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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.

Born 1962 Spokane, Wa.

I am the 4th generation in a cattle business family, with a century of deep roots in many of the communities in eastern Washington.

I graduated 1980 from Gonzaga Preparatory high school.

Graduated from WSU in 1985

With a bachelor of science degree.

I married my high school sweetheart while at WSU, where we had 2 sons and a third son shortly after graduation.

I've worked in the cattle business since.

5 years ago I added the real estate business as a 2nd career.

My real estate team was top 1% in Our company for 2023.

My family and I live on a ranch in the Greenbluff area of Spokane. We now have 3 generations living and working on the ranch as well as maintaining separate professional careers. On our ranch we raise ranch, polo and cutting horses and run cattle.

We also work and run cattle in Spokane, Pend O'reille, Lincoln, Franklin, and Stevens counties.

Our family owns a large ranch in Stevens county.

My family loves outdoor recreation. We own a lake cottage in Pend O'reille county on Diamond Lake, where our large extended family gathers in the summer.

We love to water ski and fish in the summer, hunt in the fall, and snow ski at Mt. Spokane in the winter.

I am currently the president of the Spokane Polo Club.

I enjoy playing polo, where we use our ranch horses in that fast paced sport.

I ride and break colts as one of my recreational activities.

I have a passion for working with and being around horses.

I am interested in a run for political office because I feel a strong calling to be a powerful voice for the needs of the people in the 5th district.

I believe I need to do this to protect the future rights and freedoms of my children, grandchildren and the generations to come after.

I believe with my age, experience, and deep roots in the 5th District, that I understand the wants and needs of the people who live here.

I have strong ties in the agricultural community.

I want to protect land owners rights to do the work they need to on their land to produce the food that is so important for our country's strength and security.

I'm looking forward to working "ranch tough" for the people of the 5th district.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Coached grade school and high school football

Coached grade school softball

Parent advisory board Gonzaga preparatory high school

President Spokane polo club past 2 years

Auction board for St. Thomas More school

Managed and led AS Channel Ranch, Schmidt Cattle co., and Schmidt Livestock crews.

Manager of Northwest Ranch Properties.

Highly involved in youth mentorship and coaching several generations of young men and women

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

My duty is to be the ears, eyes, and hands of the citizens of the 5th district in the House of Representatives.

I will achieve success by being a strong, clear unwavering voice.

By protecting the freedoms and inalienable rights of the citizens of my district.

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

Ultimately it will be up to the people. We hear their voice through their vote. I will make myself available through town hall style meetings. I will stay available to my constituents and listen to their ideas and needs.

Success will be if I uphold the values and trust of the people of this district.

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

I am a strong voice and leader in the ranching and real estate communities.

I am the president of the Spokane Polo Club which I've used to support non profits such as Free Rein Therapeutic Riding, which helps children and adults with disabilities and military veterans.

I helped coordinate animal evacuations for the recent Oregon Road fire.

I spearheaded a meeting between the Department of Natural Resources, Spokane County fire departments and local farmers and ranchers that fought the Gray Fire to help facilitate better communication between agencies and private land owners based on my experiences with land, livestock and as a former volunteer firefighter/EMT

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?

Our inalienable rights come from God as articulated in our US Constitution.

When an individual commits crimes against the community, the government has the ability to take Their right of freedom away.

Government should have the limited ability to regulate and restrict individuals only as authorized by the Constitution.

We must vigilantly protect the rights of the individual.

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

I am a constitutional originalist in that our founding fathers were insightful enough to create a document that could withstand tyranny over time with the ability to amend as necessary while holding true to its original principles.

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

Government's sole function is to serve the people in which it has been established for.

I will perform my duties as the eyes, ears and hands of the people of the 5th district in the manner as envisioned by founding father James Madison in his shaping of Congress and the Constitution.

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

I firmly believe that life starts at natural conception.

I believe as the Supreme Court ruled, it is a state's issue.

I think we can all agree that in a perfect world there would be no abortions. Shouldn't we strive to create a perfect world?

In a medical emergency, a mother still maintains the right to protect her own life over the life of a fetus, viable or unviable, just as each Individual citizen has a right to protect themselves from a life threatening situation.

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?

No

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 be open to all avenues of communication. I will engage in town hall meetings. I will be open to daily updates to the party, and open to all ideas that will aid communication in a timely and thorough manner.

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