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Biography – Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts degree (Boise State University – Elementary Education-Bilingual/Multicultural).

My professional experience includes running a small business (consulting, written translation and oral interpretation in the courts, state agencies, law firms, and medical settings). I was a State of Idaho Certified Court Interpreter from 1993 – December 2015.

I am currently a part-time employee (College Assistance Migrant Program Follow-up/Career Counselor and Instructor) at Boise State University. My past experience includes working for the Social Security Administration as a Public Affairs Specialist conducting work in the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho from 2000-2002. I served as the Farmworker Monitor Advocate for the Idaho Department of Employment from 1988-1996; and served as Paralegal/Outreach Worker and Office Manager for the Migrant Farmworkers Law Unit of Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. in Caldwell, Twin Falls and Burley, Idaho offices from 1980-1988. I also worked for Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho) in Rexburg, Idaho and Weber State College (now Weber State University) in Ogden, Utah.

My community work includes serving as Canyon County Democrats Chair, State Committee Woman and Legislative District 12 Chair. I have worked (as a volunteer and staff member) for various political and issue campaigns. I have been involved in various organizations and served on several Boards (Idaho and Oregon). A top priority for many years has been to mentor high school and college youth. I have held various leadership positions and taught children, youth and adults in my church (1974 – 2016). I have provided leadership training for women and youth.

Why vote for me? My top priorities?

I believe voters and potential voters in District 12 should vote for me because I am a better choice for the people of this district. I believe that it is critical to represent all of the residents and constituents in the district. I am committed to listen to the people in the district, learn what issues are most important to them and then legislate these issues on their behalf. My top priorities include adequately funding education as is required by the Idaho Constitution, increasing revenue to ensure that adequate resources are available to provide the best services for the citizens of Idaho, and ensuring that all students who desire to pursue a higher education can afford to do so.