction, homelessness, increased crime, overburdened social programs, and public safety are too great for Idaho to bear.	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?	Nothing.	No Response Received
15. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?		No Response Received