



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2023

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1. Why are you running for mayor?

Sandpoint City Council

2. What would be your top three priorities if elected?

3. What do you see as the No. 1 challenge facing Sandpoint, and how do you propose to address it?

4. It's no secret that many people in the community feel City Hall is disconnected from what actually affects residents and have doubts about the equitable stewardship of their town on a number of fronts. If elected, how will you speak to these concerns and chart a path forward that a majority of citizens feel is in their best interests?

Deb Ruehle

(incumbent)

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HDVKDYHERJKWDORWRIEKDQJH integrate seamlessly into the rural
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3. Housing is our No. 1 challenge. Let's make the Sandpoint Housing Authority a reality and through that entity, build relationships with the community groups in both the for profit and nonprofit sectors, come up with real solutions and options to provide housing for our community. I would like to strengthen and re-energize Sandpoint's citizen committees. By working with City Council, the committees need to be empowered to be a more effective tool in supporting city staff, engaging with elected officials and helping the city to improve connections with residents.

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Age: 55
Birthplace and residence: Michigan/
Sandpoint
How many years lived in Bonner Co.: 19
Past/current government service (if applicable): past Sandpoint Planning and Zoning Commission (two years), current Sandpoint City Council (10 years)
Profession: physical therapist
Education: M.A., physical therapy, Emory University (1995)
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