

Candidate Statement

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1. Biography – Qualifications:

An Idaho native, I was born in St. Maries, and have lived in Idaho my entire life. I live in Gooding where I enjoyed a 37-year career as a math teacher in the Wendell and Gooding school districts.

Since 2014, I have worked for the College of Southern Idaho as an Instructor for Adult Education, focusing on college and career readiness. I work at both the Blaine County and Gooding County outreach centers. I have also worked on the main campus in Twin Falls. As a consultant, I work with Boise State University through the Idaho Leads Project, mentoring young teachers.

Throughout my career, improving education for our children has been my focus. I am the co-President of Delta Kappa Gamma, a women's service organization for professional educators and I served on the State of Idaho's Curriculum Alignment Committee to ensure kids were meeting state standards at each grade level. In 2012, prior to my retirement from the Gooding School District, I received the State of Idaho Teacher/Mentor Award.

I strongly believe in giving back to my community, and I have served on numerous committees and boards, including the Gooding Hospital Foundation board. I have volunteered as a coach for youth recreation teams. Recently, I have helped organize and been a team captain for the Gooding County Relay For Life.

With my husband, Mark, I own and operate family farms and cattle ranches in Gooding and Camas counties. I am deeply familiar with the particular challenges agricultural producers confront, including water issues and the economic pressures we face from year to year. Our two sons, Cliff and Steven, along with their families, have returned to Idaho to raise their children and continue the family agricultural business.

2. Why vote for me? My top priorities?

I am passionate about education. I believe Idaho's school system must give future generations a world-class education that enables them to get jobs that pay well—and in turn help ensure a prosperous future for our communities.

My top priorities:

Education -

- Our public schools are critical in competing in the global system. Without full funding and infrastructure, as well as programs for a high-tech economy, we will continue to lose our young people to opportunities outside of Idaho.
- The State of Idaho must accept the responsibility of adequately funding education

and must not rely on local property taxes to continually close the gap. The Educational Task Force recommendations need to be fully funded and implemented.

#### Natural Resources & Public Lands

- Idaho's public lands are not for sale to the highest bidders or special interest groups. Public lands belong to all of us, and are part of our heritage as Idahoans.
- As someone who works in agriculture, I recognize that balanced management for our lands and resources is crucial. Management must be made of sound and science-based policies to protect our air, water, land and wildlife resources, and we must also consider the needs of Idaho's agricultural producers.
- Water issues are paramount for agriculture, tourism and municipalities. We must involve all these stakeholders as we move forward in finding solutions on water.

#### Jobs & Economy -

- Hard-working Idahoans must be able to afford day-to-day expenses and to educate their kids. We need to attract career opportunities for our workforce that offer good salaries and are competitive with our neighbors.
- We can grow Idaho businesses by allowing Idaho companies the first opportunity to bid on state contracts. We can provide incentives to help workers laid off in the recession get retrained and learn new skills to compete for good jobs.

I ask for your vote on November 8, 2016.

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