

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: John Hatcher

Position Running For: Rathdrum City Council, Seat 4

Website: none - email 1188john@gmail.com

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

My name is John Hatcher and I am a 47 year old Christian, Republican, Father and Husband. I grew up in the small town of Zillah Washington on a farm. My childhood consisted of moving irrigation lines and helping my dad in our vineyard. My parents instilled in me at a young age a hard work ethic. I attended church at Calvary Baptist Church in Toppenish Washington. My future wife and I met in the 2nd grade and started dating in high school. Within a year after graduating, we were married and moved to Idaho, 27 years ago. My wife is a Registered Nurse and has worked in the hospital for 20 years. She is the love of my life and my best friend. We have 3 amazing children who have all attended school in Rathdrum from the Shepard of the Hills pre-school through Lakeland High School. My oldest daughter is in nursing school in Provo Utah. My son worked hard to earn his pilot's license while in high school and will someday be a commercial pilot. He is currently spreading the gospel and serving as a missionary for 2 years in France. Our youngest daughter is a junior at Lakeland High School.

I have my pilots license and own a plane at the CDA airport, and I enjoy being part of the airport community. I have an FFL (federal firearms license) and transfer weapons primarily for law enforcement officers. I own a gun or two myself and I love shooting.

My wife and I own Leisure Acres, a mobile home park in Osburn Idaho. I am currently getting ready to start my 5th year as the Armed Guard for the Lakeland School District at Lakeland High School. I completed the academy in 2009 and have served as a Level 1 Reserve Police Officer for the last 14 years. The last 10 years for the Rathdrum Police Department donating thousands of hours of free service to our city. I am also the President of the Lakeland High School Booster Club. My wife and I run the concessions and are known for our "Hawk Burgers".

1. I have never served or have I ran for an elected office. I served for 3 years on the Planning and Zoning for the city of Rathdrum. 1 year of that service was as the chair. Planning and Zoning can only recommend to the city council as they have the ultimate vote.

As for my voting record, I have always consistently voted for conservative family values.

2. I support and endorse a conservative Republican ticket and have always voted Republican.

3. The purpose of government is to protect life, liberty, and individual rights.

4. I am running for a seat on the city council to do my best to ensure our local government serves the will of the people and not its own ideals. We need to be good stewards of our taxpayer's money and ensure that we are spending it wisely.

5. I have been in service to others as a law enforcement officer for the past 14 years. 4 years at Post Falls Police Department and the last 10 years as a volunteer for the Rathdrum Police Department. I have given the city thousands of free service hours as a level 1 Reserve Police Officer. I currently serve the city in this position and plan on doing so for a long time to come. They have not and will not pay for the service of a Reserve Police Officer nor would I ever accept it.

I served as a volunteer on the Planning and Zoning for the city of Rathdrum for 3 years and as the chair for 1 year.

I am currently on my second year as president of the Lakeland Booster Club. My wife and I run the concessions and are known for our famous "Hawk Burgers". I have helped raise many thousands of dollars for our local high school in order to help support the athletics and academics of our youth.

I am just getting ready to start my 5th school year serving as the Armed Guard for the Lakeland High School. My job is to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff in our school.

6. Yes. I believe in a small, lean, efficient government that exists to protect the rights of the individual. Henry David Thoreau said it best "The best government is that which governs least".

7. Yes. I believe in God, guns, and family. Our family is rooted in a strong Christian faith, and we hold true to strong traditional values. I believe in protecting the right to life. I am for protecting against the liberal agendas being pushed in schools, libraries, and government.

8. The republican party platform aligns best with my position on public policy. Where I disagree with their platform is I believe over the last 30 years they have become to moderate in many of their positions and have moved away from the traditional constitutional values of our country.

9. From 2003 to 2009 I owned an electrical contracting business. Because of the great recession of 2008 - 2009 I was forced to file bankruptcy. This was done 14 years ago and will not affect any of my decisions.

10. I will always make time for the people of Rathdrum. Whether it's meeting for coffee or stopping to chat while out in public. I see a lot of people out in the community on a daily basis. My phone number and my future city email are/will be public, and I will always do my best to LISTEN and talk to those who need me. I am a man of courage and integrity and am not afraid to speak up when needed.

KCRCC Recommended Candidates Process November 2023

- Step 1. Fill out the KCRCC Candidate Questionnaire
- Step 2. Return Completed Questionnaire to Rob Barrans vicechair@kcrcc.com
- Step 3. Meet with Recruitment Committee (not required of incumbents)
- Step 4. Interviewed by Rating and Vetting Committee
- Step 5. Send headshot photo to info@kcrcc.com. List your name and office
- Step 6. Attend optional Meet and Greet before Central Committee Meeting
July 25 OR August 22 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm. Which meeting assigned by KCRCC
- Step 7. File Candidate Petitions by SEPTEMBER 8 @ 5 pm. September 7th recommended
Questionnaires will be posted on KCRCC website after September 8th
- Step 8. Special Central Committee meeting for Recommending Candidates on 9/14
- Step 9. Campaign Committee meets with Recommended Candidates on Sept 21.
Will discuss your campaign and yard signs, rack cards, magnetic signs, and etc.
Central Committee will NOT give campaigns donations nor run your campaign.
- Step 10. Withdrawal date is September 22nd
- Step 11. October 6th Bag stuffing 4:30 pm. Candidates rack cards MUST be there by 3:30 pm.
Those arriving after 3:30 pm WILL NOT be placed in bags already filled.
- Step 12. Walk precincts, speak at Republican clubs, and campaign until November 7th
- Step 13. November 8th celebrate your victory.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 8th filing deadline 5 pm

September 22nd withdrawal deadline 5 pm

October 10th Absentee ballots mailed

October 23rd Early voting to November 3rd

November 7th Election Day

Dated

9/2/2023

Printed Name

John Hatcher

Signature

