

Idaho State Representative District 5a

Ron Mendive

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Ron Mendive State Representative, District 5-A My goal to run for this office has never changed, it is to defend our Constitutional rights and family values. I take my oath to defend the U.S. Constitution and State Constitution very seriously.	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. My voting record is and continues to be solidly pro-life.	No Response Received
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	1) Property Tax relief 2) State Control of our federal lands. Idaho should control the resources within our border. The Federal government controls 62% of the land in Idaho. If the State was managing those lands the economic activities such as logging and mining would greatly increase our tax base thus lowering our individual taxes. 3) Ensure that State aid and welfare recipients are truly in need and enforce a work requirement when it is appropriate.	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Medical freedom for Idaho citizens has become a major issue. With the implementation of Obama Care, doctors are becoming employees of large health care facilities. As a result of this, the number of doctors in private practice is decreasing rapidly. As employees, doctors have been forced to treat their patients according to the dictates of their employers under the threat of dismissal. During Covid we witnessed our government and hospital administrators insert themselves between the doctor and the patient by requiring government prescribed treatment. Doctors were not allowed to choose "off label" treatments that proved more effective and less costly. I oppose any interference with the doctor-patient relationship.	No Response Received
5. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Support. In the 2023 Legislative session the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed H71. (The Vulnerable Child Protective Act.) It prohibits puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex reassignment surgeries for children under the age of 18 when administered or performed for the purpose of changing the appearance of a child's sex. These medical and surgical interventions can cause irreversible physical alterations: and some render the patient sterile or with lifelong sexual dysfunction, while others mutilate healthy body organs. This legislation also provides for exemptions for medically necessary uses of these drugs and procedures. It's sad that this legislation was necessary. I supported this Legislation.	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?	Our Republican Central Committee sponsors several town hall gatherings. Here, constituents are encouraged to attend with their questions and concerns. I believe most Idahoans share similar values. Love of God, family and country. I do my best to adhere to a Biblical world view in my voting.	No Response Received

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7. Do you support or oppose Digital IDs in the State of Idaho? Why or why not?	Although digital IDs are convenient, they are more susceptible to hacking and third-party modifications. I prefer hard copy.	No Response Received
8. What is your opinion on the use of Central Bank Digital Currency? Would you support this for Idaho?	I am very concerned about CBDC. Cash and the ability to use it is a very important measure of our personal freedom. Digital currency would enable "others" to exercise complete control of our ability to buy or sell.	No Response Received
9. What is your definition of marriage?	God established and thus defined marriage; it is the covenant between one man and one woman. I would never be so bold as to redefine what God already defined.	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?	While some legislation might be necessary to protect consumers from monopolies, I believe the free market, (if it is allowed to function), will find the most efficient and thus least expensive solutions to our ever-increasing electrical needs. Currently nuclear or natural gas seem to be our best options.	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?	I would recommend raising the sales tax by one percent and eliminating the property tax on primary residences for Idaho residents.	No Response Received
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	In a Representative (Constitutional) Republic, all elected officials are accountable to their voters.	No Response Received

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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 oppose the legalization of marijuana; I believe it is the introduction to harder substance abuse.	No Response Received
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?	I believe the education that one attains through life experiences is a major asset for serving in the legislature. My education equipped me with the tools needed to tackle the various jobs I pursued. My work history includes mining, logging, farming, building custom homes, being involved in developing and patenting the first successful self-igniting pellet stove and now I have a seasonal land service business. This diverse job experience affords me an opportunity to have the perspective of being self-employed and an employee. For over 40 years I have been a small business owner. It has taught me that government policy at all levels impacts Idaho business.	No Response Received