

## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE UPCOMING

### MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY ELECTION

**From: Brent Regan**

Hello Neighbor,

The Presidential Primary was in March but the Primary Election for our **State and Local officials** will be held on **Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will be electing the Republican candidates for Congress, Idaho State Representatives, Kootenai County Sherriff, County Commissioners and others.

Our Republican Precinct Committeeman, Bob Hollingsworth, has decided not to run for re-election and has asked me to run for Precinct #61 Committeeman. Bob has served us well on the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee and I applaud his service. He tells me that he is looking forward to "going fishing" and I wish him well. Bob and I are asking you to vote for **Brent Regan, Precinct Committeeman**.

I am a lifelong Republican and have supported the local and state party for many years. Because of my engagement, I know many of the ins and outs of the process and can help assist you with questions or issues you may have. I also serve as Board Chairman for the Idaho Freedom Foundation, one of the most influential organizations dedicated to liberty, freedom, free markets and reducing the burden of government. I have attached the 2016 Freedom Index rankings for you to review.

As you may know, Kootenai County is divided into 70 precincts with each precinct having about 1,000 registered voters. **Our precinct is #61**, is mostly rural and one of the largest in area. Precinct Committeemen volunteer to help connect Republican Voters to the Republican Party and to support Republican candidates in the general election. The Kootenai County GOP web site has more information. <http://www.kootenaigop.org/>

### VOTING

There are three ways available to cast your vote.

**Vote at the Polling Place on Election Day, Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>**. A polling Place Lookup Tool is available at the Kootenai County Elections web site <http://www.kcgov.us/elections> under "Department Links".

**Vote Absentee** from home. You can request an Absentee Ballot be mailed to you. Absentee Ballot Requests are available online at <http://www.kcgov.us/elections> under "Department Links".

**Vote In-Person Absentee** at the election office. You can go to the election office **1808 N. 3rd St.** and cast an Absentee Ballot on the spot. I have found the election office staff to be friendly and very helpful.

If you would like to be notified about Republican events (meetings, town halls, candidate forums, etc.), news and updates, send an email to [brentregancda@gmail.com](mailto:brentregancda@gmail.com) and I will keep you informed.

Thank you for your consideration and your **vote for Brent Regan, Precinct Committeeman**.

Best regards,



Brent Regan

# 2016 Idaho Freedom Index

IdahoFreedom.org  
IdahoReporter.com

## District

<b>1</b>	Sen. Shawn Keough Rep. Heather Scott Rep. Sage Dixon	F- (50%) A+ (97%) A- (90%)
<b>2</b>	Sen. Steve Wick Rep. Vito Barbieri Rep. Eric Redman	A- (92%) B- (80%) D (66%)
<b>3</b>	Sen. Bob Nonini Rep. Ron Mendive Rep. Don Cheatham	A- (91%) B+ (87%) C+ (78%)
<b>4</b>	Sen. Mary Souza Rep. Luke Malek Rep. Kathleen Sims	C (75%) F+ (59%) A- (90%)
<b>5</b>	Sen. Dan Schmidt Rep. Paulette Jordan Rep. Caroline Troy	F- (42%) F- (43%) D- (63%)
<b>6</b>	Sen. Dan Johnson Rep. Dan Rudolph Rep. John Rusche	D- (63%) F- (49%) F- (48%)
<b>7</b>	Sen. Sheryl Nuxoll Rep. Shannon McMillan Rep. Paul Shepherd	A- (90%) A- (92%) C (76%)
<b>8</b>	Sen. Steven Thayne Rep. Terry Gestin Rep. Merrill Beyeler	D- (62%) C (76%) F+ (57%)
<b>9</b>	Sen. Abby Lee Rep. Ryan Kerby Rep. Judy Boyle	D- (60%) D (65%) C (76%)
<b>10</b>	Sen. Jim Rice Rep. Brandon Hixon Rep. Greg Chaney	C- (71%) D+ (67%) D (65%)
<b>11</b>	Sen. Patti Anne Lodge Rep. Gayle Batt Rep. Christy Perry	F+ (57%) B (84%) D (65%)
<b>12</b>	Sen. Todd Lakey Rep. Robert Anderst Rep. Rick Youngblood	F+ (59%) D- (63%) D- (63%)
<b>13</b>	Sen. Curt McKenzie Rep. Brent Crane Rep. Gary Collins	F- (52%) B- (83%) C- (71%)
<b>14</b>	Sen. Marv Hagedorn Rep. Mike Moyle Rep. Reed DeMourdant	F- (52%) C- (71%) D+ (67%)
<b>15</b>	Sen. Fred Martin Rep. Lynn Luker Rep. Patrick McDonald	F- (48%) C- (71%) F (54%)
<b>16</b>	Sen. Grant Burgoyne Rep. John McCrostie Rep. Hy Kloc	F- (49%) F- (38%) F- (35%)
<b>17</b>	Sen. Maryanne Jordan Rep. John Gannon Rep. Sue Chew	F- (46%) F- (45%) F- (42%)
<b>18</b>	Janie Ward-Engelking Ilana Rubel Phyllis King	F- (43%) F- (38%) F- (41%)
<b>19</b>	Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb Rep. Mathew Erpelding Rep. Melissa Wintrow	F- (48%) F- (45%) F- (41%)
<b>20</b>	Sen. Chuck Winder Rep. Joe Palmer Rep. James Holtzclaw	F- (51%) C+ (79%) D+ (69%)
<b>21</b>	Sen. Clifford Bayer Rep. Steven Harris Rep. Thomas Dayley	B (84%) A- (93%) C (75%)
<b>22</b>	Sen. Lori Den Hartog Rep. John Vander Woude Rep. Jason Monks	B+ (87%) C- (72%) B+ (87%)
<b>23</b>	Sen. Bert Brackett Rep. Richard Willis Rep. Pete Nielsen	F- (52%) F- (51%) C+ (78%)
<b>24</b>	Sen. Lee Heider Rep. Lance Clow Rep. Stephen Hartgen	F- (51%) F- (53%) F+ (57%)
<b>25</b>	Sen. Jim Patrick Rep. Maxine Bell Rep. Clark Kauffman	D- (60%) F- (53%) F+ (59%)
<b>26</b>	Sen. Michelle Stennett Rep. Steven Miller Rep. Donna Pence	F- (46%) D (65%) F- (42%)
<b>27</b>	Sen. Kelly Anthon Rep. Scott Bedke Rep. Fred Wood	D (65%) F+ (57%) F- (45%)
<b>28</b>	Sen. Jim Guthrie Rep. Ken Andrus Rep. Kelley Packer	D- (60%) F+ (58%) D- (62%)
<b>29</b>	Sen. Roy Lacey Rep. Mark Nye Rep. Elaine Smith	F- (44%) F- (46%) F- (41%)
<b>30</b>	Sen. Dean Mortimer Rep. Jeff Thompson Rep. Wendy Horman	D (66%) D+ (67%) F+ (57%)
<b>31</b>	Sen. Steve Bair Rep. Neil Anderson Rep. Julie VanOrden	D- (62%) F (55%) D- (60%)
<b>32</b>	Sen. Mark Harris Rep. Marc Gibbs Rep. Thomas Loertscher	F+ (58%) F+ (59%) F+ (57%)
<b>33</b>	Sen. Bart Davis Rep. Janet Trujillo Rep. Linden Bateman	F- (46%) C+ (77%) D- (60%)
<b>34</b>	Sen. Brent Hill Rep. Ronald Nate Rep. Dell Raybould	F- (51%) A+ (97%) D- (61%)
<b>35</b>	Sen. Jeff Siddoway Rep. Van Burtenshaw Rep. Paul Romrell	F+ (57%) F- (53%) F (54%)

\* Higher letter grades and percentages indicate lawmakers supported conservative principles and limited government. Lower letter grades and percentages indicate the opposite.

Disclaimer: The Idaho Freedom Index is an aggregation of the Idaho Freedom Foundation's non-partisan analysis and rating of bills voted on by the Idaho legislature during a legislative session. The Idaho Freedom Index is not intended to serve as either an express or an implied endorsement or rejection of any candidate for public office. Idaho Freedom Foundation recognizes that there are inherent limitations in judging the qualifications of any legislator on the basis of a constituent's support of a particular bill. The Idaho Freedom Index is not intended to be a constituent services are not reflected in the scores of the Idaho Freedom Index.

## Brent's Notes on the Candidates

### Easy Decisions:

**Raul Labrador** has a solid conservative voting record in the US House.

**Steve Vick** is also a very solid conservative in the Idaho Senate with a 92% Freedom Index score.

**Vito Barbieri** in the Idaho House also scores very well at 80% on the Freedom Index.

**John Green** for Sherriff. I know John well and he has a deep knowledge of the law and a love for The Constitution. He opposes federal overreach, was in favor of Constitutional Carry and has promised to hold firearm safety classes for the public. He has been endorsed by Sherriff Richard Mack and would be an excellent Constitutional Sheriff, like Daryl Wheeler in Bonner County.

In contrast the incumbent, Ben Wolfinger, was against Constitutional Carry. He said "I have always stated that I am opposed to not being able to screen people at the onset..." Wolfinger also oversaw the purchase of an MRAP wheeled "tank" in 2014 and favors building a new (expensive) jail. I get the feeling that if the IRS or BLM or EPA agents came for a "visit" Wolfinger would hold the door open for them.

Green ran against Wolfinger in 2012 but a third and a fourth candidates split the not-Wolfinger vote and Wolfinger was reelected with a little over a third of the ballots.

### Harder Decisions:

**Eric Redman** for the Idaho House. Eric was a bit of a disappointment last year with a 48% Freedom Index score but he was better than the guy he replaced, Ed Morse (22% Freedom Index in 2014). After holding a series of town halls and getting an ear full from his constituents, Eric improved significantly this year with a 66% Freedom Index score. If not for this improvement I would have recommended his challenger but his effort and improvement should be rewarded. He says this will be his last term.

**Bob Bingham** for County Commissioner. Bob has been fighting for private property rights for years. He founded North West Property Owners Alliance (NWPOA), helped defeat the ULUC debacle and helped rescind and refund Impact Fees. Bob has a small ranch in the county so he appreciates the needs of the rural residents. Bob has three opponents.

Duane Rasmussen is a retired attorney and photographer with no agency management skills. He is smart, so he would likely come up to speed quickly but his policy positions are unknown.

Leslie Duncan has a criminal justice and small business background. She seems to be a very nice person but lacks the gravitas needed to supervise an \$80M annual county budget.

Fred Meckel is a psychologist who currently sits on the Rathdrum City Council. He is backed by the liberal republicans (RINO). City people view our rural properties as a land bank for the cities. They see us not as "unincorporated" but rather "not yet incorporated". No thank you, I'll keep my property rights.

### Coin Toss:

David Stewart (incumbent) or Chris Fillios for County Commissioner. David has made some friends and some enemies over the last two years. He is good on property rights but not so good on spending. Chris was in favor of the ULUC and supported the County Administrator reorganization that was defeated at the polls. I am leaning towards David but could go either way.


## Remember to VOTE May 17<sup>th</sup> or by Absentee

**NOTE: The Freedom Index measures overall performance. Anyone can cherry pick votes to make themselves look good. The Freedom Index is a ranking system where legislation is analyzed on multiple factors for its effect on the economy, budgets, regulations and freedoms.**

**A representative's score is the total for all the bills they voted to pass. High scores indicate a pro-free market and freedom oriented voting record. The Freedom Index is based on fact, not opinion.**

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PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

PRECINCT 61

A KOOTENAI COUNTY	B STATE OF IDAHO	C MAY 17, 2016
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b></p> <p>To vote, fill in the oval ( <input checked="" type="radio"/> ) next to the candidate of your choice.</p> <p>To vote a "Write-in", fill in the oval next to the blank write-in line and write the name of your choice on the blank write-in line.</p> <p>If you make a mistake, request a new ballot from an election worker.</p> 	<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OFFICES</b></p> <p><b>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2 STATE REPRESENTATIVE POSITION B (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alan Littlejohn</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Eric Redman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR PRECINCT OFFICE</b></p> <p><b>PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN AND VOTERS' DELEGATE TO THE PARTY'S COUNTY AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Randy Moate</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Brent Regan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICE</b></p> <p><b>UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Mike Crapo</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES</b></p> <p><b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER SECOND DISTRICT 4 Year Term (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Stewart</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Fillios</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>NONPARTISAN BALLOT</b></p> <p><b>Official Judicial Nominating Election Ballot</b></p> <p><b>JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT</b></p> <p><b>TO SUCCEED JUSTICE Roger S. Burdick (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Roger S. Burdick</p>
<p><b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIRST DISTRICT (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gordon Council</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Isaac M. Haugen</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Raul R. Labrador</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER THIRD DISTRICT 2 Year Term (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Bob Bingham</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Leslie Duncan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Fred Meckel</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Duane Rasmussen</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TO SUCCEED JUSTICE Jim Jones (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robyn Brody</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sergio A. Gutierrez</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Curt McKenzie</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clive J. Strong</p>
<p><b>CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OFFICES</b></p> <p><b>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2 STATE SENATOR (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Steve Vick</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> John Green</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Benton E. "Ben" Wolfinger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS</b></p> <p><b>TO SUCCEED JUDGE Molly J. Huskey (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Molly J. Huskey</p>
<p><b>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2 STATE REPRESENTATIVE POSITION A (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Vito Barbieri</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Fritz Wiedenhoff</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for One)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Barry McHugh</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SAMPLE</b></p>