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Your Details

Basic information about yourself

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I am a candidate running for...	State Auditor
Website Address	None Do have a newsletter if that helps.

Please list any/all social media account URLs.

WTPlearn on most Social Media sites. Also WTPcalendars for We The People Calendars. LinkedIn, Substack, Instagram and so forth. Time has been limited and I have not done a great job of posting.

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.

Married for 37 years, father of 10 children, living in Spokane my entire life. My work career has crossed over a variety of industries working within the Investment community for Commercial Real Estate and business enterprises.

Most recently I have been involved in a work to expand a discussion on all that is good about our country. Raised in a home that believed in contributing to a strong community, I have seen the values of our heritage being questioned.

What my recent engagement with government policy has shown is that somehow, we as citizens have been short changed and cut out of even being able to ask questions. When we can't even trust the answers, we are given by our government institutions then we must question where we are headed.

My experience in business, as well as in raising a family, has taught me that transparency and accountability are critical to favorable outcomes. What I have learned in recent years about how our elections lack both,

is appalling. Being able to bring what I have learned from the private sector into the public world for accountability will be a great benefit as we work to restore the public's trust in their state government.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Took on the role of Trustee for an Involuntary Chapter 11, back in 2002, for the Omni Management. In the process we saved all of the jobs, paid back Creditors and restored a restaurant chain in record time. Served on 2 national advisory boards, one supporting Mergers & Acquisitions the other for The National Commercial Real Estate Institute. In the prior position I also served as the National Conference Chair, where our team was able to expand conference attendance in a down market. Currently serve as the State Committeeman for the GOP in Spokane County. in this position I have been involved with the Election Integrity Committee at both the State and County. In this capacity I have instrumental in participating in a deep review of the election systems and promulgated policy for Auditing elections.

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

Simply, the job is designed to ask questions, verify the integrity of what has been accounted for and to encourage improvement to process and systems that will save the citizens money while improving trust in the process. To do the job right, one must recognize that the Audit process is forever changing and that audits need to be adapted to changes in conditions. Technology is one of our biggest threats, as well as opportunities, if we can simply recognize how to best use and be respectful of what technology can offer.

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

First is the idea of asking questions, while expecting answers.
Second is the ability to be approachable to concerns that the public has, relating to questionable behavior in government.
As for KPI's, it will be evident in the reports provided for, as we have seen a clear dismissal of citizen engagement.

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

The Republican Party.
Let's Go Washington, serving as the Eastern Washington liaison for getting the Initiatives signed both years.
Various school PTO's over the years as well as the Parent support group for University High School Theater department.
Years earlier my wife and I coached softball.
Other than that, I have been involved in service work with my church helping families and youth as needed.

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 Natures God as declared through the US Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Government has no right to infringe or suspend them. Yet it is true that we can amend the Constitution through the Amendment process, as the States come together and Ratify such amendments.

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

I believe we need to be subject to the intent of the original founders and their writings dealing with the formation of this country. Time does not change how words are to be interpreted. We need to understand the intent of the writers as they understood.

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

To recognize the Constitution, both State and Federal; and that government is to serve the needs of the people.

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

Life begins at conception.

Government has a duty to protect. Society has a choice and will be held to account for their actions one day. No one escapes consequences.

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 on criminal convictions. as well as for bankruptcy, tax liens and so forth. Also no conflicts that I am aware of .

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.

It is not about voting for me it is about making the services of the State Auditor's office available to those that I can serve.

The access is to be always approachable.

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

None at this time.

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