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## 1. Biography – Qualifications

Laura has lived in Boise for 45 years with 24 of those years in District 15. She was born in Glendale, California in June of 1956, the second child of six.

Laura attended Boise State University; her field of study was Art Education. She paid for her college tuition by working evenings and weekends cleaning the emergency and surgery rooms at St. Alphonsus Hospital. She moved to San Francisco, CA in 1976. After two years of living in the Bay Area, she missed her family and the beauty of Idaho and decided to return to Boise.

Laura has worked for the Idaho First National Bank (U.S. Bank) in real estate loan servicing, Boise State University accounts payable, and the Idaho State Board of Medicine before landing her career job with the U.S. Postal Service in 1984. At the height of her postal career she worked in EAS administrative support positions. She retired in 2013. She has volunteered in the community as a West Boise Little League coach, host mother for foreign exchange students, and host mother for Idaho Catholic Youth Conference attendees.

Laura is married to Pat Metzler and has two children that have left the nest. The family is rounded out with their dog and three cats. As outdoor enthusiasts, Laura and her husband enjoy motorcycle and ATV riding, bicycling, whitewater rafting, hiking, camping, and canoeing. They are also Boise State University Alumni Association and Bronco Athletic Association members. They enjoy Bronco football and tailgating with family and friends.

## 2. Why vote for me? My top priorities?

The role of our state legislature is to represent the diverse people of Idaho. It should not represent out-of-state or big money interests. Our current legislature is out of balance and does not fairly represent all Idahoans. If I am elected, I will ensure that the voices of the people in District 15 are heard in the legislature. I will fight to bring balance back, to hold government accountable, and to protect the rights of hardworking Idahoans.

My top priorities include investing in a quality education system, developing a strong economy for our families, and keeping our environment clean for future Idahoans.

EDUCATION: When we invest in education, we invest in our children. Every child has the right to a quality education with qualified teachers and the resources they need to succeed.

ECONOMY: As a single mother for nine years, I learned first hand the value of hard work. I also learned that a good paying job and career opportunities are the key to financial stability. I will work to bring strong businesses and good paying jobs to Idaho.

ENVIRONMENT: We all enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities that our mountains, rivers, parks, and open spaces provide. Now, more than ever, is the time to ensure that future generations will have access to clean water, clean air, and public lands.