

Kootenai County Republican Central Committee

Rating and Vetting Program

The KCRCC 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 KCRCC has implemented a Rating and Vetting Program whereby candidates are rated by the Precinct Committeemen.

FOR CANDIDATES:

Rating Criteria:

We will be searching for and rating men and women of good character, virtue and integrity, and who hold constitutional and traditional values.

The KCRCC 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 KRCC, and “Meet and Greets.”

Please tell us the following information about yourself:

Name: William G. (Greg) Barr

Position Running For: Mayor - Rathdrum

Website: N/A

Tell us a little about yourself and your family, how long you have lived in the area and your occupation.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have experience as an elected official and if so, what was your position, and how would you describe your voting record?

No, I don't have any experience as an elected official.

2. Please tell us about your activity as a Republican. Have you previously voted for candidates of other parties? If yes, explain.

My activity as a Republican has been voting for Republican Candidates. Candidates that represent the social and fiscal responsibilities and values that I also have. I have voted for candidates of other parties, but that was over 20 years ago, Since then, those other party candidates started to move away from the values that I had been taught and live by.

3. What is the purpose of government?

The purpose of government is protecting individual freedoms as designed in the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution.

4. Describe why you are running for this particular office. What are your qualifications? What are your goals?

I'm running for Mayor because there are neighbors of mine that have stated that I have the capabilities of representing them, in a way, that their voices will be heard. They have suggested and encouraged me to run for office. I'm an insurance agent and a tax preparer. I have my own businesses in that regard. Therefore, having my own businesses is a qualification, in which, I deal with others needs and issues on a daily basis. I possess the tools to help them navigate through those needs and issues and to provide them with the best solutions for their needs. My goal is to listen to the people, represent the people and offer solutions to the people.

5. Describe experiences where you are or have been engaged such as non-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, commissions, etc., where you have been of service to others.

I'm very active in my church. I serve at the church in many capacities. I'm also on the HOA board of my community.

6. Do you describe yourself as fiscally conservative? Please, elaborate.

I'm conservative fiscally. I'm debt free except for a home mortgage. I take pride that I live within my means.

7. Do you consider yourself as socially conservative? Please elaborate.

I'm very socially conservative. It is the reason that I moved here from the state of Washington. I've seen what liberalism does to a community. I'm a church going Christian man that resonates with biblical principals.

8. Describe which party platform best aligns with your positions on public policy (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or Constitutional Party) and where do you disagree with that platform.

Republican. As of now, I don't see anything that I disagree with.

9. Do you have any history of tax liens, criminal record, bankruptcy or conflict of interest that may affect your future decisions or desirability to be voted into office?

I did file for bankruptcy 11 years ago. It was a combination of Real Estate Investments and job loss that ultimately led to that. Since then, I have been very successful and very cautious in where I put my finances to ensure it never happens again.

10. Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative with FORTITUDE, adhering to the values and answers you have stated above.

Being open and accessible with my time. My plan is to be accessible to everyone who wants to communicate with me. I'm a representative of the people, I will vote with their voice and values.

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 KCRCC 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.

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

FOR COMMITTEEMEN:

The Rating and Vetting Program is designed to assist the KCRCC in getting information to the voters in your precinct through walking, mail, social and other media, and passing out sample ballots. In order to identify the very best candidate for each race, your job as an elected Precinct Committeeman is to vet then rate using the criteria above stated AND by confidentially contacting each other for additional information. It is your obligation to submit final ratings at a time and place designated by the Election Committee.