

BCRCC Candidate Questionnaire for website & social media

Introduction:

- Full name: Cornel S. Rasor
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- Which position are you running for: State Representative LD1-B
- How long have you been registered as a Republican: Not really sure, likely since 1974
- Have you ever been unaffiliated or registered with any other party? If so, please specify: No and No
- How long have you lived in your district: 1972-1978; 1980-today. Latest – 46 years

Questions:

1. What kind of professional, volunteer, or elected experience do you have that would prepare you for this position? I have been involved politically for over 40 years. My formal involvement as a member of the Republican Party and the local central committee commenced in the mid-1990s. I have worked as a precinct committeeman, and advisor to other legislative officers, various positions in the state central committee, a Bonner County Commissioner 2009-2013, elected state legislator 2025-2026
2. What is the role of government (particularly the government for which you seek office): I'm seeking office/reelection to the position of state representative which has the responsibility for state government, legislative oversight of the other two branches of government, legislative oversight of multiple agencies and the responsibility for setting and maintaining a balanced budget.
3. What are the responsibilities and the duties of the position you are seeking? I believe I answered that in the above question as well.
4. What is the source of authority for the position you are seeking? Biblical authority would be found in the books of Exodus, Deuteronomy, first Samuel, Matthew, and Romans among others. In our form of government which is a representative constitutional republic, the source of authority is the people who are the true sovereigns.
5. What made you decide to run for this position: I believe I could offer my skills and work ethic to continue and protect the form of government we have and serve the people in doing so.
6. What would you like to achieve if elected: regarding what I would like to see for government itself and its responsibilities towards the people- I continue to hope for greater liberty, more personal responsibility, less onerous taxation, and now reclaiming the values that made this country what it is.
7. What does it mean to be conservative? Please provide examples applicable to the office you are running for: The definition of conservative is bandied about and used incorrectly more often than not. To conserve is to maintain something that has value. So, from my perspective, being a conservative would mean the maintenance and protection and furtherance of the type of government that was handed to us in the late 1700s and has continually been degraded. To conserve that in this case, would mean to return to it. Examples would include a fiscally responsible budgetary policy. Laws that promote liberty, private property rights, the protection of life and recognizing that individuals have responsibility to determine their own life direction. The repeal of laws that degrade liberty, private property rights, and the protection of life.

8. What makes you a good candidate for this position: A long track record of promoting and working towards these very things.

9. What guides you in your decision making: I start with the Bible, an understanding of our form of government and its constitutions (national, and state) advice from people who have a proper worldview, and good interaction with others to promote understanding issues comprehensively. Unfortunately, it is not common knowledge how a constitutional republic works. Legislators that are voted in using the only democratic process that occurs in our form of government (electing public servants to office), first have a responsibility to obey their oath of office. And I take that very seriously, that means that if the federal Constitution prohibits something, no matter how many of my constituents want it, I'm going to be voting against it. So, for example, and this is only one of many, it is standard procedure for states to take massive federal subsidies to fund programs that the federal government has absolutely no business being involved in. I generally vote against those because of the federal funding which is a violation of article 1 section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. If a power is not granted, that is specifically granted to the federal government, it has no business funding or even being involved with it.

10. For the government office you are seeking, what is your opinion of our current structure of the governmental agencies and centralization versus decentralization – do you think there should be any changes: At the state level, we have the same basic problem that we have at the federal level. The agencies control the direction of state government for at least nine months out of the year with minimal oversight and thus they expand, create rules that violate legislative intent, and mismanage their budgets. Now this is not to say that there are no agencies working appropriately or at least portions of them working appropriately but what is needed is a genuine comprehensive overhaul of the entire direction of state government. But with a legislature composed of so many different worldviews and value systems, this is not something that is going to happen quickly. I think that the changes should include structural changes to the way the agencies operate with better accountability to the state legislature which is the arm of government tasked with overseeing them. Unfortunately, the executive (Governor) has far more agency and authority in these areas than I believe it should have. A fix for this would include legislation that returns oversight and budgetary direction to the Legislature. It is important of course that the three branches to remain one another, but frankly, the legislature which directly represents the people should have the most authority and responsibility. Laws should reflect appropriate oversight without creating centralization of power. This is a difficult and interesting balance to maintain. We are making some headway in this.

11. Please explain any disagreements you have with the Idaho Republican Platform by Article and Section number. See online at IDGOP

12. Have you received any endorsements from other people or organizations? If so, please list. Should be receiving an endorsement from Raul Labrador soon.

13. Are you affiliated with any political groups, clubs, or organizations? If so, please list. Republican Liberty Caucus Northwest Director.

14. Feel free to share anything else you'd like voters & the BCRCC to know about you.