

NIPAC NEWS RELEASE

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NIPAC Makes Republican Primary Endorsements

COEUR D'ALENE – The North Idaho Political Action Committee announced its endorsements for the Republican Primary today. As a group of independent minded, conservative Republicans, NIPAC was formed to recruit and support rational, pragmatic candidates to serve in county and state public office who are committed to fiscal responsibility, limited government and free markets. We look for candidates who will apply these principles to bring solutions to state and local problems as well as work cooperatively with other policy makers.

Our PAC and its many supporters want candidates and elected officials who will uphold both the Idaho and U.S. Constitution without exception, and seek to encourage, not discourage, participation in our republican form of government. We are very concerned by planks in the Idaho Republican Party Platform and candidates who advocate limiting participation, such as closing the Republican Primary and removing the public's right to vote for U.S. Senators.

Given the large number of candidates seeking office this season, the members of NIPAC felt it was crucial to fully engage and make endorsements in the 2014 May Primary.

After a thorough vetting of candidates seeking Republican elective office in the May 20 Primary, NIPAC has endorsed the following Republican candidates for county, legislative, and statewide office:

Kootenai County:

Treasurer: Laurie Thomas
Clerk: Don Pischner
Commissioner: Todd Tondee*
Assessor: Mike McDowell

State Legislature:

District 1:

Senate Shawn Keough
House Seat A Steven Snedden
House Seat B George Eskridge

District 2:

House Seat A Fritz Wiedenhoff
House Seat B Ed Morse

District 3:

Senate Pat Whalen
House Seat A Terry Werner
House Seat B Greg Gfeller

District 4:

Senate **John Goedde**
House Seat A **Luke Malek**
House Seat B **Rick Currie**

District 7:

House Seat A **Shauna Hillman**

State Wide Offices:

Governor: **C. L. "Butch" Otter**
Lt. Governor: **Brad Little**
Secretary of State: **Phil McGrane**
Attorney General: **Lawrence Wasden**
Controller: **Brandon Woolf**
Supreme Court: **Joel Horton**

*The NIPAC board debated extensively on the County Commissioner race between Todd Tondee, Marc Eberlein and Tim Herzog. While we have concerns about Commissioner Tondee and recent decisions made by the Board of Commissioners regarding the Unified Land Use Code, we decided that Tondee was the best choice of the candidates on the ballot.

NIPAC's board members are:

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

NIPAC does not traditionally endorse in uncontested races.

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