

2016 Candidate Statement for Representative John McCrostie

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Name: John McCrostie

Office: Idaho State Representative House 16A (incumbent)

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Biographical information:

Age: 46

Hometown: Mountain Home, Idaho

Occupation: teacher

Family: Husband, Dave Navarro

Qualifications:

Education:

JD, Concordia Law School, 2015; MS, Boise State University, 2006;

BME, Oral Roberts University, 1993

Prior political experience

Idaho State Representative for House 16A, 2014-current

Precinct committeeman, 2012-current

I became an education activist upon the introduction of the Students Come First bills. I collected over 2,000 signatures to get Props 1, 2 and 3 on the ballot, and I organized and led phone banks, fundraisers, and GOTV efforts to repeal the Luna Laws.

Civic/community involvement

Boise Education Association executive board member, 3 years

Idaho Education Association Delegate to Delegate Assembly, 6 years

National Education Association Representative to Representative Assembly, 5 years

Treasure Valley Concert Band, clarinet, 10 years

Biotzetik Basque Choir, baritone and assistant director, 9 years

community theater, including Knock Em Dead Productions, Prairie Dog Productions,

Spontaneous Productions, and Stage Coach Theater, actor and musical director, 12 years

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Top Priorities:

My top three priorities are education, equality, and the economy.

Education has seen a 7.4% funding increase for the last 2 years, getting us to 2009 levels. While this is an improvement to freezing teacher salaries, it still leaves us 7 years behind without even accounting for inflation or enrollment growth. We need to keep working to adequately fund Idaho's K-12 schools.

Idaho needs to Add the Words "sexual orientation and gender identity" to our Human Rights Act. We need to treat all people in Idaho with respect and dignity, including our LGBT population. As Idaho's only openly gay legislator, I provide a unique perspective on this issue that is necessary to finally pass this zero-cost legislation.

Idaho's economy can be improved by changing our policies on education and equality, thereby attracting more companies into our state that provide livable wage jobs for hard-working Idaho families. We can also aid our economy by passing Medicaid expansion in some form. This will stop shipping Idaho tax dollars to other states for their Medicaid expansion. It will also allow us to close state and local indigency programs and save taxpayer dollars.

Why vote for me:

I am committed to representing the voice of the people of District 16. I listen to my constituents, and I cast my votes based on thoughtful deliberation of the issues and the best interests of the people of District 16 and the people of Idaho.