

# Re-Elect Sandy for Mayor of Sedona

**I have had the honor and privilege** of serving as Sedona's mayor for over five years, and the pleasure of living in Sedona for 48 years, longer than I have lived anywhere else. I was born and raised in Seattle Washington, attended Whitman College for one year and graduated from the University of Washington. Before coming to Sedona, I spent a few years living in other places, Fairbanks, Alaska, The Dalles, Oregon and Marathon in the Florida Keys, but I am now happy to call Sedona home.

I got involved in getting Sedona incorporated soon after my arrival in January of 1972. It was a special challenge because we are in two counties, so we had to begin with changing state law to allow it. Nearly 16 years later, after a successful December election, Sedona officially became a city on January 4, 1988, and I was excited and proud to be a member of the first appointed City Council.

Governing in Sedona has changed significantly over the years, but never in the way it has changed in the last four months. I believe there has never been a time in the 32 years Sedona has been incorporated when an emergency proclamation has been issued. The global pandemic of COVID-19 has resulted in unusual and extraordinary times and brought more uncertainty from an invisible and unpredictable enemy than most of us have experienced in our lifetimes. As conditions change dramatically daily, even hourly, it is a challenge to keep up and adjust. But we are innovative and resilient, and I know we will get through this, together, and emerge even stronger on the other side.

Our goals for the city remain largely the same, although the path to reach them and the time frame may change somewhat as we focus on health and safety, now even more than ever. Because we have budgeted wisely in the past, our financial health is good, so we can move ahead with city operations and functions. We will continue with implementing our Master Transportation Plan. The Climate Action Plan is moving ahead, economic diversification programs continue, and we are not anticipating layoffs or furloughs. When the legislature reconvenes in 2021, we will continue to advocate for changes to allow for local control of short-term rentals.

The swimming pool has opened with health and safety modifications, and Parks & Recreation has planned several activities for both kids and adults throughout the summer. City services remain available, sometimes provided remotely or by appointment. Public Works projects are ongoing, as are street repairs and maintenance, and police services continue with few modifications.

We intend to proceed cautiously as time goes on and as we all adjust to ever-changing circumstances. This is a unique opportunity for learning and adapting in ways we might have never imagined. I have often seen and been proud of what a generous and giving community this is. Our love for Sedona and each other will bring us through.

**Note: the Election is August 4 and vote by mail ballots will be mailed the week of July 5th.**



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