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CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2023

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1. Why are you running for mayor?

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?

Sandpoint Mayor

Frytz Mor



Age: 53

Birthplace and residence: Phoenix/
Sandpoint

How many years lived in Bonner Co.:
3.5 years

Past/current government service (if applicable): N/A

Profession: semi-retired

Education: broadcasting and film

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1. I am running for office because there is a need for a People's Mayor. Someone who is without conflicts of interest. One who is willing to engage, listen and seek understanding in the pursuit of common ground and best practices. Someone whose only interest is one of service to the betterment of the whole community. A neutral arbiter. I want to keep Sandpoint livable, local and accountable.

2. a. Foster a more meaningful conversation and build a robust system of public engagement to address our beloved city's historical culture and growth.

b. A thorough audit of the budget, and providing a transparent delivery of that information to the public. There are far too many costly projects being given preference and finance over basic needs like roads, waterways, waste treatment and jobs.

c. Sandpoint is becoming increasingly unaffordable. Working families and young people struggle to make ends meet. It is critical we promote and develop long-term opportunities for our community.

3. Our city is being run like a corporation instead of a community. It's being designed to attract outside influence rather than provide for residents. Our young people are leaving in search of opportunities not available here, and many long-term residents worry they too will be forced out. I will work to examine projects and programs that encourage incentive for education; hard skills; small businesses; and creative, sound solutions for housing and growth. We must clearly define where the fiscal waste can be trimmed,

diverted or eliminated, and the benefits and resources refocused on the local community's needs and desires.

4. Many residents feel public engagement is severely lacking. They see the city providing a bare minimum effort for the public to participate. Furthermore, people feel their voices are being drowned out for the benefit of outside interests seeking to profit off our land and resources. I will foster a wider and more accessible conversation, seeking common ground on issues from a wide range of voices, and encouraging the whole public to engage in the process. I will be available and proactive. Together we can build consensus, and a strong economy, for a bright and prosperous future that serves all.