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1. Biography — Qualifications

I watched my father, Mark Ricks, serve his community and state, both as State Senator and as Lieutenant Governor. It's time for me to step up and serve my friends and neighbors, too.

I grew up on a farm in Madison County. Much of who I am comes from lessons I learned on the family farm. My first date with my wife, Melissa, was a tractor ride while I worked in the fields. We married on Leap Day in 1984. Today, we still live in my hometown of Rexburg, ID. I'm 54, and we have five children and one granddaughter.

After serving a Polish-speaking LDS mission in Australia, I graduated from Ricks College & BYU-Idaho. At 25, I left the farm and opened the first PC computer store in Rexburg in 1987.

I loved the idea of being an entrepreneur and helping businesses and people. I dealt with the pressures of hiring employees, managing a payroll and paying taxes. I taught myself everything I needed to know about computers to better serve my customers.

In 2000, I sold the store and took a job at BYU-Idaho managing all the PCs in the computer labs. Today, I provide technology assistance for students with disabilities. The technology helps the blind, the deaf and people with other disabilities access materials they need for school. After teaching a few classes myself, I have also gained a new understanding and respect for teachers and students.

As a side business, I flip houses and managed to weather the real estate bubble. It can take over a thousand hours to complete one house. That's a lot of late nights and weekends working on the side, but I love making a fixer-upper look attractive again. Hard work doesn't scare me. In my free time, I enjoy fishing, hunting, boating and spending time with my family.

With my wide range of experience, I believe I can represent the good people of District 34 well. I'd appreciate your vote on May 17!

2. Why vote for me? My top priorities?

I believe District 34 needs a representative who will vote in the best interests of the district and not hand our vote to a Boise-based, special-interest group. A vote for me will put all the oars rowing in the same direction for southeast Idaho.

In addition, I am the current chairman for the Madison County Republican Central Committee, and I have been a Precinct Committeeman for several years. I pledge to you that I'll make every effort to work with other legislators to represent Idaho's conservative values by:

- Promoting free enterprise, economic growth & low taxes
- Limiting government regulation, keeping decisions local & ensuring government serves the people
- Defending the right to bear arms
- Protecting our water rights
- Pursuing equal rights, justice & opportunity for all
- Finding responsible, state-based solutions to provide people with better access to healthcare

My top priorities include:

- Continuing to advance education reform
- Working with all parties to implement smart and sustainable water policies
- Identifying real solutions for healthcare that fit Idaho's needs

Want your voice back? Vote for Doug Ricks on May 17th.