

## 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:

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**Age:**44 **Phone number:** 208-503-9073

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

**If yes, how long?** 2012 was the last time I registered online, however I've been a conservative as long as I can remember. My Grandmother and parents played a pivotal role in my allegiance to this country and the conservative values that have made it prosperous.

**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. We owe to our children and their children to ensure that we spend public funds wisely. I work with state agencies that spend a lot of funds on things that return no value or end up costing us more. As I am getting more into the county’s budget, I believe we can find ways to better spend and save while still addressing issues as they arise.

Taxation:

Strongly agree. Ensuring that our tax dollars go only to areas that return to its citizens in the way of service or protections is imperative.

Reform of Congress:

Strongly agree. I very much believe that legislation should be thorough and not lead to more bureaucracy or more legislation in the future to correct. I also believe that federalism restored would curb the destruction that can happen at a federal level.

Sound Currency:

Strongly agree. We are the best country in the world and our dollar should hold the most punch.

State Legislature:

Strongly agree. Our sovereignty is very important and we should always stand up to overreach by the federal government.

Honest Elections and the Electoral College:

STRONGLY agree. I do not want the likes of a few cities that are poorly ran but highly populated to make our countries decisions.

- 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. I have been an ardent follower of our state government most of my adult life. These are decisions that effect our daily lives and we should do our part to assist our legislators in ensuring they are standing up for the people of Idaho and not just who can afford lobbyists.

Public Discourse:

Strongly agree. As Charlie Kirk said, when we stop talking bad stuff happens.

Primary Elections:

Strongly agree. As a party we need to choose who we believe is correct to represent us in the general election.

**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. These documents need to be read again by everyone and when we walk away from these principles we walk into destruction. We allow ourselves to become vulnerable to our enemies and become weak. To stay a strong nation is to know and understand how we got here.

Religious Freedom in Public Schools:

Strongly agree. When I graduated in 1999 from Culdesac, the superintendent at the time told us no prayer. Pish posh to that I said, and as class president in my opening remarks I let the audience know that we planned to honor God as we saw fit. Two of the valedictorians that year were Christians and wanted to show gratitude. As Christians we should not ever feel like we can’t show our gratitude for a Great God and our reliance on Jesus.

Parents Right to Home School:

Strongly agree. As a parent of a daughter who is navigating Lewiston High School, it comes up regularly that we could look to other options. She attended Cornerstone Christian School for K-8<sup>th</sup> and it was the best decision we have made as parents.

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

Strongly agree. See above. I supported Wendy Horman’s bill and believe that we should find other ways to honor families who don’t feel public options work for their children.

**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. While not a farm kid, I grew up in the midst of farming and believe we should honor agriculture and all that it provides. Idaho should work to protect our ag lands.

Water rights for Farming:

Strongly agree. This is an issue that will be a fight in our future and I believe that we need to start making decisions now to protect Idaho’s assets and water is certainly one of our biggest natural resources.

**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. The feds need to ensure our ability to keep Idaho water in Idaho and not send it elsewhere.

Recreational use of scenic waters:

Strongly agree. We have beautiful rivers and we know how to protect them without more bureaucracy.

Federal regulations of fish and Dams:

Strongly agree. The federal government could end the mind-numbing debate right now and just issue protections for our dams that aren't preventing good fish numbers but add to the vitality of our state, especially in our area.

**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. I was raised by two Marines and they taught me to honor the land and how to pick up after myself.

Reestablishing the Primacy of State government for environmental policy:

Strongly agree. We as Idahoans can determine how to best protect our lands while not creating suffering of our people.

Utilization of Idaho’s natural resources:

Strongly agree. While we protect our Idaho values we need to be able to use our natural resources to our advantage, responsibly.

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

Strongly agree. The President should not be able to unitlatterly make changes to our 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:

Strongly agree. We should not only believe we should be but do everything we can to protect our energy production as well.

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

Strongly agree. Responsible companies know how to explore without doing lasting damage, I believe we can explore options for crude oil as well as look to things like nuclear power and we should walk away from things like windmills...

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

Strongly agree. Keeping regulation that ensures that is a must.

**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. 100% I have gotten to know some of its employees and toured the area.

**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. One of the frustrations I have on the regular is how much agencies like the Corps of Engineers has power on our land. Flood plain situations have recently come up and we often are prevented from fixing issues because of “our federal partners.” I hope to work with our US Congress folks to get some support in those areas.

**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. We can manage our own lands.

**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. Loved that we recently had a 4<sup>th</sup> grader propose to the legislature that Hunting should be our state sport. My husband and I are avid gun collectors and both our families have a long history of hunting. My 72 year old mom shot a monster bull last fall. Pretty darn proud of her.

Oppose Federal designations that restrict opportunities:

Strongly agree. These types of legislation seem to always come from special interest groups and not actual data. In a world where we seem to have more and more fake food, we need to protect our ability to harvest natural meats.

Oppose the reintroduction of Wolves and Grizzlies:

Strongly agree. Our elk and deer population already struggle against disease and the elements. The only good wolf in Idaho is a dead wolf. Grizzlies do quite well in Alaska.

**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. A balanced budget sets a standard and should limit spending. I would like to see less supplementals to cover costs that exceed budgeted amount by state agencies as well. Data should be driving our budgets not the promises of bureaucrats.

Support for Commerce and industry including small business:

Strongly agree. The current governor touts that Idaho is a great place to do business because we are the least regulated state. Regulations don't just come in the form of laws and administrative rules, agency policies must follow the same direction and ensure they are not overly intrusive into businesses and they should be clear and concise so that compliance is easily attained.

Tax code that is simple and fair:

Strongly agree. We need to be able to understand code so that we can conform our business practices to meet compliance but allow for growth and a healthy production.

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

Strongly agree. As a leader of an organization and as county commissioner I see the challenges of ensuring a workforce that is productive, responsible, safe, and effective. The value of work can only be experienced when we hold to a standard of merit based advancement.

**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. As an employer I pushed back when the government was going to force the covid vaccine on employees. We immediately prepared religious waivers and prepared to protect the right of our employees to decide for themselves how to protect themselves.

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

Strongly agree. Having recently had our daughter have a major medical emergency, parental involvement and direction is imperative. Not just for medical decisions but to support a young person to understand all the things they are faced with.

**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 need to lift up fathers and teach our young men and women why and how both parents play a pivotal role in the raising of children.

We oppose the expansion of the definition of "Traditional Marriage":

Strongly agree. One man and one woman.

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

Strongly agree. I believe in and stand by the protection of life at all stages. The value of all life no matter sex, age, or ability should be upheld and protected.

**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. Again, as an employer I hire people of all ages and the value of older people bring to our workfoce is invaluable. It has been studied and shows that the longer people work in some fashion the less chance of debilitating diseases. A working Idaho is a healthy Idaho.

**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. I believe in a fair justice system. I also believe that we need to not be afraid to punish people accordingly. We have a growing problem of crime and the system should include consequences that deter further behavior.

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

STRONGLY AGREE. And to keep as many arms as you choose.

The death penalty is appropriate for the most heinous crimes:

Strongly agree. I do believe we need to look at the process as we as taxpayers pay for a system that is long and arduous.

**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. Peace through strength.

We support the construction of a border wall:

Strongly agree. The shift of a recent administration that allowed a flooding of illegal aliens taxed everyone of our government systems and we need to be putting America first. It is a detriment to the good people who have come here legally.

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

Strongly agree. Only when our liberty is threatened should it be considered to send our men and women into harm.

**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. Just as we select our prosecuting attorneys, we should be selecting our judges through open elections. They play a pivotal part in our justice system and can have longterm effects on that system.

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: 3/15/2026

**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.

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PC Signature: \_\_\_\_\_