

City Clerk Staff

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Hello --

I'm attaching a letter in support of Mike Nugent. If there are questions or if anyone would like more information, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for all your good work.

Lynn Solomon

Missoula City Council
(email submission)
September 1, 2022

Dear Council,

Late last year, a friend posted on social media, asking for feedback and advice on whom to vote for in the Ward 4 city council race. I was quick to reply and encourage her to vote for Mike Nugent. I told her he was smart, thoughtful and pragmatic. I posted that I wished I had the opportunity to vote for him. Now, as Mike works to become the next mayor of my adopted hometown, I'm grateful for the chance to talk about my friend and why I think he's the right person for the job.

The mayor of Missoula has to wear a lot of hats. In one day, we may ask our mayor to lead a ribbon-cutting, present an award to a crime victims' advocate, meet with state and national opinion leaders and then skillfully, deftly lead a council meeting.

I met Mike a few years ago when we worked together. From the beginning, it was easy to see he can interact with – and earn the respect of – a wide variety of Missoulians, and it was easy to see why. The University of Montana is an integral part of this community and I'm grateful for the insights Mike gained while working on housing issues at UM. In addition to being a business owner and raising a young family, Mike holds an MPA from the university.

I know some folks in Missoula want a mayor with years of council experience while others want a "fresh face," with very limited political background. I believe the answer is somewhere between the two, and I think Mike is that person.

Mike cares deeply about Missoula, he is invested in this community, but he's still a problem solver and a thoughtful, reasonable guy. It's a great combination, and it's one that I wish more people – in local politics and beyond – had.

I encourage the council to select Mike Nugent as Missoula's next mayor. If there are questions or if anyone would like more information, please be in touch.

Sincerely,
LYNN SOLOMON