

Idaho State Representative District 1A

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	Spencer Hutchings	Karen Matthee	Jane Sauter	Mark Sauter
<p>1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</p>	<p>Spencer Hutchings. We got stuck with a person last election that got ~38% of the vote. This person clearly does not reflect the beliefs and values of the majority of citizens in North Idaho. The citizens of North Idaho should have a representative, like me, that reflects and will fight for the values and beliefs of the North Idaho community.</p>	<p>Running Unopposed</p>	<p>I am Jane Sauter, Candidate for Idaho State Representative in District 1 Seat A. I am running so that the people of North Idaho have proper Republican representation. The voting record of my opponent is clear; he votes with the liberals a majority of the time. I saw the need to fill that seat with a true Conservative, so I stepped up. If we are going to preserve the Idaho we love so much, and maintain our sovereignty as a state, then we will have to defend our freedom.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p>2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?</p>	<p>At conception. I do not support the leftist view of "womens health care" i.e. abortion. I do support exercising a modicum of self control when it comes to engaging in activities that lead to a situation where some women feel the need for "women's health care". We need to work on making abortion unthinkable, abhorrent to people.</p>	<p>Running Unopposed</p>	<p>Life begins at conception, and I support the abolition of abortion.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p>3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?</p>	<p>a. We need to put parents in charge of their children's education: Tax dollars should follow the student. Parents should be able to choose any schooling they feel suits their children's needs. b. Reducing the size of government: There is no such thing as a tax cut without an accompanying reduction in the size of government. Cut taxes, cut staff, cut departments . . . keep doing that until we reach the minimum necessary government to give us the services we need. c. Stopping the influx of cheap labor. The citizens of Idaho will struggle to earn good wages as long as our state is flooded with cheap labor from foreign countries.</p>	<p>Running Unopposed</p>	<p>The top three issues that the legislature should always keep at the forefront are: -the safety and protection of our children and families -the defense of our citizens rights to life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness -the firm conviction of the importance of legal US citizenship</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>

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4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Our funding for healthcare is being bled dry by non citizens. This effects every citizens tax burden and severely impacts the lower income citizens that should be the first to receive any medical benefits from taxpayer funds.	Running Unopposed	I believe that the Medicaid program is draining the state finances, and should be pared down to serve only those who actually meet the criteria for receiving those services. The dramatic increase in the Medicaid program cannot be sustained.	No Response Received
5. Idaho's school system has room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	We need to put parents in charge of their children's education: Tax dollars should follow the student. Parents should be able to choose any school they feel suits their children's needs.	Running Unopposed	I would like to see a return to an emphasis on the basic subjects which prepare children to enter the world as an adult. Too much time, energy and money is being spent on things that don't matter such as DEI, CRT and promoting destructive lifestyle choices that are harmful.	No Response Received
6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	Support. It is mutilation and should be illegal. These people need mental help, not surgery.	Running Unopposed	I support legislation that would prohibit gender reassignment treatments/surgery on minors.	No Response Received
7. If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how will your voting record reflect those values?	I'll be in constant contact with people in my district and make every effort to represent their views in my votes.	Running Unopposed	I plan to focus on the things that matter to my constituents. My phone number and email will always be available to them and I will count on them to communicate their concerns to me, so that I can best serve them. My voting record will reflect the values that I portrayed to the voters during my campaign.	No Response Received
8. What is your definition of marriage?	Man and a Woman.	Running Unopposed	One man and one woman, joined before God, until death parts them.	No Response Received
9. In recent years, sexually explicit materials have invaded public schools and libraries. In your opinion are these materials appropriate for minors under 18 years old?	Absolutely not. Unfortunately I've seen some of this material and its rather disgusting these sick people are pushing for kids to have access to it.	Running Unopposed	I am alarmed at the recent findings in public and school libraries. I do believe that these types of materials are extremely harmful to minors.	No Response Received

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10. What legislation should be passed regarding School Choice?	Tax dollars should follow the student. Parents should be able to choose any schooling they feel suits their children's needs.	Running Unopposed	I think School Choice is a great idea, but there would have to be absolutely no strings attached for that option to be chosen by freedom-loving families. I can see both sides of the issue because I have been on both sides as a parent. I could only be in favor of such a program if there were no government stipulations placed on the use of the money/voucher.	No Response Received
11. Migration from other states has caused property taxes for current homeowners to substantially increase. What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?	Property taxes in Idaho should be abolished. Reduce the size of government. Move any necessary taxes over to sales tax. Everyone pays equally based on spending.	Running Unopposed	We can all agree that there needs to be property tax reform. We either need a ceiling on the tax increases, or find a way in which a home reaches it's limit in generating revenue for the state. I especially feel these extreme property taxes are detrimental to the financial security of aging homeowners.	No Response Received
12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	The people that elected me. If I am to represent the people, who else would I be accountable to?	Running Unopposed	I would be accountable to the citizens who voted for me. The power to govern comes from the people.	No Response Received
13. In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	No. Legalization has been done in several states and it does not seem to be helping. Seems to be making things even worse.	Running Unopposed	I do not support the legalization of recreational marijuana. There are studies to prove that medically used marijuana is of benefit to a certain sector of people with various health issues. I believe that the use of illegal narcotics and opioids is a much more serious problem, and needs to be addressed at the southern border where it is entering our country.	No Response Received

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<p>14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p>a. Marine, gun store owner, active in the republican party in Idaho for over a decade. b. I actually care about my fellow citizens. I have no desire for power or control over my fellow citizens. I want to expand their freedom, liberty and reduce the size of government. Very few others seem to think this way.</p>	<p>Running Unopposed</p>	<p>I am a Christian conservative who had a solid upbringing in a normal, American family. I believe it is the duty of every American to step up and give of their time, talent and abilities to help their fellow citizens. We are at a point in history where there is no time to waste in standing up for what freedoms we still have left. My background as a wife, mother, grandmother and active Republican qualifies me for this task. I have good communication skills and the ability to work together with other legislators to get things done at the State level.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>

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