

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:**36 **Phone number:** 208-790-9867

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

**If yes, how long?** As long as I have been registered to vote

**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. At the end of the day, the government is funded by other people's money. My experience in government and non-profit world, I see money as someone elses. I believe in transparency and every penny should be accounted for everytime.

Taxation:

Strongly agree. The only way to decrease the property tax burden on individuals is reducing the spending and increasing the taxable property to spread the burden. One of my planks for my campaign is increasing the transparency of the county spending. In fact, I placed the county line item budget on my website for people to view already.

Reform of Congress:

Strongly Agree. However, the county commissioners don't play a role in this in my opinion.

Sound Currency:

Strongly Agree. The dollar continues to be weaked by inflation and it is leaving less buying power in everyone's pocket.

State Legislature:

Strongly Agree. I support the legislature's new way of budgeting. It breaks the "asks" from the budget that is required to continue operating. It has allowed for a deeper dive into where the taxpayer money is being spent.

Honest Elections and the Electoral College:

Strongly Agree. Popular vote will hurt Idaho. If we continue with electoral, then our voices are better heard on the national level.

- 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 pushed for citizen engagement on every level of government. When citizens pay attention, government will be more likely to listen.

Public Discourse:

Strongly Agree. My campaign is based on transparency. I answer questions on social media in the public forum, I engage with people who want answers, and I don't stray away from the conversations. I can win this election based on my policy being front and center.

Primary Elections:

Strongly Agree. I have been involved in this fight for a while with the IDGOP.

- 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. More people need to read the constitution. People have died for that document and it is a shame how few have read it.

Religious Freedom in Public Schools:

Strongly Agree. The legislature recently pushed for 60 seconds of silence to allow students to pray if they want. I feel that is the right direction for our state.

Parents Right to Home School:

Strongly Agree. Parents need to be involved in their childrens education regardless of private or public. Homeschool should not only be allowed but be protected from government involvement.

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

Strongly Agree. I supported this bill last year and have debated with several people. When public and private schools compete, there will be a better outcome for the students.

- 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. We have to support our local farmers and their opportunity to sell at a fair price.

Water rights for Farming:

Strongly Agree. I have taken a very pro dam stance. I released a social media video recently confirming my support for the dams and thus water for farmers.

- 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. Government overreach happens constantly. We need to protect Idahos water.

Recreational use of scenic waters:

Strongly Agree. I feel there are too many regulations on this already. The Feds have stopped jet boat traffic in Hells Canyon so rafters can enjoy the river 4 days a week. That is affecting out revenue stream locally.

Federal regulations of fish and Dams:

Strongly Agree. I support our 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:

Strongly Agree. I am seeing the government creep in regulating the environmental impact is hurting business and growth. I support less government.

Reestablishing the Primacy of State government for environmental policy:

Strongly Agree. Feds in DC have never been to Nez Perce County. We need local control.

Utilization of Idaho's natural resources:

Strongly Agree. We need to log and graze more of our Idaho lands. If we manage them better, we will see less fires.

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

Strongly Agree. I support local control on public lands to protect them and manage them for what is best in our state.

- 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. Depending on other countries is a weakness and allows us to be influenced.

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

Strongly Agree. I am a huge supporter of Nuclear power. We can have mini reactors power most of our area and make us more independent.

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

Strongly Agree. When rates go up, people are stuck paying them regardless if they want to. We are locked into whatever electrical company we have and we need to keep it at a low cost.

- 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. I might be one of the few candidates to have come through Nez Perce County who has been a Nuclear Reactor operator and conducted research myself with radionuclides. I support INL. And it needs to grow.

- 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. I have protected individuals 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> amendment rights from the government for years. Unlawful search and seizure erodes the trust the constitution gave the government.

- 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. Idaho needs to manage its own land. I don't support public sale of public land, but we need local control to manage it best (grazing and logging).

- 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. Every resource in Idaho is a public resource and it needs to be protected for the public's interest. However, that doesn't mean the government should violate the constitution to do that.

Oppose Federal designations that restrict opportunities:

Strongly Agree. DC staffers don't know what is best for Idaho. Let Idaho make those decisions.

Oppose the reintroduction of Wolves and Grizzlies:

Strongly Agree. Re-introduction has hurt our public resources. I'd support no limits on 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:

Strongly Agree. We need to reduce budgets so tax payers have more of their money to spend how they want.

Support for Commerce and industry including small business:

Strongly Agree. Our county needs manufacturing for growth. We have a perfect area for jobs and new businesses and we should be business friendly.

Tax code that is simple and fair:

Strongly Agree. Filing income taxes seems repetitive. The government has all of your documents so they require you to submit them again so they can see if they match what they have. It seems backwards.

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

Strongly Agree. I am anti-DEI. I believe individuals should be hired, fired, and promoted based on merit and not to fill any quota.

- 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. Individuals need to be in charge of their own medical decisions and not be forced (COVID).

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

Strongly Agree. Parents are the deciding factor for children's medical. The government should educate and provide options but let parents decide.

- 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. Parents need to be in charge of their home.

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

Strongly Agree. I do think government shouldn't be involved in the family. Less government the better.

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

Strongly Agree. I am pro life. Killing a baby is murder and it doesn't matter when it happens.

- 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. The American Dream allows for people to work, save, and spend how they choose. I support this idea for all Americans and want people to decide what is best for them.

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 criminal justice system is not designed this way. Most people are guilty in the public opinion trial before they stand trial. The public have a right to witness the criminal justice system work and make decisions based upon the evidence provided.

The right to keep and bear arms, including right to carry:  
Strongly Agree. 100%. I carry my pistol everywhere and I support others who do. An armed society is a safe society.

The death penalty is appropriate for the most heinous crimes:  
Strongly Agree. Death Penalty issue is that it takes too many appeals and is too expensive. When life in prison is a cheaper option, we need to look at the procedure to ensure due process is held but also quick.

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. NMDS is a requirement for security. Mountain Home helps protect Idaho and the INL from attacks.

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

We believe that our troops should not be used as the world's Policemen:  
Strongly Agree. I am tired of our military being used to address other countries issues. We shouldn't be sacrificing our men and women for other peoples problems. We need to be America First.

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. I want to see the Magistrate Judges be elected by the people just like the District Judges are.

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: Nathaniel Wood Date Completed: 3/19/2026

**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.

| SCORE    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| PLATFORM |   |   |   |   |   |
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| TOTALS   |   |   |   |   |   |

Total score: \_\_\_\_\_

PC Printed Name and Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

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