

Jeff Roberts Reply to Bonner County Republican Central Committee questionnaire.

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Registered Republican 18 years

I have also been a member of the American Heritage Party and the Constitution Party.

I have lived in my district since July of 2019

#1. I am a small business owner, General Contractor, I manage numerous projects annually, drawing up contracts, managing dozens of subcontractors plus employees, executing scope of contract, and managing budget, \$1-\$2 million in revenue per year. I have served as the VP of Oregon III% with 1300 members as well as North Idaho III% lead with close to 200 members and have organized many large volunteer operations centered around protecting property and individual rights, community response evacuations for wildfires, opposing leftist revolutionaries attempting to destabilize our communities, organized holiday dinners for homeless veterans and coordinated trailer loads of food donations during covid to our community. I also have served as a PCP in the central committee in Josephine County Oregon.

#2. As county commissioner our primary role is to execute the Idaho statutory mandate of administering management of the county government as outlined in the Idaho Constitution (Article 18) and Idaho Statute Title 31- Chapter 8

#3. Responsibilities of county commissioner include but are not limited to: Providing oversight of county employees and departments, establishing a comprehensive plan for growth management, ensuring essential services continue to operate, as well as the building of new and maintenance of existing infrastructure. Approving the annual budget and ensuring that county government is working for the people and not against, while being vigilant stewards of the taxpayer's money.

#4. All government derives its power and authority from the consent of the governed. The Idaho Constitution and statute as written and amended by the Idaho legislature, who are elected representatives of the people, has authorized, and mandated that a 3-person commissioner board be elected to fulfill the duties of county government. If elected by the people, they are consenting to give their trust to me to serve on their behalf to manage the county.

#5. Bonner county is my home, I own property here, I operate a business here, my children live here, and having left what used to be a wonderful state (Oregon) after watching it become a leftist nightmare, I do not feel we have anywhere else to go, if we allow Bonner County to become another radical left community destroyed by high taxes, big government, limited freedom, and depraved culture we will have lost an irreplaceable blessing. I have spent most of my life, in some capacity, volunteering for the good of our nation, and my fellow man, and after speaking with many citizens in our county, my own sphere of family, friends, and neighbors, as well as members of the Republican party and county employees, it has become abundantly clear that the citizens are very much looking for another option

on the May 19th ballot for county Commissioner district 2. I am seeking this position as a sense of duty and service to the people in my home in Bonner County and to have played a part in ensuring a bright future for my children.

#6. I want to restore professionalism, transparency and decorum to the county commissioner's office that has seen so much turmoil in the last 6 years. I also want to see confidence in county government, from both the citizens and county employees rebuilt. I plan to ensure that the county is operating in the best interests of the people, by vigorously protecting property and individual rights. I will intentionally keep county government operating in a constitutional framework; functional, limited, efficient and confined to its constitutional mandate and actively resisting the natural course that governments take in exceeding their intended purpose by becoming large, wasteful, and tyrannical.

#7. Holding individual rights in the highest regard and placing the burden on government to prove it has the right to infringe upon the individual. Choosing to keep as much power and control in the private sector as opposed to government, and only taking on authority over issues as outlined in the Idaho constitution, and Idaho statute. Believing that there are few things that the government can do that the private sector cannot do better and more efficiently.

Counties across America have seen infringements on the right to bear arms, as well as the right to self-defense. Citizens have also been subject to burdensome taxes, and property owners have had bureaucratic red tape placed on them. The enforcement of mask and vaccine mandates, violations against free speech as well as the right to assemble and gather for religious purposes are a few other things that we have seen in recent years. Conservative values are opposed to implementation of such authoritarian measures. Unfortunately, Bonner County has been subject to more than one of these abuses, I believe that we must be on guard against allowing any such violations take place within our community. Conservative leadership within the commissioner's office means holding the line to protect property rights, retain low taxation, and limit governments involvement in the lives of Bonner County's citizens.

#8. I am not a politician, and my desire is to be a servant leader. I want to serve my county and eventually return to my business and home having contributed to the cause of keeping Bonner County the conservative, moral, free, safe, and beautiful county that caused me to come here to begin with. I have dedicated large portions of my life to the cause of liberty and standing up for my fellow man, many times at great risk, but the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. My experience as a business owner and managing budgets as well as other professionals in a coordinated manner to fulfill contractual obligations within scope and budget is very much in alignment with the duties and responsibilities of the commissioner's office.

#9. Is the decision lawful, is it ethical, does it make sense, is it God honoring, is it doing unto others as I would have done to me? Also, what are the short and long-term effects of the decision, in terms of governance: how will government, or future elected leaders misuse this decision. Is this decision for the betterment of Bonner County regardless of who is in office, potentially in the future with different values than I possess?

#10 Currently there appears to be, at times, a culture centered around stifling input and rights as well as avoiding accountability to the citizens of Bonner and to periodically disregard the needs and desires of property owners. While the structure of county government seems sound in its framework, I currently

see indicators of movement to expand county government in unnecessary ways and thereby intrude into the private sector. This must be vigilantly kept in check to prevent the county from evolving beyond its constitutional guidelines. If the legislature chooses to reduce the county involvement in citizens lives via constitutional amendment, or change in statute, I would enthusiastically embrace the shrinking of county government.

#11. I have no disagreements with the platform.

#12 Dennis Engelhardt, Ron Korn

#13. I am a life member of the John Birch Society, an active donor and scholar parent for Patriot Academy, and former Constitutional Sherriff's and Peace officers Association member, Idaho III% member and lead, and former Oath Keepers member.

#14. I made a vow after Ruby Ridge, having witnessed the horrific outcome of unchecked tyranny, to always be willing to take a stand for liberty and my fellow man. I have taken an oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution from ALL enemies, foreign AND DOMESTIC. I hold a deep reverence for both individual and property rights, enough so that I have placed myself in harm's way between rogue federal agencies and innocent ranchers, miners, and landowners on many occasions. I have operated as a buffer between radical leftist revolutionaries and peaceful cities in North Idaho. I have engaged in civil disobedience on the steps of the state capitol of Oregon, opposing unconstitutional gun regulations. My commitment to upholding the Constitution and defending the rights of Americans will continue to be evident as an elected official, so help me God.

Respectfully,

Jeff Roberts.