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2016 Candidate Statement

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Age: 70

Independent Candidate for State Representative District 23 (Seat B)

Born in Burley, Idaho has resided northwest of Buhl for 44 years

Degree in Business Administration from Idaho State University

Broad range of work experience, including 44 years as a self-employed handyman/carpenter, 17 seasons of wildlands fire fighting, 17 years disaster assistance (on call) employee, 8 years working as a wilderness instructor in troubled youth program, 30 plus years as a ranch lands manager, yoga instructor 40 years.

Long time Idaho activist working on water, energy, environmental and social issues, this work included long hours in public hearings, giving testimony, offering alternatives and solutions to problems, public speaking, arguing cases before all levels of Idaho courts, non-violent civil disobedience ( eight arrests), numerous runs for public office including state representative, state senate and county commissioner.

Campaign Slogan: "Gadugi, it is a Cherokee word for working together to solve a problem. No one is less, no one is more. It is the way we heal."

I'm not a believer in more laws, we need less laws and more common sense. When legislation is proposed my yardstick will of course be the US and Idaho Constitutions, how that legislation conforms to the purposes of the US Constitution outlined in the Preamble:

"We, the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish the Constitution of the United States of America."

I belong to no political party; I believe partisan politics is largely responsible for the mess we are in. Partisanship often precludes full, honest and open debate, critical thinking and creating good public policy. Ideology too often trumps ideas in the political process. I have a long history of working with lots of different kinds of people, seeking to find the common ground. It is not government's job to push religious ideology or promote and protect selfish interests.

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Key Issues:

- Protect Idaho's quality of life
- Water, both quantity and quality.
- Limited, effective and efficient government that serves all the people.
- Push back against corporate control of public resources and limit the influence of money in government.
- Protecting the public lands for use by all the people.
- Limiting the impacts of BIG Government and BIG Business
- Equal protection under the law.
- Ensure due process as guaranteed by the Constitution
- Inherent in our inalienable rights are undeniable responsibilities
- Advance the notion of good neighborliness over selfish interest and minimize conflicts and lawsuits
- Support small business and strengthen the economies of rural communities
- Find creative ways to allow young people to farm
- Not allow Idaho to become the nation's nuclear waste dump