

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: **Joe Malloy**

Position Running For: **Post Falls City Council, Seat 3**

Website:

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

My family has roots in Post Falls dating back about 70 years. My great grandfather, grandfather, and great uncle started Idaho Veneer Company in Post Falls in 1953 (sadly, Idaho Veneer ceased operations in 2021). I have lived in North Idaho my entire life, starting in Sandpoint (where my father operated Ceda-Pine Veneer, Co. in Samuels), then moving to Coeur d'Alene in 1983. I graduated from Lake City High School in 1995, and earned a BA in Business Administration (International Emphasis) from Washington State University in 2000. After graduation, I moved to Hayden and began working in sales and marketing for Idaho Veneer. I bought my first home in Post Falls in 2004. During the recession of 2008-9, I switched careers and became the Purchasing Manager for Energy Products of Idaho. EPI was later bought by a Finnish corporation called Outotec. That transition didn't go well, so I moved on to become the Purchasing Manager for KeyTronic in Spokane Valley, where I am still employed today.

I met my wife, Amber, in 2012. She was a nurse specializing in dementia care. We married in 2013, and our son Ryan was born in 2014. From that point forward, Amber has been a stay-at-home mom. Our daughter, Sadie, was born in 2017. That same year, our son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Fast forward to today, and Ryan is in 3rd grade at the School of Malloy (he is home schooled), while Sadie is in 1st grade at Ponderosa Elementary.

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?

The dates have gotten a bit fuzzy and all of the numbers have changed, but I spent almost a decade on the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (starting in 2005, I believe). During that time, I served for two years as the Youth Committeeman, and was successful in getting a Young Republicans club reestablished at NIC (with much help from a bright young NIC student named Vinny Zito). I also served as the District 5 (now District 3) Chairman for two years. I had to resign from the Committee when I moved out of my precinct in 2014.

In 2011, I was asked by multiple people to run for the Post Falls City Council against the Council President at the time, Scott Grant. I decided to attend a meeting and see what it was all about. During the meeting I attended, Mr. Grant made a motion to increase city taxes by 2%, and the motion passed. I decided right then and there to throw my hat into the ring, and I ended up winning by almost a 30% margin. The City of Post Falls has not raised taxes since then (with one exception where the street light fees were eliminated and rolled into the general fund, which was a wash). I defeated former Post Falls Mayor Clay Larkin by an 18% margin in 2015, and I was unopposed in 2019. Overall, I am proud of my voting record. We have seen explosive population growth in Post Falls over the last 12 years; Post Falls is the only city locally that has not raised taxes during that time, and we have still maintained high levels of service for the citizens. We have made smart investments in property that serves multiple purposes to efficiently accommodate growth. We have made smart investments in technology, particularly within the Police Department, which was one of the first departments in the country to universally wear body cameras. I have consistently opposed high-density housing along our most stressed traffic corridors (unfortunately, I was on the losing side of quite a few such votes, particularly prior to the 2021 election... Councilors Walker, Zeigler, and Shove have proven to be great allies for slower/smarter growth). I moved to reject the mask mandate presented to us by the Panhandle Health District in 2020, and that motion passed. I can really only think of one vote I would do differently knowing what I know today, and that was the vote to implement a 2-week closure of bars and restaurants within city limits back in April of 2020. It was my first pandemic, and I have learned much since that day. I'm more than happy to discuss that vote and what I will do differently the next time around.

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

I voted for Bob Barr (formerly a Republican in the US House, ran as a Libertarian) for President in 2008. It was something of a protest vote... at that time, I felt that the Republican party at the national level was drifting too far left, particularly on fiscal matters, foreign policy, and protections of our 4th Amendment right to privacy (I was a vocal supporter of Ron Paul during the primary, and at my relatively youthful and naïve age, I was admittedly a bit bitter by the way I had perceived his campaign was treated by the national party). Obama was a largely unknown quantity at the time, and I also knew there was exactly a 0% chance McCain wouldn't carry the state of Idaho in a landslide, so I felt I had the luxury of casting such a vote. Had there been any risk whatsoever that Obama might carry the state, I would have voted for McCain.

3. What is the purpose of government?

In short: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...."

Of course, municipal government has some fairly specific purposes. For example, the cornerstone of civilized society is the ability to keep human waste far from human activity; as such, the City of Post Falls has built and maintains a state-of-the-art water reclamation facility, and contracts with Post Falls Sanitation to remove and transport solid waste to the county transfer station(s). The maintenance of law and order is another purpose of government and, to that end, the city funds and operates the Post Falls Police Department, which I would argue is one of the finest police departments in the entire country. Municipal governments typically enact and enforce local zoning ordinances which, when implemented properly, help to protect the people's investments in property within the city. Municipal governments construct and maintain critical infrastructure within their jurisdiction, including roads, bridges, water/sewer systems, etc. As a general answer, the city's Mission Statement reads: "The City of Post Falls' mission is to provide leadership, support common community values, promote citizen involvement and provide services which ensure a superior quality of life."

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

People I greatly respect have asked me to run for another term on the Post Falls City Council. I have never run for a position I have not been asked to run for; and as long as people find value in what I'm doing, I will continue to serve. My qualifications are pretty well described above, so I won't rehash them here. My goals for the upcoming term are to help manage the unprecedented growth of the city in a fiscally responsible manner and, as always, in a way that respects and emphasizes our God-given rights. Economic health is also vital to the overall health of a city and its residents, and I will continue to push for policies and practices that make Post Falls an attractive place to operate a business and hire workers.

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.

I was the head coach for the North Idaho College Rugby Club from 2010-2014 (or roughly thereabouts). I also served on the United Way of North Idaho Board of Directors from 2013-2019, the last two years acting as the Vice President. I believe it is important to demonstrate that societal problems can be effectively mitigated through private organizations, and that the answer isn't always "more government."

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

Absolutely. Whether an individual, business, organization, or government entity, I believe it is vitally important to live within one's means, plan for the future, prepare for the unexpected, and make sound investments. As a member of the City Council, I recognize the profound responsibility it is to manage taxpayer funds; everyone trades significant portions of their lives to earn an income, and I'll be damned if I don't do everything within my power to assure the portion of that income entrusted to the city is

managed wisely and spent to the highest value. After all, I am a taxpayer, too; and like everyone else, I generally don't enjoy it.

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

Personally, yes. I am married, have two children, and am the breadwinner for my family while my wife runs the household and raises our kids full-time. While I am not a particularly religious person, I do believe that God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. I believe we are all endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights. I am an ardent proponent and defender of the Constitution of the United States, including the individual right to keep and bear arms as codified in the 2nd Amendment. It is scientific fact that human life begins at conception, and I believe we must protect the rights of all human lives. I believe in personal responsibility and equality of opportunity, and oppose any government-mandated attempts at equality of outcomes.

I also have a strong libertarian bent. I recognize that we live in a free country, and as free people with free will, not everyone has to believe exactly as I do, or make the same choices I make. As long as your actions do not violate anyone else's rights, I will respect and uphold your right to do as you please.

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.

While the national Republican platform has not changed since 2016, it remains a fantastic platform, and most closely mirrors my beliefs. While there are some provisions I believe could go a bit farther (for example, it calls for greater transparency at the Federal Reserve, while I'm not sure the Federal Reserve should exist at all), there is nothing in the platform I flatly object to, and a whole lot I support.

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. If anyone really wants to dig into my history, they will find a DUI conviction stemming from an incident on my 21st birthday in Scottsdale, AZ. But that's well over half my life ago, I learned valuable lessons from it, and it in no way has hampered my ability to serve.

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.

Over the last three terms, I have demonstrated my commitment to open communication with the citizens of Post Falls. Aside from form letters (which I do read and take note of), I respond to every email I receive specifically addressing me on city issues. I'm always more than happy to sit down over a cup of coffee with anyone who has ideas or concerns related to city matters, and have done so dozens of times. I have had many phone conversations with concerned citizens.

Obviously, different people have different opinions. First and foremost, it is my duty to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Idaho. I don't care how popular public opinion might be about a particular policy; if that policy blatantly violates either document (and relevant case law, if applicable), I'm voting "No." I also must be cognizant of state law. I have had many conversations, for example, about changing the way property taxes are calculated and collected... unfortunately, that is all determined by the state Legislature, and there's literally nothing I can do about it as a City Councilor.

Beyond that, I take in the thoughts shared with me by constituents, gather any other relevant information available, consult with city staff where appropriate, and make the best decisions I can.

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.

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