



# 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?

Elle Susnis

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that change is inevitable. We are  
going to have to choose whether  
we let the growth happen  
unchecked, or we as a community  
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munity character. I will continue  
the work I have been doing as a  
volunteer on the Sandpoint Arts,  
Culture and Historic Preservation  
Commission to create protec-tions  
for our historic downtown  
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longtime local who grew up here, I  
believe I have a unique perspec-  
tive to bring to the council.

2. a. Improved communication  
between city elect/staff and our  
constituents, especially before and  
during large projects. Providing  
timely information in utility bills  
(mail and email), increased social  
media postings, attending public  
events, flyers, door knocks to raise  
awareness.

b. Using public input to guide  
staff regarding prioritizing and

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Age: 56  
Birthplace and residence: birthplace,  
Chicago; residence, South Sandpoint, 38  
years  
How many years lived in Bonner Co.: 48  
Past/current government service (if  
applicable): appointed past volunteer  
commissioner, Sandpoint Arts Commission  
(seven years, two as chair); appointed cur-  
rent volunteer commissioner and chair of  
the Sandpoint, Arts, Culture and Historical  
Preservation Commission (two years)  
Profession: graphic designer/screen-  
printer, Clearwater Gear, 33 years  
Education: graduate of Sandpoint High  
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