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## Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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## Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

### Tell us about yourself.

**I was born and raised in Spokane, graduating from Ferris High School in 1975. I enlisted in the Army but was discharged 10 weeks later when they told me I had flat feet. In 1981 I began my career in Law Enforcement with the Ferry County Sheriff's Department. I attended the Spokane Police Academy in 1983. I spent a total of 28 years as a Town Marshal, Chief of Police, Road Deputy and Patrol Officer. During this time I attended some College at SFCC for a total of about 55 credits in Psychology and English Comp. I also received credits for in-service classes including 2000 hours of specialized training. I was injured on the job in 2016 and since that time i have had 3 surgeries on my right shoulder which ended my career.**

**I've spent most of my adult life serving the public and I wish to continue helping people in the political field.**

**I am pro police, pro 1st and 2nd Amendment. I am a member of the VFW and strongly support our Veterans.**

**I believe we need to pull the Republican party together. You will never hear the word RINO associated with my name. I fight for what I believe in and will never give up. I know how to talk with people without**

**offending them. A skill I learned in Law Enforcement. I would be honored to serve as a United States Congressman for the 5th District and, if given the chance, would do my very best for the people of this District and for our Country.**

**List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.**

I was appointed to the school board in Republic, Washington but had to resign due to the needs of my job as Chief of Police.

**Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.**

I have had several occasions where I had to use my communication skills to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations and end in a positive result. I do not intimidate, I communicate.

**What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?**

My voting record will show that I represent the people of my district. I will strive to make the best choices that will benefit my constituents.

**What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?**

I am proud to be a member of the VFW #1474 and the Eagles. Though I don't hold leadership positions in either club I do volunteer to play music at the VFW as a form of support for the club.

## **Your Political Beliefs**

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

**Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?**

The Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights gives us our duties and rights as citizens. There are proper steps outlined in the Constitution should someone wish to amend an article or the bill of rights. These steps must be followed to ensure that the Constitution shall not be subverted. I believe that the government may suspend certain rights in time of war.

**Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.**

Times change. The world the Founding Fathers lived in when they drafted the Constitution is not the world of today. It is, to an extent, a living document that must change with the times such as slavery and equal rights for all. But the basic premise of the Constitution must be upheld as is.

**What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"**

As the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and states how the government is to be set up it is the governments duty to follow the clauses and amendments set forth in the Constitution. I will strive to abide by the Constitution so that the rights and privileges of the people are protected.

**When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?**

I believe life begins at conception. All life is precious however I do not believe that the government has the right to deny a mothers right to an abortion in the first 6 weeks. Definitely not in the 3rd trimester as I would consider that tantamount to murder.

**Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?**

I have never been arrested, charged or convicted of any crime. I have never even had a traffic ticket. I

have, however, filed for bankruptcy twice in the past 48 years due to financial hardship conditions.

**Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.**

I will have an office in Spokane and my door will be open to all who have concerns or comments. I will provide my constituents the opportunity to express their concerns to someone who will listen.

**Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.**

Though I've never run for office before and I don't have a law degree I firmly believe that my years in Law Enforcement have taught me how to read and interpret the law. My ability to talk with people will also benefit me in my position in Congress.

**Please rate this process.**

