

BOISE COUNTY

Opinion ~ Meet & Greet for District 8 Candidates at Terrace Lakes

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DISTRICT 8 MEET & GREET AND THOUGHTS REGARDING CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

The primary is just three short months away: **May 21, 2024**. Meet and greet season is well underway, so now is a good time to pay attention!

Remember: The decisions in the state legislature will affect your lives **EVERY SINGLE DAY**, more so even than the US offices of President, House, and Senate (though the federal officials can cause **PLENTY** of harm or good, depending on the individuals).

At a meet and greet on 02/17/24 held at Terrace Lakes Resort, community members met three fantastic District 8 candidates — **Christy Zito, Faye Thompson, and Rob Beiswenger**. These candidates are running to replace our current representation (Geoff Schroeder, Megan Blanksma, and Matt Bundy, respectively). Thanks so much to those who organized and attended this event!

The candidates described their backgrounds, related political and work experience, philosophy and principles, funding sources, and why they were NOT their opponents. A lively Q&A session ensued, with candidates answering



Christy Zito, Faye Thompson, and Rob Beiswenger - District 8 candidates met with Garden Valley residents. Photo by Keith Olson

spontaneous questions from the audience.

After the event, several attendees enjoyed dinner with these down-to-earth, well-studied, highly principled people, getting to know them as individuals and as future legislators. Everyone should endeavor to do the same before voting for candidates in District 8 and all other Idaho districts.

We all must engage in the election process — PRIMARY elections matter most in Idaho — before it's too late. Get to know your candidates **IN PERSON**. Call them. Meet them. Help them understand your concerns. Find out

who funds them (individuals vs. big corporations and PACs). They will — or should — work for YOU. Support the good ones with your time, money, and by spreading the truth about them. Ignore and oppose the lies and smears you encounter in traditional and social media, advertisements, and official looking — but often false — mailers and newsletters.

It's not enough to complain about bad government and high taxes if we don't research carefully before voting and we continue to ask for more services that cost money. Expenses and taxes increase — sometimes exponentially — with every ask.

Remember too that the party affiliation letter after a candidate's name rarely matters these days. Candidates often choose the letter that will get them elected, not necessarily the letter that reflects their principles or future actions. Character, integrity, and their past, present, and future actions matter most. Do not presuppose a certain set of principles based simply on party affiliation, the size of a campaign sign, or clever slogans. Dig deeper!

Key dates (full calendar at <https://sos.idaho.gov/elections-division/calendars/>):

Declaration of Candidacy Filing Period for the Primary Election: March 4 – 15, 2024. **Deadline for Political Parties and Candidates to Request Polling Place Challengers and Watchers for the Primary Election:** May 9, 2024. **Primary election:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024. **General election:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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