

To the Board of Balance North Idaho:

While I applaud your interest in promoting candidates and issues in local non-partisan elections and I appreciate the mention in your insert in today's Coeur d'Alene Press, I want to point out a substantial inaccuracy.

In today's insert you state that "Jim's obstacle in this campaign is experience." Your website specifically says that "endorsements will be made using facts..."

First, had you bothered to check the FACTS, you would have found that I have served MORE years on city commissions than both Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Rubin. Not only have I served for almost 6 years on the Parks & Recreation Commission for the City of Post Falls, including the past 3 years as Chairman (Mr. Wolfe's wife helped to unanimously elect me as Chairman for 2 of those years so she obviously wasn't worried about my "experience), I also served over 6 years on the City of Coeur d'Alene's Civil Service Commission. That is over 12 years of service to cities in North Idaho, which according to my math is 4 years longer than Mr. Wolfe's service.

Second, the amount of breaths someone has taken on this earth does not equate to experience.

My opponents are clearly older. I cannot do anything about that. My younger age does not mean that I have less experience. Unlike other candidates, I refuse to join every board, organization, or group that I am asked to just to list everything on my campaign resume. Instead I prefer to join a small number of groups and causes that I feel passionately about. This led to me volunteering as a Big Brother for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Idaho for almost 11 years and serving on volunteer commissions for the two largest cities in North Idaho for well over 1/3 of my life. I plan to continue that passion for service and bring my wealth of experience as a new city council member in Post Falls.

As the PAC that prides itself on using facts instead of rhetoric, I expected more from BNI.

Regards,

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