

## 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.

# Native to Spokane, alumni to GU for undergrad and Whitworth for graduate. I am a dual endorsed teacher in both elementary and special education with over 20 years of experience. I am a mother of 3 beautiful children.

## List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Running for Washington State Representative in District 3 in 2022, PCO for 3305 for three years, education chair for Spokane County Republican party, 3A District Leader for Spokane County Republican party for the past two years, liaison for local churches and businesses on ballot collection.

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

My duty is to the people and being a good steward of their tax dollars. I believe in transparency and being responsive to those I serve. My duty will be to support limited government and free market ideals to achieve success at this or any level.

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

Success will be sound fiscal decisions that provide the best return for Spokane county with a minimal burden to our tax paying citizens.

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

PRECINCT OFFICER and DISTRICT LEADER for Spokane County Republicans
Communicated with legislators, interest groups, and government agencies, to gather input and support for proposed education bills.

• Developed and implemented communication strategies to promote initiatives and address community support or concerns about bills.

• Monitored and evaluated the impact of existing policies and proposed legislation.

• Canvas precinct and organize teams to canvas precincts to identify voters, clean up data, register voters, and get out the vote.

• Point of information and contact for voters in Spokane County.

• Participated in the development and implementation of a county wide vetting process and supporting Republican candidates.

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• Led campaign strategy development, including voter outreach, fundraising, and grassroots mobilization.

• Coordinated volunteer efforts and managed campaign events to enhance visibility and engagement.

• Organized forums to facilitate dialogue between candidates and/or elected officials and community members.

• Managed campaign services, responding to inquiries, and resolving issues related to local government and community services.

• Conducted research and analysis on various policy issues, providing actionable recommendations to the community.

• Engaged with media outlets to advocate for policy positions and respond to public inquiries.

## **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?

I can't say it much better than our platform and I fully support the following statement, "I believe in civil and religious liberties protect the sovereignty of the individual citizen. Natural rights as enumerated in the first four amendments in the Bill of Rights within the U.S. Constitution (which include religious liberties) are God-given and therefore unalienable. These fundamental liberties include the freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom of conscience, and are proclaimed in The Declaration of Independence, protected in The Bill of Rights, and reaffirmed in Article I of the Washington State Constitution. It is the obligation of government at every level to observe, respect, and secure these liberties."

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

Originalist; The Constitution of the United States and State Constitution are documents that are judiciously balanced. The preservation and protection of the Constitution is essential to maintaining our republic. Amendments allow for societal and cultural changes.

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

I believe in limited government by the consent of the governed. Government, by elected officials, should require transparency and accountability to said governed. In order for our society to remain free it is essential for government to show restraint. I believe at this time government has overstepped its powers in many capacities. The government is over regulating and inserting itself in matters that are not part of its duty. I will perform the duties outlined for the County Treasurer while maintaining an open dialogue to the people of Spokane county. I will review efficiency of this office to maximize its duty to the tax-paying citizens. The duties and responsibilities of the office includes providing service for approximately 80 regional government entities that include a few of the following; Transit, School, Fire, Cemetery, Airport and Water. The responsibilities include billing and collecting of real estate and personal property taxes, special assessments and fees for flood control, road improvement, water, drainage and several other special assessments and collection of excise tax on the sale or transfer of real estate and mobile homes. Cash custody, banking and financial services, investments, revenue collections and debt payments. Foreclosures of real estate and seizure of personal property for delinquent taxes.

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

Life starts at conception and ends at natural death. I do believe that public funds should not be used in any capacity that violates life. I believe in educating people on the viable option as an alternative to abortion and I support organizations that believe in life.

# 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?

None

## 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.

I will continue with a newsletter to the public. I will also continue to implement town halls to both inform and potentially educate constituents. I believe in responding to emails in a timely fashion as well as phone messages. I plan to answer my phone as often as possible during my workday. I want to hear from those I will serve.

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

What is your expectation of a county treasurer?

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