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Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

Tell us about yourself.

My name is Andrew Engell and I'm running for the State Legislature, 7th District, position 1. I live near Colville with my wife and four children. I have been deeply involved in Stevens County throughout my life including 14 years as a volunteer firefighter EMT, a board member of the Colville and Addy food banks, president of Colville Rotary, Precinct Committee Officer for the Stevens County Republicans, and multiple other organizations.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

For the past seven years I've worked for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers from her district office in Colville. I've enjoyed meeting thousands of people across 12 rural counties. My community service includes 14 years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT, Addy food bank chairman, president of my Water and Homeowners Association, active work in my church, many years on the board of Stevens County Farm Bureau, and president of Colville Rotary.

Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.

My duty will be to ensure that people from every part of the district and every walk of life are heard and represented. I will achieve success by building relationships with people in the district as well as other legislators from across the state of both parties. The majority party needs to understand what their actions are doing to the people in eastern Washington.

What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?

Stopping bad bills, pushing through good ones, and ensuring that the democrats know how their bad bills will impact people will be what success looks like. Voters should look at my voting record once it is available to evaluate me.

What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?

I spent 14 years as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in Addy, I was the Addy food bank chairman until a few months ago, president of my Water and Homeowners Association for several years until a few weeks ago, I was on the board for Stevens County Farm Bureau and on the WA Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee back when I was farming, and I'm currently the president of Colville Rotary.

Your Political Beliefs

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?

Our rights come from God and are inalienable. Government can often does infringe upon them but they should not and it is our duty to push back against such tyranny.

Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.

I am a constitutional originalist. The founders provided opportunity for the constitution to be amended, if the people of America believe that it needs to be updated we need to go through that proper procedure for doing so. I completely reject the living document doctrine.

What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"

The purpose of government is outlined in the Declaration of Independence as protecting our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If legislation doesn't fit into one of those categories it should be rejected.

When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?

Life begins at conception and I believe government should protect all life. This is one of the fundamental jobs of government.

Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?

No

Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.

My cell phone is available on my website and I will be available by phone, email, text, or in person as much as I can be. I will treat this as a full time job so that I can be as available as much as possible to my constituents.

Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.

Thank you for the work you do. There is a shortage of people willing to sacrifice their precious time to volunteer in their community, get involved in politics, or educate themselves on the issues and support the battle for liberty. It is people like you who will lead the charge to get our state back on track. Once I get into the Legislature I'm going to need an army of involved people like you to hold me accountable to the people and to help me know what issues are most important, to testify on bills, and to share stories that I can use to build support for legislative change.

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