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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Sandy City Council

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Subject: *The Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award, First Reading*

Overview

This memorandum proposes the establishment of a new annual civic recognition, the Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award. This award is intended to honor individuals whose volunteer service, civic involvement, and quiet leadership have enriched the Sandy community. The proposed award reflects both the Council's long-standing role in recognizing community excellence and its unique position to identify those who embody the values of public spirit and community stewardship.

This award would complement, not compete with, other recognitions such as the Noal Bateman Award. It is envisioned as a distinct expression of appreciation for residents whose contributions have had a positive effect on the community. The idea for the award was first introduced at the Special Recognition in honor of Donald Frank Gerdy, a longtime Sandy resident whose exemplary life of service typifies the qualities this honor seeks to elevate.

Purpose and Intent

The Sandy City Civic Engagement Award is designed to recognize those individuals who have made a meaningful impact on the quality of life in Sandy City through voluntary service and civic engagement. It is not intended as a lifetime achievement award, but rather as an acknowledgment of significant and beneficial community contributions, whether through leadership, mentorship, civic engagement, or charitable endeavors.

Nomination and Selection Process

To maintain the integrity and deliberative nature of this award, the City Council shall serve as both the nominating and selecting body. Nominations will be accepted solely from Council members. The Council will review nominations and select the recipient based upon the award's purpose and the considerations outlined below. The award shall be presented annually at the same meeting in which the Noal Bateman Award is conferred. A preliminary draft of the

proposed selection criteria for the Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award is attached to this memorandum for the Council's review and consideration

Conclusion

The establishment of the Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award presents a meaningful opportunity for the Sandy City Council to formally recognize and honor those whose service has uplifted the community. The annual award would affirm the value of civic dedication, humility, and the cumulative power of service to make Sandy a stronger, more connected city.

2025 Selection

As our first award recipient, we would like to recommend Don Gerdy for the 2025 award recipient, since he was the inspiration for the development of this award. We respectfully request the City Council to consider this item.