

Watchmen Voter Guide for City of Sandpoint – Council Member – Candidates 6-9

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	Mary-Claude Margairaz	Frytz Mor	Benjamin Omodt	Jason Welker
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	My name is Frytz More and I am running for Sandpoint City Council. Having felt intuitively called for some time, when many long time residents felt I had what Sandpoint needed and repeatedly encouraged me to run, I accepted. Placing the rest in my higher power's hands, I continue to take right action, and steadfast in my commitment to represent with integrity the needs of Sandpoint and its residents.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond	My top priorities are building a strong foundation to move forward through aggressively addressing crumbling infrastructure to accommodate intelligent responsible growth, housing and employment issues through diversification and sound ideas and innovation, and securing Individual Liberty and one's right to choose through Health Freedom.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
3. What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho? How should the city council manage growth?	Declined to Respond	North Idaho is going to grow. It is inevitable. The city of Sandpoint needs to grow responsibly. My goal is to diversify the economy and set a strong foundation for growth and wellness, offering greater economic independence for the city and its residents now and into the future. The issues we face are complex. Therefore there is no easy solution. The city needs a hard pause on spending until critical infrastructure is properly addressed, such as waste and water treatment. In addition, the city proposes an increase to 75% high density living, and states it is the will of residents. Why would increasing density come before addressing critical infrastructure? Sandpoint's Comprehensive Plan needs to be readdressed with the community and council. The burden of proof is on the city and council to show how increased density will preserve culture and enhance wellbeing.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
4. In your opinion what best serves the public, elected officials, or appointed officials?	Declined to Respond	Elected officials best serve the public. They are accountable to the electorate.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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5. What role should the city council have in the design and authorization of new developments?	Declined to Respond	Council members must work with the community and Planning and Zoning to design and implement growth. Ultimately the City Council will or will not authorize.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	Declined to Respond	I would need to do further research to offer an opinion.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?	Declined to Respond	Regionalization is bandied about as a talking point but hardly ever goes deep in discussion. The public must be fully engaged and informed on what it means to regionalize local issues and services. Often Regionalization leads to greater bureaucracy and less representation. However, there are ways to share burdens without relinquishing independence. A thorough vetting process is needed with any regionalization proposal.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund but not raising taxes?	Declined to Respond	Upon seating a new Council in January 2022 a thorough vetting of all financial records will be required to identify spending waste. I do not support increased taxation and oppose the LOT 1%. Once a proper plan for growth can be put in place, and all waste spending eliminated, the city will be on course for sustainable growth and reserve capital.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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9. What is your opinion of the increased push for affordable housing?	Declined to Respond	The current push for “affordable housing” sounds good on the surface but will not live up to the promise. Development will not move quickly enough to keep the market burden of supply and demand from rapidly pushing even those supposed “low cost” housing options out of reach. In addition, when I hear talking points like “workforce housing” it calls to mind the communist agenda of China. Sandpoint will not become a little “China” under my representation. Nor will it become a playground for the “haves” like Aspen, Breckenridge, Vail and the like. Responsible innovative growth is the answer. American Liberty and knowhow will get us where we want to go. The residents of Sandpoint are strong, intelligent and resourceful. It is time we tap that resource for more than just service industry principles that cater to the few.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
10. How should the public’s input be taken into consideration and implemented in the decision-making process?	Declined to Respond	There are multiple forms of communication on all projects available for public comment. The public needs to be more actively engaged in process. It is also incumbent upon the members of the Council to more actively engage with the public. One great way is worshipping ideas in open forum meetings, and doing so often. Another is for the individual Councilman to actively engage in interpersonal communications with residents, willing to listen and be a neutral arbiter and bringing their wants and needs to the Council.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
11. Is there anything in your personal or business life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?	Declined to Respond	There is nothing in my business dealings or personal life that presents a conflict of interest. I am newer to Sandpoint. Which is actually good for you. I am here to fight for you. To be your voice. I have no axe grind. I am not an appointee who didn’t have to work to get elected, and groomed for political advancement. I don’t own half of downtown and stand to make millions in real estate. I don’t have a vested interest in taxing you to save myself or any of my businesses. I am not a trust fund baby, or in cahoots with corruption, nepotism, and crony capitalists. I am a simple family man, bent on saving our Liberty and our city. And I AM at my limit with a government that has ceased to represent us, and run amok, drunk on its own power.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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12. Should the concept of “equitable outcome” be implemented as a part of the city council’s decision-making process? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	The concept of “equitable outcome” should not be implemented. Such an idea is in direct contradiction to our Liberty. That said, it must be highlighted that the so called Free Market is also manipulated through PPP and other protocols. Too often government, in agreements with capital corporate interest, pass on the real costs to taxpayers while the corporate interest reaps the reward. If the taxpayers are paying for it, the taxpayers should own it. By removing such agreements and protocols that privatize profit and socialize risk the market is free to function organically, and all ideas and innovations have potential for growth and prosperity.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
13. What role should the health board play in the city council’s decision-making process?	Declined to Respond	The Health Board is an advisory panel. It has no authority to make or implement Law.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	My experience is far reaching and extensive. From large big budget television and film production to non-profit and small business ownership. My living and travel experience gives me a unique insight into the dynamics at play in Sandpoint, allows for a deeper wisdom and understanding of team building, leadership, and project management.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond