

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Sandy City Council  
**From:** Mayor Monica Zoltanski  
**Date:** 07/1/2026

**Subject:** Recommendation for Appointment of Communications Department Director

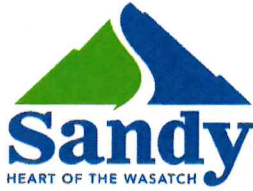
Pursuant to **Utah Code § 10-3b-202(1)(c)(iii)(C)**, which provides that the Mayor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the City Council, a qualified person to serve as Communications Department Director, I respectfully submit **Rachael Van Cleave** for your consideration and consent.

Rachael Van Cleave is a strategic communications leader with 17 years of experience and leadership that she brings to the role of Communications Department Director for Sandy City. Rachael has served for eight years serving in local government, as Communications Manager and Public Information Officer for the City of South Jordan. There she advised elected officials and executive leadership on public engagement, media relations, crisis communications, and community issues.

Rachael has helped lead communications for one of Utah's fastest-growing cities through rapid growth, the COVID-19 pandemic, annexation efforts, major economic development projects, public controversies, and emergency incidents. She is known for building trust, navigating complex issues, and helping local government communicate clearly and transparently with residents.

Serving as a neighboring Salt Lake Valley municipal leader, Rachael brings extensive knowledge of the region, its communities, and the challenges facing local governments today. She has earned an MBA and holds Accreditation in Public Relations (APR), and Advanced Public Information Officer (APIO) certification, and currently serves as President of the Utah Public Information Officer Association.

Based upon Rachael's extensive municipal experience, government and community relations expertise, leadership, and professional credentials, I am confident that Rachael Van Cleave is exceptionally qualified to serve as Sandy City's Communications Department Director.



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**MONICA ZOLTANSKI**  
MAYOR

Accordingly, pursuant to Utah Code, I respectfully request the City Council provide its advice and consent to the appointment of Rachael Van Cleave, as Sandy City's Communications Department Director, effective on July 15, 2026 following advice and consent.  
Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this appointment.

Yours in Service,

**Monica Zoltanski**  
Mayor, Sandy City