

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MOSCOW**

2010 Voter's Guide

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ABOUT THIS VOTER'S GUIDE

This Voter's Guide gives information about the candidates that you will be voting for in this election and about the election process itself. Only those candidates for Latah County offices and those candidates who will represent District 6 (Latah County) in the Idaho State Legislature have been asked to participate in the survey included in this guide. There is a brief description of the four Proposed Constitutional Amendments that are on the ballot.

This guide is also available on line at the League of Women Voters of Moscow web site: <http://community.palouse.net/lwvm>

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LWV CANDIDATES FORUM
Wednesday, October 6, 2010
7:00PM
Moscow High School Auditorium
401 East 3rd Street, Moscow

ATTENTION—New Law. Personal identification is required to vote in Idaho. To vote you must either:

Present a photo ID or sign a Personal Identification Affidavit.

Acceptable forms of photo identification include any one of the following: An Idaho driver's license or photo ID card, a U.S. passport or Federal photo ID card, a tribal photo ID card, a current student photo ID, issued by an Idaho high school or post secondary education institution.

ELECTION CALENDAR

- Sept 3** Sample ballot available
Sept 9 Absentee voting at auditor's office begins
Oct 2 Must have been a resident of Idaho prior to this date to vote
Oct 8 Last day to pre-register to vote
Oct 27 Last day by 5:00PM that voters can apply for mail-in absentee ballot
Oct 29 Last day by 5:00PM to vote absentee **in person** at the auditor's office
Nov 2 Last day by 8:00PM to return absentee ballots to auditor's office
Nov 2 General election. Polling places open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON THE ELECTION PROCESS

- Latah County Auditor's Office 208 883-2249, Room 101, Latah County Courthouse, 522 S. Adams. www.latah.id.us/Elections
- Secretary of State of Idaho www.idahovotes.gov and www.sos.idaho.gov/

ADVICE FOR FIRST TIME VOTERS

1. Register to vote. (See Voter Registration Information)
2. Make sure you know your precinct number and polling place in advance of Election Day. Go to www.idahovotes.gov and click on "Where do I vote", then follow on-screen instructions. The resulting screen will give your precinct number, polling place name, and directions to the polling place; or call the auditor's office 208 883-2249.
3. Apply for absentee voting if you would like to vote by mail or to vote in person at the auditor's office. (See Absentee Voting for Registered Voters).
4. Inform yourself on the candidates so you can be a responsible voter.
5. Familiarize yourself with the voting system which uses a paper optical scan ballot. (See Oval Optical Scan Voting System or www.latah.id.us/Elections.)

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

QUALIFICATIONS:

- United States citizen
- 18 years of age or older on or before Election Day
- Resident of Idaho and a resident in the county for 30 days (prior to Oct. 2)
- Duly registered: Voters must register or re-register to vote if they have changed their name, changed their address, or not voted in any primary or general election in the last 4 years.

PRE-REGISTRATION:

Prior to October 8, 2010, voters may register to vote **in person** at the Latah County Auditor's Office, or at city halls in Bovill, Deary, Juliaetta, Kendrick, Genesee, Moscow, Potlatch and Troy. Voters may register **by mail** using an application which is available at the sites listed above and on-line at www.latah.id.us/Elections. Mail-in applications must be postmarked by October 8, 2010.

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION:

Voters who are not registered by October 8 but can prove Latah County residency for 30 days can register and vote absentee in person at the auditor's office. On Election Day, voters may register at their polling place by providing proof of residency for 30 days in Latah County and an acceptable photo ID.

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR REGISTERED VOTERS

TO VOTE IN PERSON PRIOR TO THE ELECTION:

For persons who would like to vote by absentee ballot, they may do so in person at the Latah County Auditor's Office, Room 101 of the Latah County Courthouse, 522 South Adams, starting Thursday, September 9 through Friday, October 29, 2010, 8:00AM to 5:00PM. They will be asked to register to vote if they have not done so already and to complete a written Application for Absent Elector's Ballot.

TO VOTE BY MAIL:

A person who wishes to vote by mail may apply for an absentee ballot by sending a written request to the Latah County Auditor's Office asking that an absentee ballot be mailed to them. Application forms are available at www.latah.id.us/forms/VoterAbsentee.pdf. All requests must include the applicant's Latah County home address, address where they want the ballot mailed, their name, and the date. The auditor must receive a separate written request for each person making a request. Written requests should be mailed to the Elections Department, PO Box 8068, Moscow ID 83843 and must be received in the Latah County Auditor's Office, Room 101, no later than **5:00PM** Wednesday, October 27, 2010. All ballots must be received by the county clerk no later than 8:00PM Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

GROUND RULES:

1. All qualified candidates were given two questions to answer.
2. If candidates did not respond to the questionnaire by the deadline, "No Response Received" is printed by their name.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. What qualifies you to serve in the office for which you are a candidate? (50-word limit)
2. What is the most pressing issue facing Latah County or the State of Idaho, and how do you plan to address it if you are elected? (150-word limit)

NOTE:

Candidate statements are as the candidates approved without analysis or commentary by the League of Women Voters.

Candidate statements are found in this PDF document lwm-voters-guidecandidates.pdf

IDAHO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Below is a short description of the meaning, purpose and result to be accomplished for each of the proposed amendments. For further information, including the formal legal language of the proposed amendment and for the statements FOR and AGAINST the proposed amendment, go to <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/inits/2010amend.htm>. Voters will be given the choice of YES or NO.

<p style="text-align: center;">S.J.R. 101</p> <p>This proposed amendment will clarify that the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho may charge students tuition, as authorized by law. Currently, the University of Idaho charges student fees to undergraduate students, but not tuition. Student fees cannot be used to pay for classroom instruction. All of the other state-supported colleges and universities in Idaho have the authority to charge tuition, and this amendment specifies that the University of Idaho will have the same authority.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">H.J.R. 4</p> <p>This proposed amendment will allow public hospitals to acquire facilities, equipment, technology and real property through a variety of means that aid the public hospital operations, as long as the acquisitions are paid for solely from charges, rents or payments derived from the existing or financed facilities and are not funded by property taxes. Under current Idaho constitutional provisions, public hospitals, as subdivisions of the state of Idaho, have limited ability to incur debt without the approval of a two-thirds vote at an election held for that purpose. This proposed amendment will provide a limited alternative to that two-thirds vote requirement. The use of tax dollars to finance these kinds of investments is prohibited.</p>
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H.J.R. 5

Currently, local governmental entities that operate airports and regional airport authorities cannot incur indebtedness without the approval of a two-thirds vote at an election held for that purpose. This proposed amendment will allow local governmental entities that operate airports and regional airport authorities to issue revenue and special facility bonds to acquire, construct, install and equip land, facilities, buildings, projects or other property. Voter approval will not be required to incur such indebtedness, as long as the bonds are paid for by fees, charges, rents, payments, grants or other revenues derived from the airport or its facilities. The use of tax dollars to repay such bonds is prohibited.

H.J.R. 7

This proposed amendment has two parts. The first part will allow any city owning a municipal electric system to acquire, construct, install and equip electrical generating, transmission and distribution facilities for the purpose of supplying electricity to customers within its service area. The city will be authorized to issue revenue bonds to pay for such facilities, with the assent of a majority of the qualified voters, provided that these bonds are paid for by the electrical system rates and charges, or revenues derived from the municipal electric system, and not with tax dollars.

The second part of this proposed amendment will allow any city owning a municipal electric system to enter into agreements to purchase, share, exchange or transmit wholesale electricity to customers within its service area, without voter approval. Any indebtedness or liability from these agreements will be paid for by the electrical system rates and charges, or revenues derived from the municipal electric system, and not with tax dollars.

OFFICES FOR ELECTION IN 2010

State Senator

State Representative Positions A and B

Latah County Commissioner Districts 2 & 3

Latah County Clerk of the District Court

Latah County Treasurer

Latah County Assessor

Latah County Coroner

US Senator

US Congressional Representative 1st District

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of State

State Controller

State Treasurer

Attorney General

Superintendent of Public Instruction

For links to candidate websites, go to www.sos.idaho.gov/ELECT/candidat/2010candgen.htm

LOCAL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY CONTACT INFORMATION

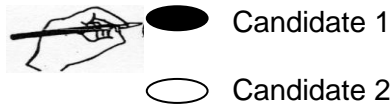
Republican Party: Walter Steed, chair, 208 883-0123 wmsteed@aol.com. Campaign office: 521 S. Jackson St., Moscow www.latahgop.com

Democratic Party: David Nelson, chair, 208 301-2266 david.nelson.moscow@gmail.com. Campaign office: 600 S. Main St., Moscow www.latahdemocrats.org

OVAL OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM

This system replaces the familiar punch card system. Instead of receiving a punch card, you will be given a paper ballot which lists the candidates under the office for which they are running.

To vote, you will fill in the **oval** next to the candidate's name using the writing instrument that is provided. You must blacken the oval completely.



To vote a "Write-in," you will fill in the oval next to the blank write-in line and then write the name of your choice on the line.

If you make a mistake, **do not attempt** to erase your ballot. Take it to the precinct table and request another ballot.

Along with your ballot, you will have been given a cardboard "sleeve." After you complete your ballot, you will put it into the sleeve, take it to the precinct table, put the narrow end of the sleeve into the ballot box and let go of the sleeve. The ballot will slide out of the sleeve into the box.

All polling places will have an Auto-MARK machine which will allow those people with disabilities to vote in privacy or with minimal assistance.

After the polls close, the ballots will be taken to the Latah County Auditor's office where they will be counted using an Optical Scanner.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Candidates for the office of County Commissioner District 2 and District 3 are on the ballot this year. All voters may vote for both offices regardless of the district in which they reside.

TV/RADIO DEBATES AND INTERVIEWS

TELEVISED DEBATES

In cooperation with Idaho Public Television and co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters of Idaho and the Idaho Press Club, live debates are scheduled as listed below. Times given are in Pacific Time. You may also watch online at: www.idahoptv.org/elections/2010/video.cfm.

October 5: Superintendent of Public Instruction, 7:00PM, 60 min.

October 7: Lieutenant Governor, 7:00PM, 30 min. and Secretary of State, 7:30PM, 30 min.

October 12: US Senate, 7:00PM, 60 min.

October 14: US Representative, Dist. 1, 7:00PM, 60 min.

October 28: Governor, 7:00PM, 90 min.

RADIO FREE MOSCOW INTERVIEWS

Go to www.radiofreemoscov.org/ to check the weekly schedule for interviews with candidates.



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ABOUT THE LEAGUE

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920, just months prior to ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote responsible participation in government through the active and informed participation of its citizens.

The Moscow league, founded in 1952, sponsors a Voter's Guide, candidate and issue forums, a weekly speaker series open to the public, voter registration drives, and in each general election year, a Mock Election for all Latah County school children, kindergarten through 12th grade.

Membership in League: Any citizen of voting age, male or female, may become a member of the league. In addition, associate memberships are available for those under 18 years of age and for non-citizens. Please contact Joan Klingler for membership information at 882-8853. *Donations* to the League are **greatly** appreciated: Make your check payable to LWV Moscow, and send it to LWV Moscow, PO Box 9535, Moscow ID 83843.

LOCAL FORUMS AND INTERVIEWS

LWV CANDIDATES FORUM

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

7:00PM

Moscow High School Auditorium

401 East 3rd Street, Moscow

AARP CANDIDATES FORUM

Friday, October 15, 2010

11:30AM

Best Western University Inn

WA-ID Room, Moscow

No Host Luncheon

For reservations call Judy: 208 882-6069

TROY LIONS CANDIDATES FORUM

Thursday, October 21, 2010

7:00PM

Troy Lions Community Center

415 Main Street, Troy

NEW ST. ANDREWS COLLEGE CANDIDATES FORUM

Friday, October 22, 2010

3:00PM

Nuart Theatre

516 S. Main Street, Moscow