

Please tell us the following information about yourself:

Name: **Jeremy DeChaine**

Position Running For: **Trustee Zone 3**

Website: **None at this time**

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

While I have had the opportunity to experience much in my lifetime such as travel, recreation (camping, hunting, hiking, etc), and career opportunities, I spend most of my free time with my family trying to provide the same opportunities I was afforded growing up. I am married with two children (now both in middle school). My wife volunteers regularly at the schools and coaches for local rec leagues, and my children are both involved with sports and extra circular activities throughout the year. I have worked in the telecommunications industry for over 20 years. I have been in management, system technician, and I currently reside in an engineering role. My family and I left Bend, OR after 10 years and moved to Coeur D' Alene Idaho during the summer of 2020. Since moving we have been able to enjoy the ample opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy discovering new people and places each year since.

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?

I have no 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.

I have been an active voter in every major election (presidential) that I can remember, with all votes going toward the Republican candidates.

3. What is the purpose of government?

I am going to quote The Declaration of Independence for a moment:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Government role in society should be limited in size and scope. Government is not meant to rule it's citizen, but instead ensure the rights that have been established are upheld and protected.

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

in favor of radical ideas and false platitudes. When we moved, my wife and I committed to participate in our children's future through volunteering our time where we can to help rebuild and restore the opportunities lost to lockdowns and social reforms. With two children in school, I am driven to take up the charge of civic duty to offer a voice of reason to the process. As someone who has experienced firsthand the effects of an unprepared workforce, my goal is to go beyond the defensive position of dealing with immediate challenges and help prepare this and future generations to be productive members in society. I have an associate's degree in psychology, but I have no special qualifications in education or administration.

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 have volunteered to help with events for my church and I have attended and addressed the school board on multiple occasions, but my career has received the bulk of my focus. In my roles I have been a trainer for small and large groups, as well as supplying training material to be utilized company wide. I have been a subject matter expert in my field, which has required translating complex ideas into laymen's terms to make information accessible for others. Additionally, I have spent eight years in a leadership position managing large teams and developing employees.

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

Yes. I believe in controlling my personal spending, and I apply that principle to government spending. The free market is where ideas and innovation are born, not government entities. Empower the people with reduced taxation and less government regulation and we grow a healthy and productive economy/society.

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

Yes. I am a Christian first and foremost, which is the basis of my entire worldview. Individual choice, personal accountability, equal opportunity, and meritocracy are just some examples that I believe align with social conservatism and my perspective. Additionally, morality has become a more recent battleground for political debate. I believe in the sanctity of marriage. Parents are the primary decision makers for their children, not the government. Gender is not fluid, there are only two (male & female). These are just a few of the recent topics that have required taking a position in today's climate, which coincide with social conservatism.

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.

I align with the Republican party on public policy. I do not have a disagreement with the party platform, but I would say there is opportunity for the party to have a greater focus on how cultural changes are affecting society. We are seeing the impact that has on incoming generations, which is one more reason I want to engage the education system.

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?

No.

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

I believe in transparency and advocate heavily for public engagement. The more the populus is engaged in the civic process, the more we understand and see the impacts of that participation. I would hope to hear from as much of the community as possible using different forms of communication (in person, email, phone, etc). As a public servant my role is to be a sounding board for the community. That is not to say I will bounce back every idea or opinion shared, but I will consider all perspectives and measure them with the principles I have shared. I understand that there will be some who may disagree with me on some of my choices, and may even be hostile to those decisions. I recognize that is part of my role in that position, and I will always invite respectful debate to best find a middle ground where it can be had. With that, despite opposition to the contrary, my resolve is fixed when it comes time to stand for what is right for both students and parents based on my response to the precious questions.