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DESCRIBE, IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE(S) FACING SANDY:

Quality of life, responsible growth, strong, diverse economy and promoting citizen input and involvement.

With 95% of Sandy already developed, we must ensure that the development choices we make are representative of what we want in our community.

We will be faced with tough choices as some areas of Sandy are targeted for development. We will need to balance this need with our interest in maintaining the integrity, livability and safety of our neighborhoods. We must have economic diversity and prosperity to support the services we expect city government to provide.

What led me to run for Mayor was my involvement as a citizen sponsor of the Gravel Pit referendum. Four out of every five of my neighbors (88%) said they did not want the zoning changed to allow big boxes in the Gravel Pit because of the quality of life impact. We did not see a need to have two Wal-Mart's less than 2.5 miles from each other.

I feel strongly that while we were given the opportunity to voice our concerns that we ultimately had not been heard. My campaign is about listening to the people when major growth issues directly affect our quality of life. We need a change and a fresh perspective!

DESCRIBE, IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, HOW YOU WILL RESOLVE THAT ISSUE OR ISSUES:

Within 90 days of taking office as Mayor, I will lead a complete operational review with every department in Sandy city government,

summarize my findings, solicit feedback from city employees and citizens, and set meaningful and achievable goals to focus on improving the efficiency and accountability of city government to its citizens.

I am committed to respecting the wishes of the people when they vote on the Gravel Pit rezoning in the upcoming General Election as well as the rights of the landowner to develop the land as they wish within the zoning approved by the voters.

I will work to ensure that there is balance within city government that allows us to make the best decisions for the citizens of Sandy to improve our quality of life. I will establish several citizen committees to research and report back on ways we can restore the citizen's voice in city matters.

I will initiate an aggressive program to bring both large and small businesses together to ensure the health and viability of both in meeting the needs of citizens by supporting local businesses of all kinds. We must focus more resources to bring more business into Sandy to complement the existing retail and restaurants we enjoy.

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