

**Watchmen Ministry North Idaho, Candlelight Christian Fellowship Questionnaire**

1. What is your name and what office are you running for?

Doug Okuniewicz, Idaho House of Representatives, Legislative District 2, Seat B.

2. To help Idaho's economy grow, do you support:

- a. Raising fees, (If so, which ones?)

No. This sounds like code for raising taxes. I want to help reduce government spending and lower taxes.

- b. Closing tax loopholes (If so, which ones?)

I don't believe the government should pick winners and losers. So, it depends on the definition of "loophole." If by loophole the question is directed toward some accidental wording in the law that gives someone an unfair and unintended tax benefit, then, yes, it should be closed. On the other hand, if the question is directed toward an intentionally drafted and enacted tax benefit for a particular class of citizen, like veterans, that would need to be examined on a case-by-case basis.

- c. Raising income taxes (If so, on whom?)

No. I want to help reduce government spending and lower taxes.

- d. Raising the sales tax?

No. I want to help reduce government spending and lower taxes. A potential exception that seems to interest some of my constituents is the concept of eliminating property taxes for homeowners to ensure that they can actually own their homes instead of just renting them from the government.

And, in turn, increasing sales tax to offset the elimination of property taxes. I am not sure yet about this approach.

e. Cutting spending (If so, what areas of the budget and by how much?)

Wherever possible and as much as possible. There are a number of agencies whose structures appears to be outdated, and certain of their functionalities appear to be redundant.

3. When do you believe life begins?

At conception. No exceptions.

4. What is your view on parental consent for a minor to get an abortion?

First of all, abortion should be illegal. And, every possible hurdle should be put in place. Requiring parental consent, as well as consent from the father of the unborn child, and any other rule or law that has a chance to save a life should be enacted and enforced.

5. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?

Abortion and Planned Parenthood's publicly funded involvement in the practice. I am fervently opposed.

6. How would you improve K-12 education in Idaho?

By making it easier for parents to apply their tax dollars to the schooling options that best suit their children's strengths and needs, including home schooling, vocational programs, STEM, etc.

7. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?

I support it.

8. What is your definition of marriage?

A loving union between a man and woman, conducted in a place of worship, which is administered according to the couple's faith.

9. Do you support or oppose homeschooling, charter schools, school choice?

Strongly support.

10. Do you support or oppose Urban Renewal Districts? Why or why not?

Oppose. They seem to be used more often for projects other than urban blight, etc. They are also often comprised of unelected board members who have no responsibility to tax-payers, which is essentially another form of taxation without representation.

11. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?

Oppose. I find the alternative personally objectionable and entirely illogical, at least because the practice disproportionately favors a tiny population which seeks excessive accommodation from the majority who, in turn, finds the practice inappropriate and difficult to manage.

12. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?

Oppose. It is a gateway drug. It doesn't seem like society is in need of any more legally intoxicating substances. Further, I am not aware of any compelling "success stories" for society-at-large in other states that have already legalized its sale, possession, and use.

13. Do you support or oppose the Prison Community Re-entry Center in Kootenai County?

Why or why not?

I am strongly opposed to the criminal re-entry center that has been proposed for Kootenai County for a number of reasons, including the fact that relocating prisoners, who are not from Kootenai County, into our community will increase the amount of crime we would otherwise experience if the re-entry center does not come here. In turn, opening a re-entry center would not only negatively impact our way of life, it would serve to increase the already high tax burden for property owners in Kootenai County.

Dear State Representative Candidate,

Watchmen Ministry North Idaho a Ministry of Candlelight Christian Fellowship has designed the following questionnaire to help us understand your position on a few of the issues that concern the electorate as a whole. *While it is uncertain whether you will face any or all of these issues in office*, it is possible that related issues will arise and your answers to these questions will permit voters to better understand your general views. You may answer these questions on a separate document and attach the document to this questionnaire.

We thank you for your willingness to serve your community and for taking the time to answer this questionnaire. Please sign and return this questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or email to WatchmenMinistryNID@yahoo.com no later than **4/10/2020**.

Your responses will be compiled and posted at: [www.watchmenministrynorthidaho.com](http://www.watchmenministrynorthidaho.com) In addition, they will be distributed at Candlelight Christian Fellowship and other churches in North Idaho.

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*SEE ATTACHED RESPONSE*

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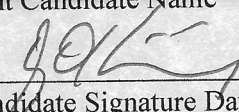
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Thank you for your willingness to do public service and help inform and educate voters.

Thank you for your participation. Please mark your responses in the area provided.

**THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE.**

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 07/08/2020  
Candidate Signature Date

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