

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:

Address:

Age: **Phone number:**

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

If yes, how long?

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:

Taxation:

Reform of Congress

Sound currency:

State legislature:

Honest elections and the Electoral College

- 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:

Public discourse:

Primary elections:

- 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:

Religious freedom in public schools:

Parents right to home school:

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

- 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:

Water rights for farming:

- 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:

Recreational use of scenic waters:

Federal regulations of fish and dams:

- 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:

Reestablishing the primacy of state government for environmental policy:

Utilization of Idaho’s natural resources:

Legislation to limit a President's authority of enacting orders over parks:

- 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:

Support for sources of energy such as oil, natural gas, hydroelectric, nuclear, and new technologies if they have proven themselves as sustainable.

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

- 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:

- 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:

- 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:

- 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:

Oppose Federal designations that restrict opportunities:

Oppose the reintroduction of wolves and grizzlies:

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:

Support for commerce and industry including small business:

Tax code that is simple and fair:

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

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:

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

- 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:

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

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

- 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:

- 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:

The right to keep and bear arms, including right to carry:

The death penalty is appropriate for the most heinous crimes:

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:

We support the construction of a border wall:

We believe that our troops should not be used as the world’s policemen:

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:

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:

FOR COMMITTEEMEN:

The Rating and Vetting Program is designed to assist the NPCRCC in getting information to the voters in your precinct through walking, mail, social and other media, and passing out sample ballots. It is your obligation to submit final ratings at a time and place designated by the Election Committee.

Score each question on a 1-5 scale with 5 as the highest, and add total of all scores. Highest possible rating score would be 90.

Precinct Committeeman (PC) use the attached grid to score the answers.

SCORE	1	2	3	4	5
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TOTALS					

Candidate's Name: _____

Total score: _____

PC Printed Name and Precinct: _____

PC Signature: _____