

Ms. Susan Candidate
1776 America St.
Boise, ID 83706

March 11, 2022

Dear **Ms. Candidate**:

The sponsors of *The Idaho Debates* will again be producing statewide debates before the 2022 Primary Election. The debates will take place in Boise in the Idaho Public Television studio at 1455 North Orchard St. and will air live on Idaho Public Television. They will also be offered to other television outlets, and will be available online after they air. Depending on current COVID-19 trends or positive cases among campaign staff or candidates, we reserve the right to shift the format of the live debate to virtual, or a blend of live and virtual.

The purpose of the debates is to inform the public on the views of the candidates; we do not support or oppose political parties or candidates.

We have established reasonable, viewpoint-neutral criteria for participation - following the U.S. Supreme Court decision known as *Arkansas vs Forbes* - and will limit debate participation to candidates who are conducting active campaigns.

We are asking candidates in primary races to submit materials that demonstrate an active campaign for office; and we will issue invitations to debate to those candidates who meet the criteria for an active campaign.

Individuals currently holding the office do not have to supply documentation of an active campaign.

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The criteria for primary election debate consideration are:

1. Is the person in fact a legally qualified candidate and appearing on the ballot per Idaho Code for a particular office?
2. Are there objective indicia of an active campaign throughout the state or district during the campaign cycle? (Examples: Having a campaign headquarters outside one's home, making multiple in-person campaign appearances, being covered in the press, filing campaign finance reports, distributing campaign material, having paid or volunteer campaign staff, phone banks,

volunteer efforts, touring, door knocking, advertising, speeches).

3. Is there a demonstrable level of public interest and support in the candidacy? (Examples: Campaign contributions, turnout at events, news coverage, endorsements, independent professional polling.)

The committee will consider all these factors in evaluating whether a candidate meets the active campaign standard. We also welcome any additional evidence of an active campaign.

In addition, please provide a color headshot, preferably a color jpeg digital picture, for our election/debate website, your campaign mailing address, telephone number, email address, cell phone number and, if applicable, fax number.

Please mail your submission to:

The Idaho Debates 1455 North Orchard Street Boise, ID 83706

or hand-deliver your submission to the attention of Melissa Davlin, Idaho Public Television, 1455 North Orchard St, Boise ID 83706. The material must be received no later than **5 p.m. April 1, 2022**. If you hand-deliver your material, please ask for a time-stamped receipt.

You may also e-mail your submission to mail@idahodebates.org, and meet the same deadline.

We plan to hold the debate for **Republican candidates for State Treasurer on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. for 30 minutes.**

No debates will occur without at least two candidates participating. Candidates should plan to be at the debate site one hour before the debate starts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or e-mail mail@idahodebates.org.

Best wishes on your campaign. We look forward to receiving your submission.

Sincerely,

Melissa Davlin

Idaho Debates, Idaho Public Television

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