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From: Mindy Palmer <mindy.palmer@bhhsmt.com>
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To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Mike Nugent
Subject: Mike Nugent: Missoula's next Mayor

Dear Council Members, One and All,

To say that the past few weeks have been an upheaval of emotions, delegations and ruminations for the city of Missoula and its great denizens as we all mourn the loss of John Engen is an understatement. John was truly a Mayor of the people and for the people and his departure has left many to anxiously wonder who the next leader of the Garden City is going to be; including each and every one of you on the City Council. That's certainly understandable.

As each one of you weigh and measure what you deem the qualifications of each mayoral candidate should be, I am respectfully requesting that you allow me to share with you why I know that Mike Nugent is by far the most diversely qualified candidate to be elected as the next Mayor of Missoula and it only has a tad to do with politics, per se.

I accidentally met Mike 11 years ago when he was interviewing at the real estate firm that I worked for, Prudential Montana Real Estate. Called in to sit in on the meeting, I was quick to realize that this exceptional young man was the real deal: Intelligent, engaged, affable, approachable, but most importantly, genuinely kind and just a good sort. Later on I told my husband, "Mark my words: That kid's going to be the Mayor of Missoula some day."

I meant it then, and I mean it now.

During his tenure with our real estate company, now Berkshire Hathaway Montana Properties, Mike has quickly risen through the ranks to become not only our Supervising Real Estate Broker in our Missoula office, he has also become the Vice President of the company; the Number 1 real estate company in Montana, with 17 offices statewide and with a roster of 300 Realtors from all walks of life. Mike takes this leadership to heart, making personal time to connect with each office and with their agents. Who does that? Well, Mike Nugent does and it's not for show. It's just who he is.

Mike's credentials are extensive, impressive and in my opinion, they speak to the caliber of his character and for his genuine devotion, appreciation and love for Missoula:

As a lifelong resident of Missoula, Mike has passionately and effectively served as the President of the Missoula Organization of Realtors, a commissioner on the Missoula Housing Authority Board, a former president of the United Way in Missoula, and having worked with city officials on city codes and regulations, he understands the inner-workings and he has the intellect and tenacity that this job will require. Mike has served on numerous local boards, non-profits and committees to make Missoula a better place to live. He's even willing to step away from a well-established career, taking a paycut in the process. Who does that? Mike Nugent.

While all of the aforementioned credentials should be sufficient on their own merits in order to establish his credibility and worthiness of your strong consideration, I must emphasize that it's Mike's genuine nature that resonated with me during our first meeting 11 years ago. He's just a great guy with an even greater heart, he's smarter than he has a right to be and he's as genuine as they come. To have these inherent qualities is a gift and he is just so good at relating with people. All people. Not just those who share his viewpoints. He listens and is solutions-oriented in everything he pursues. He's also not afraid to stand his ground to do what's right. He may not always tell someone what they want to hear, but he will always explain his reasoning in the decision-making process.

Council Members, please trust that by voting for Mike Nugent as Missoula's next Mayor, you're going to be selecting and electing the very best candidate and in my opinion, the very best person for the job.

Thank you so much for your time.

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