

Benewah County Republican Central Committee

Candidate Survey and Interview

Rating and Vetting Program

Benewah County Republican Central Committee (B3CRCC) conducts a candidate rating and vetting program to help inform our community about candidates running for both partisan and non-partisan offices.

Program Objective

To find men and women of integrity who will uphold and defend the constitution and traditional American values of God, Family and Country.

Candidate Information

Name: _____

Position Running For: _____

Campaign Website: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1 Why do you want to run for this position?

2 What are your top 5 goals to achieve while in office?

1 _____

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3 Do you have any previous experience in government? If so, please describe that experience and how you voted on key issues.

4 What is the primary purpose of government?

- To secure unalienable rights
- To protect democracy
- To take care of people
- Other: _____

5 Where does government get its power from?

- The declaration of independence
- The consent of the governed
- The constitution
- Other: _____

6 What powers are delegated to the federal government in the constitution?

- Regulate Commerce within a state
- Coin Money
- Regulate Commerce with Foreign Nations
- Other: _____

7 Who gives us our unalienable rights?

- The Constitution
- The United States
- God
- Other: _____

8 Please list 3 unalienable rights.

9 Which party platform best represents your position on public policy?

- Democrat
- Libertarian
- Republican
- Other: _____

Are there any areas you disagree with that platform?

10 Do you have any tax liens, criminal records, bankruptcy or conflicting interest's that could be used against you in holding this office and upholding the constitution?

11 Explain how you see yourself engaging your constituent's.

12 **Would you allow an all ages drag queen show in this county?**

Yes No

Please Explain: _____

13 **Do you see the state getting significant portion of its budget from the federal government as a problem?**

Yes No

If yes, please explain what can be done on a county level to reduce the use of federal money.

14 **Describe any previous experience or affiliations with non-profits, fraternal organizations, social clubs, churches or boards.**

15 **What Lens do you see the constitution through?**

- A Living breathing document that changes with culture
- Original intent of people who wrote it
- An outdated document
- Other: _____

16 **If you had the opportunity to take a grant from an indebted federal government would you take it? If yes, please explain in what cases you believe debt is acceptable.**

17 **Have you been approached by any current or previously elected official or publicly employed person about running for office?**

Yes No

18 Are you willing to submit for a background check?

Yes No

19 Are you willing to submit some references?

Yes No If yes please list below

Personal:

Name _____

Phone

Professional:

Name _____

Phone

Character:

Name _____

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Character:

Name _____

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Family:

20 As part of the vetting process we may reach out to members of the community to see what if any their experience has been with you. Are there any negative events or feelings towards you that may come up? If yes, please explain circumstances of event.

21 Please tell us a little about yourself, your family, hobbies, occupation, how long you have lived in the area and why you chose this area to live in. If there is anything else you want to include about yourself and your candidacy please include them here.

Position Specific Questions

22 According to the constitution, should a federal agency be able to serve warrants or make arrests in this county?

Yes No They should notify me first

Please Explain: _____

23 If a federal agency were to violate the rights of a citizen of this county what would you do?

Explain to them how the agency has the power.
 Try to stop the violation of rights.
 Advise the citizen to get a lawyer.

24 If you found a federal agent violating the rights of a citizen of this county would you arrest the agent?

Yes No

Please Explain: _____

25 If an agency such as the FBI or an organization such as the UN were to mandate gun confiscation or mandatory vaccination, what would you do?

That wont happen in Idaho.
 Try to stop the violation of rights at all costs.
 Help confiscate the guns and vaccinate people.

Please Explain: _____

26 Should the IRS be able to audit on citizens?

Yes, it helps reduce tax evasion.
 No, its not right, but there's nothing the sheriff can do to stop it.
 No, there is no other law enforcement agency that is allowed to audit.

Please Explain: _____

27 **If red flag laws were passed in Idaho and you were required to confiscate guns based on allegations from a 3rd party, what would you do?**

- That wont happen in Idaho
- Use SWAT to remove the guns
- Remove the guns, but try to use due process
- Refuse to enforce red flag laws

Please Explain: _____

28 **Federal and State agencies have been harassing farmers over natural food such as meat, raw milk, and pickled food. If this happened in our county what would you do?**

- Not get involved
- Offer the assistance to the agency
- Protect the farmer and their property
- That's not an issue in Idaho

Please Explain: _____

29 **Who did the founders put in charge of keeping the federal government in check?**

- They didn't see a need for checks and balances
- The supreme court
- The people
- Local & state government

Please Explain: _____

30 **Is the judicial branch equal in power to the legislative or executive branches? Please comment on how you see the judicial branch.**

Please Explain: _____

31 **What does the oath to the constitution mean?**

- Its mainly ceremonial and not really applicable today.
- Its kept solely by following Idaho statute.
- It means I will only enforce the laws that are constitutional.

32 **How would you handle and health situation like covid?**

- Enforce lockdowns, Masks, and Vaccination Passports for public safety.
- Temporarily suspend the constitutional rights to make sure people we safe.
- People have the right to choose if they want to stay home, mask up and take a vaccine.
My job is to protect their rights.

33 **What access rights do Native Americans have on all private land inside the reservation?**

- They have no right to access land they don't own.
- They have the right to fish, hunt and trap on any land in the reservation.
- They have access only to tribal land.

34 **How do you see yourself interacting with the tribal police?**

35 **How do you see yourself interacting with the St Maries Police?**

36 **How would you protect people's unalienable right to property, in the event their nosey neighbors turn them in for various nuisance code violations?**

37 **What are your thoughts on Dickenson Vs Benewah Case?**

38 **What would you do to keep drugs like fentanyl from ruining our county?**

39 **Do you approve of traffic cameras like the one at the 4 way stop in St. Maries?**

Yes No

40 **What would you do if illegal aliens started showing up in Benewah?**

We are always looking for passionate people who have a desire to serve our community and uphold the constitution. If you do not win this race, are there any other positions you would be interested in running for?

ANSWER

County Commissioner
Sheriff
Prosecuting Attorney
County Clerk
County Assessor
City Council
Mayor
Library Board
Fire District Board
Water District Board
Highway District Board

Would you like to be contacted if opportunity's arise in these positions?

Yes No

This concludes our vetting process, thank you for participating in the vetting process and your interest in making our county a great place to live. We would appreciate those who have gone through this process to help back the best candidate for the job. There will be a lot of work once the election season begins for everyone. If you would like to be involved in that process please reach out to your Precinct Committee Person to find out how to help in your district.

Once the vetting process is complete we will announce our endorsed candidate on our Facebook Page. The announcement is typically made sometime after the deadline for candidate filing. If you have questions about the vetting process please reach out to the chairman of the vetting committee.