

Legislative District 6 Republican Committee Vetting and Rating Program

January 1, 2024

The LD6RC has developed a process of informing local voters about candidates running for office. We have found that some candidates who subscribe to be Republicans do not necessarily hold strong Republican values. Furthermore, Precinct Committeemen are frequently asked for information about candidates and issues. The Precinct Committeemen's job is to know their constituents and to keep them informed about candidates and ballot measures.

For this reason, the LD6RC has implemented a vetting and rating program whereby candidates are rated by the Precinct Committeemen.

Candidates Rating Criteria

We will be searching for and rating men and women of good character, virtue and integrity, and who will uphold the Idaho Republican Platform and traditional values.

The LD6RC encourages candidates to participate in this process and other opportunities to present themselves to the voters such as forums, town halls, social media, speaking before the LD6RC and "Meet and Greets."

Recommended Candidates Process:

1. Fill out LD6RC Candidate Questionnaire
2. Return the completed questionnaire to Debra Idso at idahogopld6@gmail.com.
3. Interviewed by Precinct Committeemen
4. Send a headshot photo to idahogopld6@gmail.com. List your name and office.
5. File Candidate Petitions by March 15th at 5 pm. March 14th recommended. Questionnaires will be posted on LD6RC website www.idgopld6.org March 15.
6. Special LD6RC meeting for Recommending Candidates in March.
7. Withdrawal date is March 29th.
8. Walk precincts, speak at Republican clubs, and campaign until May 21st.
9. May 22nd celebrate your victory.

Important Dates:

March 15th filing deadline 5 pm.

March 29th withdrawal deadline 5 pm.

May 6th early voting to May 17th.

May 21st Election Day

Please answer the following questions:

Full Name: Brandon Mitchell

Address: PO Box 8897 Moscow, ID 83843

Age: 53 Phone Number: 208-596-5001

How long have you been a registered Republican? My entire adult life.

The following questions are intended to provide a view into the candidate's character, values, political philosophy, personal experience, leadership style and will be used to evaluate fitness for office by the Legislative District 6 Republican Committee (LD6RC) membership.

The LD6RC welcomes all points of view as we believe in healthy, productive discussions, informed solutions, and we encourage you to answer them honestly and completely.

Experience, Leadership and Service

1. Do you have experience as an elected official or in government service and if so, what was your position and key accomplishments?

Yes, I was first elected as a State Representative in LD5 in 2020, then through redistricting in LD6 won re-election in 2022. I have also served as a precinct committeeman.

2. Describe your duty as related to the office you are running for and how your leadership style will be employed to influence others and achieve success.

As a small business owner, I have learned that you get things done when you have good explanations of why. I look for the small details that can change things in a big way. Having served for the last 3 years (in my 4th year), I have built solid relationships to get things done here in Idaho. These relationships are critical to get things moved through the legislative process and sway others in favor or against each idea.

3. What does success look like for this position and what measures, or key performance indicators should your voters use to evaluate your performance?

Success looks like the laws moving in the right direction. I cannot compromise my moral convictions, but to make adjustments that will lead us back to the time when our freedoms were more prevalent and not under attack. I work to benefit the constituents in my district and the state of Idaho.

4. What Community Activities are you engaged or associated with (non-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, commissions, etc.) where you have been of service to others. Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?

I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and have served in several leadership positions. I was also the leader of a local Boy Scouts of America troop for 15 years. I support many local clubs and organizations such as youth programs and pro life non-profit organizations.

Civics and Government

5. Where do our rights as Citizens of the United States come from and under what conditions can government infringe on or suspend them?

The highest law in our land is the US Constitution with the Bill of Rights as an amendment. The Bill of Rights guarantees that the government can never deny or take away certain fundamental rights including the right to freedom of religion, to free speech or to the due process of law.

6. Regarding Interpretation of the United States Constitution, do you consider yourself an originalist or prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.

I believe that our founding fathers recognized how easily a government could become corrupt. They placed one of the greatest documents ever to protect us from an out of control government. The United States Constitution is there to protect the citizens of the United States. In my mind, it is not a living document to be changed, but more a road map for our government to follow.

7. What is the purpose of government in a Constitutional Republic and if elected how will you perform your duties based on this "purpose?"

In our Constitutional Republic, the government is charged with very few abilities. I believe that our federal government should provide for interstate commerce, national defense, international treaties, and provide for the common good of the people. It is my responsibility as an elected official to provide the proper role of government and let the free market manage the other needed items.

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

I believe that life begins at conception and as such, the government is responsible provide the protections under the Constitution from that point throughout life. Every life is precious and should be protected from conception until death.

9. Describe your views on the 2nd Amendment and what, if any limitations of this right do you support?

I believe that the Second Amendment was put in place to protect all the other amendments and as such, I feel that the current laws on the books are too much. I believe that we should have some laws for the well being of our nation, but that right is laid out very clear in the words "shall not be infringed".

Transparency and Accountability

10. Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest (personal or professional) that may jeopardize your candidacy or compromise you if elected?

Being a current elected official, I can safely say that I do not have issues in my life that will cause harm to my candidacy.

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

I am very responsive to emails from my constituents, and I list my cell phone number on the state website. When it comes to voting, I represent about 52,000 people and 57% voted for me in the last election as a Republican. It is important that I listen to all constituents, but the republican voice outweighs the other side of the isle.

Feedback from the Candidate

Please use the text box below to provide feedback or questions you may have for the LD6RCC Candidates Evaluation and Vetting team you are working with.