



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?

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Age: 74
Birthplace and residence: Florida/
Sandpoint
How many years lived in Bonner Co.: 40
Past/current government service (if
applicable): retired public educator
Profession: retired reforestation
contractor, former Schweitzer Mountain
employee, current volunteer with various
conservation groups, KRFY events, Idaho
Trails Association, Kinnikinnick Native
Plant Society Education Committee and
Idaho Conservation League water quality
monitoring program
Education: general/special K-8 education
degrees with a Gifted and Talented endorse-
ment, University of Idaho-Coeur d'Alene

c. Creative budgeting is needed to
maintain and improve our
infrastructure, which includes safe
sidewalks and bike paths. We need
to reroute trucks and rapid traffic
from neighborhoods, utilizing
transit options.
3. Our historic rate of growth has
taxed our infrastructures, housing
and well-being. We need to be
proactive in our planning and zoning
for the future. We can recruit and
attract businesses, commercial and local
businesses to lessen our reliance
on a tourist economy. Transit
options can help alleviate unsafe
travel around town and any
parking issues. If we work through
a city housing authority and
or other options, we can utilize
deed restriction possibilities and
research share successful ideas
found in similar communities.
Once we have a well thought out,
collaborative comprehensive plan
we should stick to it.
4. How would you speak to the
residents as I introduce myself,
share my thoughts and reasons for
seeking a City Council seat and
ask of their concerns? I feel active
listening is key. My experience is
unsatisfactory in getting

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