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NIPAC Endorses Kootenai County Republican Precinct Slate

COEUR D'ALENE – The North Idaho Political Action Committee (NIPAC) announced its endorsements today for a slate of candidates running for Kootenai County Republican Precinct Committeemen and women. As a group of independent minded, conservative Republicans, it is the goal of North Idaho Political Action Committee (NIPAC) and its many supporters to help identify and elect rational, pragmatic and dedicated individuals, with proven leadership qualities and problem-solving skills, to serve in public office, including local precincts.

Elected Precinct Persons make up the official Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, which represents the Republican Party locally. The county central committee fills vacancies like county commissioners or county clerk (which is how Jim Brannon got appointed). Committee officers serve on the Idaho State Republican Central Committee, and the central committee as a whole selects delegates to the state convention. As a result, precinct persons play a vital role in charting the course for the state party and its platform.

NIPAC believes the precinct candidates endorsed below understand that our elected officials are accountable to the voters, not beholden to party bosses. These precinct candidates understand that the role of the central committee is to work to elect Republican candidates, not to pretend they are a mini-legislature that passes resolutions and browbeats actual legislators and elected officials.

NIPAC and its many supporters want honest, intelligent, hard-working Republican Precinct Persons who will honorably represent the many long-time Republican residents of Kootenai County. NIPAC believes these candidates will not only demand transparency and accountability from their Republican leadership, but they will provide it themselves if they are elected.

We are very concerned that current central committee leadership and a current majority of the membership, supports language in the Idaho Republican Party Platform to close the Republican Primary and remove your right to vote for U.S. Senator. These moves discourage political participation by systematically removing the people of Idaho from the voting process and consolidating power with political elites.

The members of NIPAC felt it was crucial to fully engage in the upcoming election and make Republican Precinct Person endorsements for the May 20 Primary. NIPAC has endorsed the following Republican candidates for the Kootenai County Precinct positions shown:

Kootenai County Precinct Number & NIPAC Endorsements

- **3** **Tom Godbold**
- **4** **Herb Huseland**
- **5** **Jeff Smith**
- **6** **Mark Fisher**
- **7** **Larry Berreth**
- **8** **Dave Paul**
- **9** **Fred Meckel**
- **10** **Barbara Forgacs**
- **11** **Kristen Storey** *WRITE-IN*
- **12** **Patrick Fesler** *WRITE-IN*
- **13** **Donna Montgomery**

- 14 **Kim Edmondson**
- 15 **Kellie Palm**
- 16 **Hank Martin**
- 17 **Tara Arts**
- 18 **Matt Roetter**
- 19 **Duane Rasmussen**
- 20 **Ron Honner**
- 21 **Dan Malcolm**
- 22 **Mic Armon**
- 30 **Jane Anderson** *WRITE-IN*
- 31 **Richard Houser**
- 33 **Frank Henderson**
- 36 **Pat Whalen**
- 37 **Dr. Norman Leffler, M.D.**
- 39 **Brent Everson**
- 40 **David Armstrong**
- 41 **Barry McHugh**
- 43 **Laura Rumpler**
- 44 **Mike McDowell**
- 45 **Barbara Babic**
- 46 **John McHugh**
- 47 **LaDonna Beaumont**
- 48 **Gary Ingram**
- 49 **Rick Currie**
- 50 **Sid Smith**
- 51 **Doug Rall**
- 52 **Susan Manthey** *WRITE-IN*
- 53 **Phil Morgan**
- 55 **Marge Chadderdon**
- 56 **Anita Banta**
- 57 **Tom Cronin**
- 58 **Craig Moss**
- 59 **Stan Moe**
- 60 **Anthony Marsters**
- 61 **Robert Hollingsworth**
- 62 **Julie Chadderdon**
- 63 **Dr. Kevin Rogers**
- 64 **Collin Coles**
- 65 **Katie Bane**
- 66 **Peter Riggs**
- 67 **Ken Renner**
- 68 **Gary Mitchell**
- 70 **Andrew Whipple**

* NIPAC is not supporting a candidate in those precincts that are not listed.

NIPAC's board members are:

Brad Corkill, Jim Addis, Katie Brodie, Dean Haagenon, Maggie Lyon, Ron Nilson, Sandy Patano, Jim Pierce, Jim Riley and Vaughn Ward.

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