

Dear Sandy City Council and Administration,

Thank you for the honor of being considered for a position on the Planning Commission of the best city in Utah. It would be a pleasure and privilege to serve in that role and to help build an ever-better Sandy City.

My greatest qualification would be my appointment and service as an alternate Planning Commissioner since last March. I'm a rookie with much to learn but I've enjoyed the experience and no one has demanded my ouster yet, so I hope that means I'm doing okay so far! As an alternate I've been called to service on the dais as a voting member more often than not, so trial by fire would be an apt description. I learned right away to do my homework and be well prepared for every meeting. Luckily we have excellent planning and engineering staff that make that task easier.

I believe my original qualification would have been in the area of "substantial community involvement". I led the annexation effort which resulted in 189 homes in Willow Creek annexing to Sandy in 2014. That process involved meeting most of my neighbors, becoming knowledgeable about annexation law and municipal services, and presenting fact-based data upon which residents could rely for making their decision. I was honored to receive an Outstanding Citizen Contribution Award at the Sandy Appreciation Awards Banquet in 2015.

I've also been a small business owner for over 20 years. Decision making, negotiation, organization, communication, analysis, and building trust are among my daily business demands. I believe those skills translate well to the Planning Commission.

It would be a pleasure and privilege to continue to be of service on the Sandy City Planning Commission.

Respectfully,

Cyndi Sharkey