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Personal History:

Married to Jackie Morrison for 21 years; 7 grown children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren

B.A. in Political Science from Long Beach State University (1970)

Spent the first half of my life as an active Republican, then many as an Independent because the Republicans moved way to the right on many issues and I stayed in place. My views today are more in line with the Democrats and I am pleased to run as one.

I am retired from Idaho National Laboratory. I spent 40 years in Project Scheduling, cost analysis and budgeting in aerospace, construction and DOE projects. I have been on the City of Idaho Falls Planning and Zoning Commission for 5 years; and on the Mayor's Citizens Review Committee for the Legal Department.

Member of the City Club of Idaho Falls

Who else am I?

I am the citizen legislator that our state founders had in mind. I am not a career politician. I am a progressive, a pragmatist who will bring some new ideas to the State House. I am an old guy with a young mind and creative thoughts. It is time to change the political party balance in Boise, time to do some things for all the people instead of the favored few. I am not impressed with stuffy people and their closed minds, who continue the same old thinking year after year. I will listen to the electorate and give an opinion and we can decide together the direction we want. I'd like to see more variety, critical thinking and openness in the legislature. I know that government can be more effective and responsive without being bigger. I will be accountable to the people of this district.

I am appalled by the quality of bills passed by the legislators this year. They make Idaho look silly in the eyes of the Nation. We need to close the health gap; we need to stop the legislative grab of local power from the cities and counties. We need for the legislature to stop authorizing the Governor to spend millions for wasted law suits and give that money to the schools and other useful places, such as infra-structure or school building fund. We need to get bills out of the committees to the floor and post them for up or down votes; what are they afraid of, serving the people? A lot can be done if we just try.

Idaho 2016 specific issues:

Medi-gap: because it is the right thing to do for the people and it saves the state and county tax-payers money. Makes no sense not to pass the bill and waste time and money on more studies.

Education: the biggest and most important budget item. Schools need as much money as we can give them. I support Common Core, it is meant to give the kids the best chance. Added with the STEM program we will get Idaho schools into a ranking with the top state performers.

Taxes: Legislature gave the top 2% a tax cut. I wonder why.

Mode of operation for the Legislature:

Too many petty, waste of time, self-serving bills. Monies going to special interests companies and farms, some owned by the legislators voting on them. The state constantly fighting the Federal government. Attorney's fees to save the Governor's butt in the prison payoff scandal. Bills that restrict local government choices. The Bible as a school text. Animal cruelty bill with no enforcement teeth. Taxpayers paying for the Republican primary election. Constantly fighting the environmental protection regulations. Ignorance of science: Demonstrated specifically by Pete Neilson. Committee chairmen smothering bills they don't agree with.

BE BOLD AND THINK OF THE FUTURE

The things we do today set the stage for tomorrow; better schools and vocational programs, better infrastructure of roads, bridges, fiber-optic cables to support new businesses, clean and ample water, protecting the environment of both plants and animals. We must come up with ideas and means to keep our young people here in Idaho and stop the brain drain.