



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 City Council

Kyle Schreiber



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1. I am running for City Council because Sandpoint is a truly special place, and I want to see it stay that way. I have lived in other rural mountain towns around the West, and I've seen similar issues ruin towns like ours.

2. a. Transparency and responsiveness. The people in our community have lost trust in their city government.

b. Spending our budget wisely by focusing on critical services first. Our critical services are failing, meanwhile the city has chosen to pursue several large projects that are questionably necessary.

c. Addressing the lack of affordable housing. Workers and long-time residents are being pushed out.

3. The lack of affordable housing threatens our public safety, our local businesses and the fabric of our community. It's not unique to Sandpoint, and no one solution will solve it. We need better enforcement of our short-term rental ordinance; every short-term rental operating without a permit is a potential affordable home for a local

resident. I propose a deed incentive program, similar to what has proven successful in other communities like ours. And I would work to extend the homeowner's tax exemption to landlords who rent to locals at affordable prices.

4. Residents need to know that their voices are being heard. And when the overwhelming majority of the public makes their preferences known, the city must take action. Rather than hiring more high-paid consultants who do not live in our community, we need to bring back the citizen committees — made up of local residents — into the decision making for the city. Decisions are often complex and it is usually impossible to fulfill everyone's wishes, but public engagement needs to be more than a box to be checked or a line item on the budget.