

## Appendix 1

# Nez Perce County Republican Central Committee Vetting and Rating Program

January 14, 2023

The NPCRCC has developed a process of informing local voters about candidates running for both partisan and non-partisan offices. We have found that some candidates who subscribe to be Republicans do not necessarily hold strong Republican values. Furthermore, Precinct Committeemen are frequently asked for information about candidates and issues. The Precinct Committeemen's job is to know their constituents and to keep them informed about candidates and ballot measures.

For this reason, the NPCRCC has implemented a vetting and rating program whereby candidates are rated by the Precinct Committeemen.

### Candidates Rating Criteria

We will be searching for and rating men and women of good character, virtue and integrity, and who will uphold the Idaho Republican Platform and traditional values.

The NPCRCC encourages candidates to participate in this process and other opportunities to present themselves to the voters such as forums, town halls, social media, speaking before the NPCRCC and "Meet and Greets".

Please answer the following questions:

**Full Name:** Justin R. Plante

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**Age:** 51 **Phone number:** 208-731-0472

**Are you a registered Republican?**  Yes  No

**If yes, how long?** 33 years

**Note: Begin each answer with strongly agree, somewhat agree, or disagree**

- 1) **Article I of the Republican platform “Responsibility In Government”, tell us if you *Strongly agree*, *Somewhat agree* or *disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Fiscal responsibility:

Strongly Agree.

Taxation:

Somewhat Agree. While I support lower overall taxes and fair structures, my housing and water reforms include targeted higher taxes/fees on large institutional/out-of-state investors (e.g., 10+ homes or water rights) with credits for local family farms/owners to promote Idaho-first priorities and affordability. Full details are stated on my website. I am in favor of a 10% flat tax on earned income (no deductions) to replace property and sales taxes, phased in with spending caps for simplicity and growth, differing from maintaining the current sales/property structure. My full opinion is stated on my website.

Reform of Congress:

Strongly Agree.

Sound Currency:

Strongly Agree.

State Legislature:

Strongly Agree.

Honest Elections and the Electoral College:

Somewhat Agree. While I support most provisions, I do not agree with the opposition to term limits. I believe term limits would help ensure government is not treated as a taxpayer funded retirement home and open pathways for regular Idahoans to serve our great state and country.

- 2) **Article II of the Republican platform “Citizen Involvement in Government”, tell us if you *Strongly agree*, *Somewhat agree* or *disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Citizen Involvement:

Strongly Agree.

Public Discourse:

Strongly Agree.

Primary Elections:

Strongly Agree.

- 3) **Article III of the Republican platform “Education”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Teaching our Nation’s Founding Documents:

Strongly Agree.

Religious Freedom in Public Schools:

Strongly Agree.

Parents Right to Home School:

Strongly Agree.

Student Voucher system to allow parents to pick a private or religious school of their choice:

Strongly Agree.

- 4) **Article IV of the Republican platform “Agriculture”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Free and Fair trade practices:

Strongly Agree.

Water rights for Farming:

Strongly Agree.

- 5) **Article V of the Republican platform “Water”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Federal and State regulation of water rights:

Strongly Agree.

Recreational use of scenic waters:

Strongly Agree.

Federal regulations of fish and Dams:

Strongly Agree.

- 6) **Article VI of the Republican platform “Natural Resources and Environment”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

The individual’s responsibility of Stewardship:

Strongly Agree.

Reestablishing the Primacy of State government for environmental policy:

Strongly Agree.

Utilization of Idaho’s natural resources:

Strongly Agree.

Legislation to limit a Presidents Authority of enacting orders over Parks:

Strongly Agree.

- 7) **Article VII of the Republican platform “Energy”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Belief that we should become energy Independent as a nation:

Strongly Agree.

Support for sources of energy such as Oil, Natural Gas, Hydroelectric, Nuclear, and new technologies if they have proven themselves as sustainable.

Strongly Agree.

Keep Idaho’s electrical rates the lowest in all 50 states:

Strongly Agree.

- 8) **Article VIII of the Republican platform “Idaho National Laboratories”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

The importance of “Idaho National Laboratories” as employer, and for nuclear research:

Strongly Agree.

- 9) **Article IX of the Republican platform “Private Property Rights”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

No person shall be... Deprived of Life, Liberty, or property without due process of Law:

Strongly Agree.

- 10) **Article X of the Republican platform “State and Federal Lands”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Limit or reduce the amount of Federal Land in Idaho:

Strongly Agree.

- 11) **Article XI of the Republican platform “Wildlife Management”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Manage Fish and Game to provide opportunities for Idahoans and the Tourist industry:

Strongly Agree.

Oppose Federal designations that restrict opportunities:

Strongly Agree.

Oppose the reintroduction of Wolves and Grizzlies:

Strongly Agree.

- 12) **Article XII of the Republican platform “Economy”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Fiscal responsibility in the form of balanced state and federal budgets:

Strongly Agree.

Support for Commerce and industry including small business:

Strongly Agree. While I support free enterprise and minimal regulation, my procurement reform includes capping markups at 15% per layer and requiring fair pay proofs based on standards to reduce waste and ensure taxpayer value in state contracts. Full details are stated on my website.

Tax code that is simple and fair:

Strongly Agree.

Fair labor practices where employees are hired and promoted based on individual merit:

Strongly Agree.

**13) Article XIII of the Republican platform “Health and Welfare”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

We support a “Conscience Clause” Idahoans have the right to object to participate in practices that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs:

Strongly Agree.

Parents have supreme authority in all medical decisions for their children:

Strongly Agree.

**14) Article XIV of the Republican platform “American Family”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Traditional American family values are the foundation of our nation:

Strongly Agree.

We oppose the expansion of the definition of “Traditional Marriage”:

Strongly Agree.

We affirm that Abortion is murder from the moment of fertilization:

Mostly Agree. While I fully support the right to life and personhood from conception, I believe in exceptions for abortion in cases of rape, incest, and to save the mother’s life, viewing this as a states’ rights issue decided by Idaho voters and legislators. My full opinion is stated on my website.

**15) Article XV of the Republican platform “Older Americans”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Preserve and promote older persons ability to support themselves, and oppose policies that penalize older Americans who continue to work:

Strongly Agree.

**16) Article XVII of the Republican platform “Law and Order with Justice”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

We believe a person is innocent until proven guilty, that just punishment should be swift for the guilty:

Strongly Agree.

The right to keep and bear arms, including right to carry:  
Strongly Agree.

The death penalty is appropriate for the most heinous crimes:  
Strongly Agree.

**17) Article XVII of the Republican platform “National Defense”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

We support a National Missile Defense System, and Mountain Home Air Force Base:  
Strongly Agree.

We support the construction of a border wall:  
Strongly Agree.

We believe that our troops should not be used as the world’s Policemen:  
Strongly Agree.

**18) Article XVIII of the Republican platform “Election of Judges”, tell us if you *Strongly agree, Somewhat agree or disagree* with the platform and why on the following sections:**

Judges are selected in an open and fair manner by the People in a partisan election process:  
Strongly Agree.

The answers to these questions will be the basis of the ratings you will receive and the issues we would like addressed by you in other settings.

In previous elections there have been cases where two well-rated candidates running against a third poorly-rated candidate will “split the vote” leaving the poorly-rated candidate with the win. In such a case where two candidates may split the vote, the NPCRCC Election Committee will encourage the candidate with the second highest rating to drop out and run again at a later time.

Those who fail to respond to this questionnaire will likely receive lower ratings by the Committee.

Please respond by the date requested of you, typically soon after the candidate filing deadline.

Signature: 

Date Completed: 2026-03-21



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