

Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Kyle Storm

Position Running for: Post Falls City Council

Website: None (yet)

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

I am a follower of Christ, and have been very blessed to grow up in a believing family. I graduated from my family's home school program when I was 17, and have been operating my own business since I was 13. For five years, this consisted of teaching piano lessons, and more recently, operating a service business with my brother. I now own and operate a licensed contracting business, Freedom Handyman Services, LLC. I am California native, and moved to Idaho a little over a year ago with my family because we could no longer tolerate the thought of paying our taxes to support a government that consistently does what is unconstitutional and morally wrong. Although I haven't lived in Idaho very long, I have already developed a deep love and appreciation for this state and the values represented here.

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 had no previous 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 a registered Republican ever since I've been old enough to vote. I have been involved in the political process since I was approximately 14. Most of the time, this included attending town halls, asking questions of candidates, and informing those in my circle of influence about the best candidates to vote for. Since 2022, I've been becoming more involved by actually attending city council and KMPO meetings, as well as several of the KCRCC meetings. I've also done bag stuffing and been out door belling with the KCRCC for the school levy issue. As well, I have served as a poll worker and have handed out sample

ballots at separate elections. I have never voted for any candidate not affiliated with the Republican party.

3: What is the purpose of government?

The purpose of government is to safeguard the individual inalienable rights of its citizens. The government does this by punishing evil and rewarding good (Romans 13:3-4). In a Biblical sense, government's role is to protect the people from their own sin nature. History has shown that when each man is left to govern himself, complete anarchy and chaos will break out. The belief by some that man is naturally good is a complete and total lie. Man is not evolving upward toward perfection, but descending downward into deeper depravity. Thus results the need for government. However, when any government reverses roles and rewards what is evil, while punishing good, it has abdicated its proper authority and needs to be abolished. In such a case, to reform, and if need be, abolish the existing structure is the right and moral thing to do.

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

There are currently 49 countries in the world with mandatory military service for their citizens. This means that the young population in almost 50 countries will spend anywhere between 1 to 11 years serving their nation. I am running for city council because I want to dedicate some of the prime years of my life to serving my country and preserving it for future generations. I feel that I have no right to enjoy the blessings of liberty unless I am actively working to keep them alive for posterity. I am tired of seeing the pervasive apathy and self indulgence of my peers in regards to our God given freedom, and I sincerely hope to inspire those in my circle of influence to get off their phone and take an active and God-glorifying role in civil government. I am running because I see this to be my duty.

My goals in running for this particular office are simple. I desire to take a proactive, not reactive, stance in regards to resisting Federal interference in local government. The recent battle over the Smart Cities agenda has only highlighted something I have been concerned about for a long time. Federal grants (with all strings attached), represent a serious coercive effort to control what happens in generally conservative areas like Kootenai County. It appears that many people have not been taught the basic principle that *nothing is ever free*. If the government is giving you money (or spy cameras, anyone?), it had to take it from you first (or your future children), while siphoning off some 40% for administrative costs in the process. In the area of growth and zoning, I believe that while some have good intentions while trying to limit growth, they are infringing property rights of private owners in the process. I firmly believe that we must be extremely responsible in the way we manage growth, but the first issue needs to be, *are we still following the principles of a free market?*

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.

My primary area of service for the past 9 years has been Trail Life USA. Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure program with the goal of turning boys into Godly young men. I first joined the program in 2014, and since then have held many positions within the

organization. The main activities I have been involved in are leading campouts, teaching woodcraft skills, teaching Bible studies, and mentoring Trailmen to fulfill their calling of being strong men who are submitted to God and are prepared to stand in the gap for their families and nation. While in Trail Life, I also earned the Freedom Rangeman rank, which is the highest possible award in the program. While similar to the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout award, the Trail Life version has a robust faith-based and character development element. In earning the Freedom Award, I completed over 450 hours of community service at christian camps, food pantries, rescue missions, and pregnancy resource centers.

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

I am extremely fiscally conservative. I believe that the current government system of healthcare, welfare, foreign aid, etc is completely unconstitutional. Per Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, the only taxes the Federal government should collect are to pay the nation's debts, and provide for the national defense and welfare of the United States. The welfare of the United States is much different than the welfare of its individual citizens, and certainly does not entail giving money to other countries or governing bodies like the United Nations and NATO. I believe that in no case should the citizens of a nation look to the state to provide for them. I believe that our society should operate on the Biblical principle of "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10 NKJV). Obviously, not everyone is always able to work, but it is then the job of the church to assist those who are unable to work. Causing people to depend on the government as their provider will only lead to totalitarianism.

I also believe that the secretive private banking cabal known as the "Federal" Reserve is completely and utterly unconstitutional and needs to be abolished. There is no place in our Constitution or our nation for an unknown group of wealthy private investors to control our nation's interest rates and become rich over our national debt. The way that our current leaders burden our future grandchildren with massive amounts of unsustainable debt is morally wrong and will bring God's judgment on our nation. No nation, state, or government should accumulate more debt than will be paid off in the current generation. I also believe that the 16th amendment needs to be repealed.

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

I am a Christian who believes that the Bible is the word of God and is completely authoritative and 100% accurate. As such, I take any position on social issues that is consistent with the Bible. This includes the belief that there are only two genders. I believe that a new human life is formed at conception, and therefore any form of abortion at any time is murder, and as such completely and utterly wrong. I believe that the only foundation for a stable society is the nuclear family, where a man and a woman are married for life and strive to bring their children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

I also believe that America is completely unique among the nations of the world, past and present. I am convinced that the establishment of our country was not a consequence of human effort, but a result of God ordaining and maintaining the Republic. I believe our nation was divinely ordained to be, as John Winthrop put it, "a city set on a hill."

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.

The Republican party platform aligns very closely with my position. However, I disagree with any position on any issue that does not align with an accurate interpretation of first, the Bible, and second, our nation's founding documents. While reviewing the ID GOP platform, it appears almost completely in sync with what I believe the Bible teaches.

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?

None whatsoever.

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.

My aim is to be so well connected with my constituents that I, as their representative, am always aware of their needs and desires. Through operating my own business, I have realized the importance of being well connected with my clients and providing exceptional customer service. I will endeavor to be just as faithful in my capacity on city council. While I realize this ideal level of communication may be very hard to accomplish, it is my ultimate goal. One way I hope to do this is by increasing awareness about issues that come before the City Council and encouraging greater public input and participation. I will adhere to my values without compromise because I know that God hates a coward (Revelation 21:8), and I am aware that dishonoring God carries far greater danger than potential wrath or pressure from any human source. Romans 8:31: "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"