

## KCRCC Diversity Committee Questionnaire Responses

Please tell us the following information about yourself:

Name: Luke Sommer

Position Running For: Mayor, City of Hayden

I am a long-time resident of Kootenai County having first moved here in 2002, and then permanently in 2008. I have lived in Hayden since 2013. I have five adult children and am married to my beautiful wife, Rowena. I have been a licensed Realtor for 36 years in CA, ID, and BC (Canada).

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?

Not yet elected to public office. I was nominated to represent the Republican Party in the 1988 election to become a member of Congress in California's 13th Congressional District (San Jose - Silicon Valley). I have also been involved in several clubs and political organizations such as Toastmasters, the Panhandle Pachyderm Club, the Reagan Republicans, the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC) as both a precinct committeeman (PC) and parliamentarian. I am a lifelong conservative.

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

Yes. I voted for Jimmy Carter in 1976 because I believed that he would either do a lot of good, or a lot of bad. I was right. To me at the time, Gerald Ford represented the status quo and at 20 years of age I believed we needed change. Ronald Reagan almost beat Ford for the nomination in 1976 and went on to beat Carter in a landslide in 1980. I voted for Reagan in both cases.

### 3. What is the purpose of government?

To preserve, protect, and defend our God given natural rights, as recognized in the US Constitution. City and local governments should only exercise the limited and enumerated powers granted by the US Constitution and the constitution of the state of Idaho to provide for the public good by doing for the people those necessary and proper things they cannot do for themselves, or do better by themselves. Every level of government in the US should be limited in its powers and duties by a written constitution or code of laws that enables the governors to govern but restrains them from exceeding those enumerated powers. The ultimate power should always reside in the people. As George Washington wrote, "The power under the Constitution will always be in the People. It is entrusted for certain defined purposes, and for a certain limited period, to representatives of their own choosing; and whenever it is executed contrary to their Interest, or not agreeable to their wishes, their Servants can, and undoubtedly will be, recalled." — letter to Bushrod Washington, 9 November 1787

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

To bring focus and efficiency to city government, and to help bring policy and practice back into line with the people's desire for low and slow growth.

I have been a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, starting in 2012. I have been chairman, president, board member, PC, or parliamentarian of many groups (KCRCC, church board of elders, the Reagan Republicans, the Panhandle Pachyderm Club, a Toastmasters group, etc.),

Hayden city government needs to be transparent and efficient, re-embrace low and slow growth, make growth pay for itself, and avoid entanglements with outside groups that have agendas aligned with hi-density, centralizing tendencies, or globalist goals.

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.

See above.

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

Yes. I have long advocated for balanced budgets and government that is limited in scope and power. Thus, the need for written constitutions and rules that bind down the government from mischief.

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

Yes. I am pro-life, support marriage as between one man and one woman, and believe that the family is the basic unit needed to establish a healthy society. I believe in limited government at all levels, whether it is the family, local, state, or federal governments. Every unit in society should stay in its own lane.

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

The Republican Party platform.

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 will be available in various public meetings or forums, in small group settings, and by individual contact. I will run on what I believe as described above and will also vote accordingly.