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Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in Spokane and graduated from Rogers High School. This is my hometown, and I care deeply about the people who live here. My roots are here, my faith was formed here, and my family is being raised here.

For 15 years, I've owned and operated a small business alongside my wife, Christina. Together we've built it from the ground up while raising our three young children: Samuel, Levi, and Lily. Like so many families in Spokane, we know what it means to work hard, stretch a dollar, and trust God through uncertain times.

Before entering public service, I spent over a decade as a pastor. That calling taught me the value of servant leadership, moral conviction, and the importance of speaking the truth even when it isn't popular. I believe that faith, when rightly lived out, is not something we check at the door of public life, rather, it shapes how we lead, how we govern, and how we care for our communities.

I currently serve on the Spokane City Council, where I've worked to protect the values that make this country strong: faith, family, and freedom. I believe in personal responsibility, the dignity of work, and the right of every parent to raise their children according to their convictions, NOT the whims of government bureaucrats. I stand with law enforcement, support the Constitution, and believe our city has a duty to protect the innocent and uphold the rule of law.

I'm running for re-election because I believe Spokane is worth fighting for. Our city has drifted too far from common sense, and it's time to get back to the fundamentals. That means restoring order, reducing crime, encouraging strong families, and defending the freedoms our country was built on. It means telling the truth, even when it's unpopular, and refusing to trade conviction for convenience.

The challenges we face are serious, but so is my commitment. My faith informs my decisions, my family motivates my efforts, and my love for freedom drives me to stand firm.

I'm honored to be considered by the Spokane County Republican Party and will continue to stand for the values that built this nation and this city because...

Spokane deserves nothing less.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Spokane City Councilman; former pastor of 10 years; co-owner of a successful small business for 15 years; lifelong Spokane resident and Rogers High graduate. I've led in both ministry and government, always guided by faith, conviction, and a deep commitment to serve others. I've helped shape public policy, supported law enforcement, fought for families, and championed conservative values in every arena I've served.

Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.

As a current City Councilman, I've consistently voted to prioritize public safety, reduce government overreach, support working families, and protect individual rights. My duty is to listen to the people I serve and act with principle and courage, even when it's not easy. I've fought to restore accountability, resist harmful policies, and promote a culture of responsibility. I will continue leading with conviction and delivering real, measurable results for Spokane.

What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?

Success in this role isn't always measured by numbers passed—but by the fights won in hard places. As a member of the super minority, I've helped pass stronger drug laws, made our parks safer, and stood firmly against harmful policies. Voters should measure performance by the principles defended, the victories secured against the odds, and the groundwork laid to reshape this Council toward a common-sense majority.

What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?

I've served as a youth pastor, associate pastor, and church leader for over a decade. I currently serve on the Spokane City Council, the Spokane Park Board, and the Board of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. My wife and I run Bent Events, partnering with local organizations to support causes across Spokane. Leadership, service, and community impact have always been central to my life's work.

Your Political Beliefs

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?

Our rights come from God, not government. They are recognized -not granted - by our Constitution. Government may limit certain actions in extreme, narrowly defined cases (like threats to life or national security), but it must never suspend inherent rights. Any attempt to do so must meet the highest scrutiny and be temporary, transparent, and constitutionally justified. Rights are not privileges—they are foundational.

Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.

I am a constitutional originalist. I believe the Constitution should be interpreted based on the meaning its words held at the time it was written. Just as we approach Scripture by seeking the author's intent within the context of the culture and era, we should read the Constitution the same way. It was not meant to evolve with every cultural shift but to anchor our nation in enduring principles. A living Constitution places rights and freedoms at the mercy of whoever holds power. Originalism preserves liberty by limiting government to its proper role.

What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"

The purpose of government is to protect individual liberty, uphold the rule of law, and ensure order. It is meant to provide for the infrastructure and protect its citizens, not to parent the people or replace the family, the church, or the free market. If elected, I will defend constitutional limits, prioritize safety and accountability, and resist government overreach. I believe in a government that secures freedom, not one that controls outcomes. My duty is to serve, not rule, the people.

When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?

Life begins at conception. That is both a biological and moral truth. From that moment, government has a duty to protect innocent human life. The default position of any just society should be to defend the defenseless. I will support policies that move us toward a culture of life: protecting the unborn, supporting mothers, and affirming human dignity at every stage.

Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?

No

Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.

In my first term, I've made accessibility a top priority—regularly attending neighborhood meetings, responding directly to emails and calls, and maintaining an open-door policy. I intend to continue that same level of availability and responsiveness.

Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.

Thank you for the opportunity to share. From the moment I took office, I've faced censure threats, recall efforts, and even the possibility of fines or jail—all for standing on principle. I've received ethics complaints for saying things as basic as “men shouldn't compete in women's sports,” or, “we shouldn't be confusing and sterilizing our children.” Despite hostility and pressure, I've held the line. I won't compromise truth to keep the peace, I'll keep fighting for it, no matter the cost.

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