

### City of Hayden Council Member Seat #4

	David Erickson	Sandy White
<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	My name is Sandy White, and I'm running for re-election to Seat #4 on the Hayden City Council. I'm running because I love Hayden and I believe in transparency, accountability, and good governance. Over the past four years I've worked hard to protect property rights, make government more open, and ensure Hayden's future is financially stable. I'd like to continue serving my community with those same principles to preserve our family friendly way of life.
<b>2.</b> How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	No Response Received	1. Increase transparency by making all meetings available online and restoring access to full public records. 2. Strengthen accountability by protecting private property rights and ensuring land use decisions respect owners rights. 3. Improve fiscal responsibility by keeping budgets balanced and prioritizing essential services like law enforcement.
<b>3.</b> In your opinion, is growth in North Idaho being handled appropriately?	No Response Received	Not always. Growth is coming quickly, but without careful planning it risks overwhelming infrastructure and eroding property rights. Cities must focus on ensuring growth is measured, thoughtful, and truly serves existing residents - not just developers.
<b>4.</b> As cities face increasing costs to pay for city services including law enforcement, fire districts, schools and increased traffic due to increased home developments, what are your suggestions so that growth pays for itself?	No Response Received	Growth should not burden existing taxpayers. Ending our Urban Renewal District (URD) is one step - Hayden's URD currently redirects about one million taxpayer dollars a year. We also need to strengthen impact fees and make sure developers are paying their fair share for roads, public safety, and other services that their projects require.
<b>5.</b> What improvements should be made to the city council's role in the planning and authorization of new developments?	No Response Received	I'd like to see council members being involved earlier in the process, not just at the end. Early involvement helps ensure that projects align with Hayden's vision, property rights are respected, and infrastructure demands are clearly addressed before approval. By engaging upfront, we can safeguard our small-town values.
<b>6.</b> In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	No Response Received	At this point, no. Essential services must be preserved, but I will continue to guard against unnecessary spending or waste that diverts resources away from core needs like public safety. Privatization could be explored for non-essentials if it saves money without compromising quality, always prioritizing taxpayer value as good stewards.
<b>7.</b> Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities, why or why not?	No Response Received	Not until Hayden's own needs are met. The Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board (HARSB) is in the process of transferring to the City of Hayden, and that transition must be handled carefully. We need to prioritize capacity and affordability for current users and approved building projects before expanding outward. Expanding too soon could strain city resources.

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<b>8.</b> How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund without increasing taxes?	No Response Received	Prudent planning means building reserves now to protect against future hardships, ensuring Hayden remains a stable place for families to thrive. Cutting wasteful spending is key.
<b>9.</b> What is your opinion on affordable housing? Is it something that the city should be pursuing?	No Response Received	Housing affordability matters, but it is not the proper role of city government to intervene directly. The city's main role is to keep property taxes as low as possible because that helps everyone.
<b>10.</b> All too often local residents feel that their public comment is not taken into consideration when decisions are made that directly affect their daily lives and their property values. What would you do differently to change the public's perception?	No Response Received	Public comment should be welcomed, respected, and never dismissed. Residents should feel heard, not embarrassed. I'd like to see a follow-up mechanism so comments are reviewed, researched, and addressed - that way, people know their input makes a difference. I love hearing from you.
<b>11.</b> What is your opinion on "Smart Cities" and how they apply to North Idaho?	No Response Received	Last year, while representing Hayden on the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO), I opposed the proposed Data Center because of concerns about privacy and local control. In city planning, terms like 'walkability' and 'live-work-play' are often tied to Smart City agendas. I've been the only one asking that these terms be removed from Hayden's Comprehensive Plan, but the rest of the council and Planning & Zoning Commission disagreed. My priority is keeping Hayden a small, family-friendly community. Tech-driven agendas risk surveillance and loss of freedoms — I believe we must protect our rural character and personal privacy over centralized control."
<b>12.</b> Should the concept of "equitable outcome" be implemented as a part of the city council's decision-making process? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I believe that city decisions must be impartial, transparent, and rooted in the law — not based on trying to engineer specific social or economic outcomes.
<b>13.</b> Is there anything in your personal, business, or career life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?	No Response Received	No.
<b>14.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	I've had the unique opportunity to live overseas in large cities, where I relied on public transportation every day and experienced firsthand the challenges of high-density living. Now, as a resident of Hayden in a single-family home, I deeply value our small-town character and the importance of protecting property rights. For more than 40 years, I've served in nonprofit work around the world and taken on leadership roles here at home. Over the past four years on City Council, I've consistently spoken up for transparency, accountability, and good governance. Those experiences — both globally and locally — have shaped my perspective and prepared me to continue serving Hayden with dedication and conviction.