

Kootenai County Republican Central Committee

Rating and Vetting Program

The KCRCC has developed a process of informing local voters about candidates running for both partisan and non-partisan offices. We have found that some candidates who subscribe to be Republicans do not necessarily hold strong Republican values. Furthermore, Precinct Committeemen are frequently asked for information about candidates and issues. The Precinct Committeemen's job is to know their constituents and to keep them informed about candidates and ballot measures.

For this reason, the KCRCC has implemented a Rating and Vetting

Program whereby candidates are rated by the Precinct Committeemen.

FOR CANDIDATES:

Rating Criteria:

We will be searching for and rating men and women of good character, virtue and integrity, and who hold constitutional and traditional values.

The KCRCC encourages candidates to participate in this process and other opportunities to present themselves to the voters such as forums, town halls, social media, speaking before the KRCC, and "Meet and Greets."

Please tell us the following information about yourself:

Name: [Curt Jernigan](#)

Position [Running For: Mayor, Dalton Gardens](#)

Website: curt4dalton.com (live on or before 9/15/2023)

Tell us a little about yourself and your family, how long you have lived in the area and your occupation.

My wife Lucy and I have been married 41 years and have 4 grown children. Although we have only lived in Northern Idaho for 3 years, we purchased our property in Dalton Gardens 39 years ago; and my father and aunt lived in Northern Idaho in the early 1950's. I enjoy woodworking, gardening, amateur radio, being involved in my church, and attending community meetings.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have experience as an elected official and if so, what was your position, and how would you describe your voting record?

Although I haven't had the experience of being an elected official, I ran for city council in Dalton Gardens in 2021. In San Jose, California, I was the finance manager for a successful school board candidate who exposed the superintendent and facilities director of fraud, resulting in their resignations.

2. Please tell us about your activity as a Republican. Have you previously voted for candidates of other parties? If yes, explain.

As a lifelong Republican, I never supported a candidate of another party and I made sure my vote endorses a candidate's values that are consistent with the party--not using the label for their personal agenda. It is increasingly important in an age of deception to identify and weed out RINOs

I'm very much a Reagan Republican and one of his quotes that resonates with me is *"Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives."*

3. What is the purpose of government?

First, I believe the framers of the Constitution of the United States were inspired of God to produce it.

From my perspective, government exists to set a standard, a framework for its population to function safely, fairly and to flourish. It is to enforce the rule of law and hold everyone to the same standard. In other words, establish a good foundation (Constitution) and get out of the way.

4. Why are you running for this particular office. What are your qualifications? What are your goals.

It has been a long-term goal to get involved in making a difference. I'm finally at a point in my life and in a place where involvement and effort count.

Dalton Gardens is an amazing slice of Idaho occupying about 2.4 square miles with a population of about 2500 people. My goals are to improve the relationship between city hall and the residents, increase transparency, protect the city's rural nature, and ensure conservative fiscal accountability.

I have managed staff and departmental budgets of over 1 million dollars, which provided a basis for overseeing organizations well and responsibly. This is a completely transferable fit for a city like Dalton Gardens.

5. Describe experiences where you are or have been engaged such as non-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, commissions, etc., where you have been of service to others.

As a young man, I volunteered to serve my church in Venezuela for a 2-year mission. During my children's elementary school days, I was a member of the school site council and taught beginning computer classes for interested parents. I have worked with the Boy Scouts of America in various positions for over a decade and currently serve on the board of the Dalton Water Association.

6. Do you describe yourself as fiscally conservative? Please elaborate.

Yes, I am fiscally conservative. Public funds, largely provided by hard working Americans, should be spent with thoughtful purpose and within budget.

7. Do you consider yourself socially conservative? Please elaborate.

I was raised in a traditional family with Christian values that encouraged loyalty, love of country, honesty, and integrity. Obedience to the laws of the land was also stressed.

8. Describe which party platform best aligns with your positions on public policy (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or Constitutional Party) and where do you disagree with that platform.

Republican values of family, faith, individual freedom, and the free market are a few of the values I hold dear and provides a basis for my view on public policy. One issue I have is the party sometime appears to lack coordination on a national level.

9. Do you have any history of tax liens, criminal record, bankruptcy or conflict of interest that may affect your future decisions or desirability to be voted into office?

No. I have no history of tax liens, criminal record, bankruptcy, or conflict of interest that would affect my current and future decisions to be voted into office.

10. Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative with FORTITUDE, adhering to the values and answers you have stated above.

I plan to have open office hours on a regular basis to stay in touch with my constituents. Valuable input from the residents is key to establishing a healthy relationship and efficient processes. Political officers can't just do what they want to do. Government is established by the voice of the people. That starts by listening to them.

The answers to these questions will be the basis of the ratings you will receive and the issues we would like addressed by you in other settings.

In previous elections there have been cases where two well-rated candidates running against a third poorly rated candidate will “split the vote” leaving the poorly rated candidate with the win. In such a case where two candidates may split the vote, the KCRCC Election Committee will encourage the candidate with the second highest rating to drop out and run again at a later time.

Those who fail to respond to this questionnaire will likely receive lower ratings.

Please respond by the date requested of you, typically soon after the candidate-filing deadline.

FOR COMMITTEEMEN:

The Rating and Vetting Program is designed to assist the KCRCC in getting information to the voters in your precinct through walking, mail, social and other media, and passing out sample ballots. In order to identify the very best candidate for each race, your job as an elected Precinct Committeeman is to vet then rate using the criteria above stated AND by confidentially contacting each other for additional information. It is your obligation to submit final ratings at a time and place designated by the Election Committee.

