

Please tell us the following information about yourself:

Name: \_\_\_Justin Rupinski\_\_\_\_\_

Position Running For: \_\_\_Dalton Gardens City Council\_\_\_\_\_

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

I was born and raised in Coeur d'Alene. I spent 13 years in Charlotte, North Carolina to work in NASCAR, the Carolina Panthers, coached high school football, and in finance. During that time, I received my Bachelors Degree from Oregon State University and my Master's Degree from Lasell University. I currently work in the financial industry doing accounts receivable, collections, liens and new accounts for a local company.

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?

I wouldn't consider it an elected official, but I am the Republican precinct committeeman for precinct 321. I was elected to this position in the 2022 primary. I consider my voting record to be very conservative and vote how I believe the residents of Dalton Gardens would want me vote when representing them as a precinct committeeman.

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

I've been affiliated with the Republican Party since I was 18 and eligible to affiliate with the party. I continued to be affiliated with the Republican Party in Charlotte, even though it was a purple city that turned very blue, and assisted with going door to door for the Mecklenburg County Republican Party as well as for individual Republican candidates. I do not vote for candidates of other parties as I believe we have very qualified people within the Republican Party.

3. What is the purpose of government?

The purpose of government is to protect our God-given rights and defend the United States Constitution. The government also should maintain public order.

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

**WHY?** I'm running for Dalton Gardens City Council to keep conservative Idaho values in Dalton. We need fiscal responsibility. We can't continue to spend money on things that do not need to be done just to get more financial assistance. We need conservative, fiscal finance forecasting.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** My Bachelor's Degree had the majority of its focus in political science and leadership. I believe my experience in the finance and management, make me a multifaceted candidate that can be an asset for the City of Dalton Gardens.

**GOALS:** My goal is to take care of Dalton Gardens finance and to stop reckless spending. We have continued to waste taxpayer dollars on things that do not need to be completed. One example is that chip sealing has been done twice in the last 4-5 years when chip sealing lasts, on average of 7 years. I plan to keep Dalton Gardens uniquely rural and prevent any kind of forms of multifamily housing. I believe Dalton has failed its residents when it comes to code enforcement. If a resident has filed a code complaint, the city of Dalton owes it to the resident to investigate their complaint. Having a code enforcer who knows the code book and will enforce the code is needed. This does not mean that the city will be looking for violations, but the code enforcer will investigate residence who have filed a complaint.

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 have been actively involved with the Hayden Lake Fraternal Order of Eagles. I was just elected to my second term as the President there. We do a lot of charity work throughout the year for multiple organizations. Our slogan is "People Helping People," so everything we do there is to service people and organizations.

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

I do consider myself to be a fiscal conservative. I am a firm believe that when you have a budget, you are to work within the budget and not ask your residents for more money. I also believe that the cheapest price isn't always best and will save money in the long run. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "the bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten."

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

I consider myself to be socially conservative. I believe that there is a God and believe in non-denominational Christian beliefs. I am very pro-life and believe we need to protect the lives of the unborn.

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.

I align with the Republican Party. I have always had conservative values and am a firm believer in the Bill of Rights and our Constitution. We need to protect our God given rights at all costs.

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?

I do not.

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.

My constituents will be able to have full access to me. They will be able to call, text, email, message me on social media, etc. to tell me about issues they may have. Having complete access to all views and opinions will help me make the best decision for Dalton and our residents.