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2024 VOTER GUIDE Democratic Primary Election



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The 2024 Idaho primary will define the future of our public lands, clean water, and clean energy. Over the last two legislative sessions, Idaho has passed historic investments in public lands, including \$120 million in funding for outdoor recreation. These investments were hard earned and could be undone if voters like you don't turn out on May 21.

As in past years, CVI has compiled write-ups of candidates in each contested race, focusing on public lands, outdoor recreation, investments in public education, and their historic voting record.

The Democratic primary in Idaho is open to all voters regardless of party affiliation. The Republican Primary can only be voted in by registered Republican voters or unaffiliated voters who request a Republican ballot. We have created a separate Republican primary voter guide with information about the candidates running in every contested Republican primary race.

This year's primary election is Tuesday, May 21. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters can also vote early from May 6 to May 17 or request an absentee ballot up until May 10. [You can find more information about how to vote and the details for your county at \[voteidaho.gov\]\(https://voteidaho.gov\).](#)

Please note that **this election guide only includes information about contested Democratic races, of which there are only three this year.**

Thank you for being a valued part of the Idaho conservation voter movement. Every year, positive change is enacted because of people like you taking the time to cast a ballot for your values.

DISTRICT 15: HOUSE SEAT B



Shari Baber

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Shari Baber owns and operates Cut N' Up & Co., Idaho's first hair salon for textured hair. Shari serves as the Vice President of the Boise Parks & Recreation Commission, and founded the nonprofit Brown Like Me. She also serves on the board for the Idaho Black Community Alliance and the Boise Soul Food Festival.

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Baber's priorities as a candidate include protecting Idaho's open spaces and natural resources, improving Idaho's education system by elevating teachers in the decision making process, and finding solutions to create affordable housing for Idahoans.

Because of her experience and climate-focused priorities, CVI has endorsed Shari Baber for the 2024 Democratic Primary.



Ivan Hurlburt

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Ivan Hurlburt owns Grey Owl Property Inspectors, which operates in Boise and the island of Oahu, Hawaii. As an elected official, he aims to speak to "all issues", primarily supporting improvements in our education system, reform in prison funding, and diversifying our economic portfolio to become more competitive with other states.

DISTRICT 16: SENATE



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Ali Rabe

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Ali Rabe is a human rights attorney and Executive Director of the nonprofit Jesse Tree which works to prevent homelessness and eviction. Rabe's good votes in 2023 and 2024 have included voting for a historic investment in our outdoor spaces, voting to protect absentee voting, and voting for the Idaho LAUNCH grant program, which provides career and workforce scholarships for high school graduates to pursue in-demand careers.

If re-elected to office, Rabe will continue to protect Idaho's open spaces. "I hope to implement greater protections for our public lands, keeping them accessible and open to Idaho's people." She will also continue to fight to improve affordable housing options for Idahoans and restore property tax fairness, and expand affordable health care options.

Rabe's consistent track record of protecting Idaho's outdoors and voting rights earned her an endorsement from Conservation Voters for Idaho for the 2024 primary.



Justin "Justice" Mitson

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Justin Mitson is the Vice President of Business Development for Tiger Defense. Mitson is running for office to "imprison corrupt politicians." He is a supporter of "LGBTQ+ gun clubs," and says the "LGBTQ+ community" needs to stand against pedophilia "or risk losing all the credibility it's gained."

Mitson changed his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat last year and has compared vaccine mandates to the tyrannical government rule of Nazi Germany, according to the Idaho Press.

DISTRICT 16: HOUSE SEAT B

**Four candidates are listed on the ballot for this district.
Please read both pages to see all candidates' information.**



Todd Achilles

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Todd Achilles is a professor at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy teaching public policy and is a founding member of Veterans for Idaho Voters. Achilles served as Rep. Nash's appointed replacement in the 2024 legislative session after Nash was elected to Boise City Council. Achilles advocates for maintaining our safe and secure election system, and if he is elected he will work to keep Idaho lands accessible and would encourage investment in facilities to accommodate growing demand. Achilles' top priorities are fully funding Idaho schools, working to make housing affordable and accessible, and creating living wage jobs for Idahoans.



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Achilles has been a partner of CVI's for more than a decade and earned Conservation Voters for Idaho's endorsement for the 2024 primary.

He is also endorsed by the Idaho Education Association, Boise Mayor Lauren McLean, and the Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho.



Jon Chu

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Jon Chu has retired from 32 years as a family medical practitioner and hospice physician. If elected to office, his priorities will include environmental stewardship, robust healthcare, credible maternity care, and a vibrant public education system.

DISTRICT 16: HOUSE SEAT B



Nikson Mathews

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Nikson Mathews will prioritize inclusive policy in the legislature. Two of his top initiatives include advancing climate action for our state, and supporting legislation to strengthen voting access, particularly for Idaho's youth. Other priorities include fair and affordable housing, fully-funded public schools, and adding gender identity and sexual orientation to Idaho's Human Rights Act.

Mathews has been endorsed by Human Rights Idaho, Run For Something, and BSU Young Democrats.



Wayne Richey

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Wayne Richey previously ran for Boise mayor in 2019 and for the Idaho Legislature in 2022, where he received 5.9% of the vote between three candidates.

In 2019, in an interview with Boise State Public Radio, Richey advocated for "making Boise less attractive, so that fewer people move to the area," which he stated would stop the costs of living in Boise from continuing to rise.

There is very little public information about Richey's bid for office this year.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES



These are important dates for in-person and vote-by-mail for the 2024 primary election. For more information, visit cvidaho.org/voting-resources/

May 6

Early voting & in-person absentee voting begins

May 10

Last day to request an absentee ballot
(deadline is 5 p.m.)

May 17

Early voting & in-person absentee voting ends

May 21

Election Day and absentee ballot return deadline (polls are open statewide from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)