

P43 Liberty Candidate Survey

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Name *

Tracey Koellisch

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Party affiliation and for how long?

Republican Party - 30 Years

How long have you lived in Idaho?

Almost 20 Years

The position you are running for?

State Representative District 14A

What is your reason for running for office?

We need strong representation in District 14 to uphold and preserve our Constitutional rights, individual liberties, and defend our State from federal overreach. We have several significant issues facing Idaho including a lack of proper understanding of our individual rights guaranteed to us under the Constitution and protecting Idahoans from forced vaccine mandates. We also have some challenges that lie ahead with the rise of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policies that are set to take aim at our individual liberties. We need forward-thinking leaders who proactively assess and address the attacks on the Constitution and who are prepared to tackle these critical issues.

What experience do you have that would help you in office?

I have served as a volunteer in the local Republican Party for almost a decade. I have been an elected Republican Precinct Committeeman since 2016, the current Ada County Republican State Committeewoman since 2020, and am the only candidate in the District 14A race with a proven record of championing issues such as Election Integrity, the 2nd Amendment, and protecting Idahoans from forced vaccine mandates. I have a keen understanding of the local political landscape, have built relationships with many legislators, and have a demonstrated ability to unify the party around measures that need championing through the GOP infrastructure. On day 1, I am ready to hit the ground running and am prepared to tackle the many important issues facing Idaho.

In addition, I have worked at the intersection of politics and business for more than 20 years. I have a strong and diverse business background that includes establishing FreedomStand USA, a 501(c)(4) organization with the mission to preserve and advance our Constitutional freedoms, individual liberties, and American exceptionalism, under God, as our Founder's intended. I have partnered the last two years with conservative radio talk show host and author Charlie Kirk, from Turning Point USA, to educate and energize Idaho voters to contend for their conservative values and freedoms. Additionally, my previous experience includes serving as a Deputy Sheriff, working at the US Attorney's Office in Washington, DC, leading a privatized corrections firm in the provision of alternative sentencing programs for the courts and probation, and serving as a Workforce Integrity and HR Consultant for a Fortune 50 Idaho-based company. I am a strategic thinker and problem solver and have a strong desire to serve others.

Who do you most similarly pattern your policies after and why?

My guiding principles are rooted in our US Constitution and writings from our Founding Fathers on the proper role of a limited Constitutional government.

What is the greatest issue Idaho faces today?

The greatest issue facing Idaho today is the influence of "big business" on the State of Idaho and the Republican Party. The long-held belief that government should not interfere with private businesses must be re-balanced in the post-Covid era with individual rights prioritized. We are seeing the rise of a corporate state where corporations are wielding enormous power through mandates and ESG policies which effectively limit individual rights. Corporate lobbying firms are writing their own legislation, receiving huge tax breaks and subsidies (Meta/Facebook in Kuna), and using their influence to stop legislation that protects Idahoans (Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry promoting mandates through their lobbying arm). We must work to ensure that we support a thriving business economy, capitalism, and economic development without reducing individual rights.

Who did you vote for for president in the last three elections? (Optional)

Trump, Trump, and Romney

What is the proper role of the Federal Government?

Delegated and limited powers levying taxes, providing for our national defense and security, declaring war, foreign commerce.

If you could change one thing the current Idaho State administration has done this past year and a half, what would it be?

Protect Idahoans from forced Covid 19 vaccine mandates.

What is your stance on law enforcement?

As a retired law enforcement officer, I fully support our police and appreciate the work they do to protect our communities. We must ensure we give them our full support and the tools necessary to keep our great State safe.

How would you reduce taxes in Idaho? or From your elected office?

We have to first begin by evaluating where we can reduce waste and shrink government and begin implementing zero-based budgeting. JFAC seems to begin each legislative session by assuming a minimum of 3% growth over prior budget cycles and growing government through compounding. We need to bring back to the State the concept of fiscal responsibility and decrease the bloat that is in Idaho's government.

Idaho is a Right to Work State, do you support Right to Work?

☒ Yes

☐ No

How would you help Idaho grow it's economy and exports?

We need to create a lower regulatory environment and reduce taxes.

What is your stance on 2A, Assault Rifles, Constitutional Carry?

Shall. Not. Be. Infringed.

How would you best describe your stance on personal liberties such as: masks, vaccine mandates, freedom of speech, 2A etc...

As previously mentioned, we must re-prioritize individual rights. I do not support mandates, government overreach, or the attacks on free speech or our 2nd Amendment rights.

What is your take on the current state of education in the state of Idaho?

We need School Choice to increase competition in the marketplace of education. Parents must be empowered to direct their children's education as a primary stakeholder as opposed to unions and other special interest groups. As your State Representative, I will fight any indoctrination in public schools that attempts to teach America is inherently evil or affirms one race is inherently superior or inferior over another. The United States of America is an exceptional nation whose people have always strived to form a more perfect union based upon our founding principles. We must restore honest, patriotic education that cultivates in our children a profound love for our country and promotes unity in our nation.

What do you know about campaigning in Idaho? Are you prepared to work to be elected?

Yes, I have ran several local races and worked on many campaigns.

Additional information you wish voters to know.

I have received the full support and early endorsements of US Congressman Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) and Eagle Mayor Jason Pierce. I am also endorsed by Eagle City Council Members Brad Pike, Melissa Gindlesperger, Helen Russell, and Former Eagle Mayor Nancy Merrill. I have also received the support of ConservativesOf PAC, ActionIdaho.org, Stop Idaho RINOs, and Gem State Patriot.

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