



THE COMMUNITY PAGE

You Decide!

The power to make decisions for our country, for our state, ultimately rests with you. Choosing those who will govern and rule over us is part of the freedom and democracy that makes America a great country. Freedom and democracy still reign in America today. Regardless of party affiliation, every voter needs to be aware of what principles the candidates stand for and what decisions they intend to make if elected. The following summary of candidates and legislation discusses some important issues we hope you'll consider as you approach the ballot box.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER (REPUBLICAN) **GOVERNOR**
 JERRY M. BRADY (DEMOCRAT)

Jerry Brady is a good man, a great citizen, and a sincere candidate, but clearly Butch Otter is the best man for the job of Idaho's governor. If anyone wonders about how far left Jerry leans, one only has to read his newspaper, the *Post Register*. Those who are truly liberal and staunch Democrats will like Jerry Brady's ideas, but those who lean conservative will clearly be much happier with Butch Otter as governor. The last ten years, Butch has established a stellar record. He is a strong supporter of family values and a knowledgeable leader on the issues. Butch Otter's support for the marriage amendment is a stark contrast to Jerry Brady's position against the amendment, but that's only the beginning. Otter and Brady are definitely on the opposite sides of the aisle on issue after issue. We feel that Idaho would fare much better under Butch Otter's leadership.

JIM RISCH (REPUBLICAN) **LT. GOVERNOR**
 LARRY LAROCCO (DEMOCRAT)

Jim Risch has demonstrated beyond question his qualifications to lead Idaho in the months since becoming Governor. His leadership, experience and vision are a sharp contrast to his opponent, Larry LaRocco. LaRocco's leftist approach to governance is out of step with Idaho and our needs for the future. Risch is deserving of another term in his former position of Lt. Governor.

TOM LUNA (REPUBLICAN) **SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**
 JANA L. JONES (DEMOCRAT)

Tom Luna is much better prepared to bring the necessary improvement to our schools. Jana Jones endorses the status quo. We fear if she is elected we will see no improvement in education throughout her term. Her solution of throwing more money at schools will not solve the problem. We need management, leadership, rewards for great teachers, and accountability. Tom's leadership skills give us hope that our kids will get the leg up they need in this competitive world.

LAWRENCE WASDEN (REPUBLICAN) **ATTORNEY GENERAL**
 ROBERT A. "BOB" WALLACE (DEMOCRAT)

Lawrence Wasden fights for Idaho water, Idaho land, and Idaho children. He is firm and fair in criminal prosecution and ensures justice for all Idahoans.

DONNA M. JONES (REPUBLICAN) **STATE CONTROLLER**
 JACKIE TWILIGER (DEMOCRAT)

Jackie Twiliger is simply the best qualified for this position. She has the experience and educational background required to perform the duties of the State's chief fiscal officer. The State Controller is the least partisan of the Constitutional Offices and her business mind offers new perspective to Idaho politics. If there were ever a time that republicans should vote democrat, this is the time.

RON G. CRANE (REPUBLICAN) **STATE TREASURER**
 HOWARD C. FAUX (DEMOCRAT)

Ron Crane offers financial management we can trust. He established and chairs the Credit Rating Enhancement Committee to protect Idaho's AAA credit rating. This results in lower interest costs to Idaho taxpayers on all state and local bonds issued in Idaho.

DARREN SIMPSON **DISTRICT JUDGE**
 JAMES HERNDON

Idaho attorneys rated Judge Herndon lower on integrity, knowledge of the law, and legal ability. We think these are serious issues. Judge Herndon has a reputation of inconsistent rulings, light sentences on serious crime, a questionable work ethic and an attitude of arrogance towards civil servants. In order to ensure equal justice for all citizens, please vote for Darren Simpson for District Judge. The majority of Idaho's attorneys feel Darren Simpson is better qualified than James Herndon to be District Judge. Simpson has an outstanding record and is extremely well qualified for this position.

MIKE SIMPSON (REPUBLICAN) **UNITED STATES CONGRESS**
 JIM HANSEN (DEMOCRAT)

Mike Simpson has a proven record that is in line with Idaho values. He offers substantive understanding and knowledge of key issues. He is a leading advocate for new energy policy. He has gained national attention for his bill to split the massive overburdened 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. He deserves our vote!

YES! **PROPOSITION ONE**
 NO! **TAXES FOR SCHOOLS**

Proposition One fails in its attempts to provide any meaningful benefits to Idaho education. Originally designed to raise sales taxes to 6% and obligate the Legislature to dispense funds in a prescribed manner, the proposition became obsolete when the Legislature reduced property taxes going to school districts and replaced those revenues with an increase in sales taxes. With sales tax rates already at 6%, all state agencies and programs must be unrealistically cut by 20% in order to find the additional \$219 million dollars the proposition mandates be spent on schools. If Proposition One is passed, the Legislature's only other option to comply is another sales tax increase to 7%, a level that will surely shock our economy and hurt Idaho families. Proposition One is a flawed concept with a price that is far too high to pay. Proposition One mandates extra spending but does not provide a method for finding the money. The result: a substantial increase in taxes!

YES! **PROPOSITION TWO**
 NO!

Voters beware! This proposition allows land owners to sue the State, county, and city governments if they don't like what is being developed on adjacent property. Oregon passed a similar proposition in 2004. The result is already over \$6 billion in litigation claims. Anytime someone sues the state, the taxpayers have to pay! So suing the state means suing the taxpayer. If this proposition passes, it will be a disaster for taxpayers in Idaho.

YES! **INTERMOUNTAIN POWER PROJECT (IPP3)**
 NO!

(Needs a two-thirds majority to pass)

This will protect homeowners from future skyrocketing power costs. The IPP3 project is a new 900 megawatt coal-fired generation facility to be built adjacent to an existing facility composed of two 900 MW units near Delta, Utah.

Why not wind? Wind is very unreliable! It only generates electricity when the wind is blowing. Idaho Falls needs a base resource—one that is stable and consistent.

Will your rates go up? No rate increase is expected as long as this proposition passes.

Will your property taxes go up to cover this? No.

What about air quality emissions? The Utah Division of Air Quality has already issued an air quality permit for this project. The limits placed on the plant in the air quality permit are the most stringent in the United States.

What if we do nothing? The city will be forced to purchase power at the volatile market rate, which could be as high as \$400 per MW hour, ten times what we pay today! In order to continue its long-standing energy independence, Idaho Falls needs the long-term power supply resources for our growing community.

YES **HJR 2**
 NO **THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT is just common sense. It protects marriage as the union of one man and one woman. It prevents gay marriage. It stops future liberal judges from declaring Idaho's current laws on marriage unconstitutional.

Be sure to VOTE Tuesday November 7 for the candidate of your choice!