Monica Zoltanski, Sandy City Mayor: Questionnaire for ULCT Board Nomination

1. Why do you want to serve as a Board member or Officer (2nd VP)?

I wish to serve on the ULCT Board to enhance the representation of experienced cities and towns who are on the front line helping our residents get the public safety and other services they need, while achieving our regional and statewide goals of practicing in housing, transpiration, business development and homelessness solutions. By working together through the League, we help one another. As Sandy's Mayor, I bring relationships, experience of successes, communication skills and other valuable resources to help the League, cities, towns, and residents continue to make life better for everyone. Sandy City is the home of the current Senate Majority Leader and our friend, Kirk Cullimore. Sandy has a unique opportunity to help advance our common causes on the state level.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenges (legislatively and generally) facing cities and the League and how do you want to be part of the solution?

I see a range of challenges for us as municipalities including property taxes, local land use authority, housing for our residents, tax increment financing tools, and water. Utah's municipalities must work with our state legislature on these issues. I bring strong relationships with Sandy-area state legislators. As mayor in our form of government, I direct the efforts of our three lobbyists who can also help work on these problems. Most importantly, I'm able to work with fellow elected officials at all levels to support proposals that benefit our constituents and help block those that do not.

3. What goals for the League would you like to initiate or support during your time on the Board?

I would like to continue championing improved communication with residents to better educate people about common local issues that impact us all, and I would work to broaden relationships between the legislators and local elected officials to help educate our elected officials on the impact of their decisions. For instance, during last year's property tax discussions it was clear our legislators didn't see how much cities rely on property taxes. A basic "101" series for our elected representatives could help educate league members and state representatives. Cities could also contribute on their issues of local priority by building on member-generated or member educational content. We can also increase our letters to the editor, meet regularly with local editorial boards, and share resources and informational tools to help one another share information with residents.

4. What specific skillsets or interests do you have that you feel you can contribute to the League? (Note: ULCT appoints more than 70 city leaders to state boards and commissions as well)

- Second-Term mayor comfortably re-elected last year from demonstrated record of success leading my city and tackling our most challenging infrastructure and operation funding needs: Built new fire station, new public works maintenance facility, new community recreation center in first term. Passed property tax increase for public safety and obtained 67% voter approval of $21 Million fire station bond that same year, 2023. Conducted general plan update- the first comprehensive development plan update in 50 years.

- Active, visible, personally invested leadership style, sharing perspective, opportunity and information with constituents and business leaders to forge successful partnerships necessary to secure massive sports-entertainment investment that is changing our city's future.

- Attorney, Former City Prosecutor, entrepreneur and formers small business owner

-Grass-roots advocate on community issues balancing open space and historic preservation with growth and transportation

- I pride myself in personally attending and engaging on the many board positions I hold. I prepare and contribute to shape policy and innovate for the well-being of Sandy and the State of Utah, providing leadership and influence on the ULCT, WFRC, Current chair of Salt Lake County Council of Mayors, Former Chair of Salt Lake County Council of Governments and Shelter Cities Advisory Board, Shelter the Homeless, Winter Overflow Task Force, TRCC Vice Chair, Sports Salt Lake Advisory Committee.

5. There are designated seats on the board for the 8 geographic regions of the state as well as cities of the first and second class and towns. The remaining seats are at-large. How would you engage with your region (including with state and federal leaders) and/or city leaders around the state?

ULCT caucuses offer a prime opportunity for ongoing discussions about mutual challenges and issues faced by cities of similar size and interest. Board members should take a leadership role in these groups to facilitate discussions and engage in dialogue throughout the year. Board members can also help educate local leaders regionally to facilitate ongoing dialogue with legislators and promote community conversations to help residents understand legislative issues. Over the course of my 7.5 years in elected office, I have forged relationships well beyond Sandy City. Personal rapport and professional engagement has given me the foundation for broader advocacy beyond my own city or county.

6. Please describe you and/or your city's past and/or current participation within the League.

For decades, Sandy City has been an active, strong member of ULCT. Sandy's local leaders and lobbyists are active and influential on LPC, legislative issues, conferences, and associations that partner with ULCT.

7. When does your term of office expire? Do you intend to seek re-election?

My second term expires at the end of 2029 and I plan to seek reelection.

8. What else do you want the Nominations Committee to know about you and your city?

Sandy is emerging as a sports and entertainment hub with the addition of SEG's Utah Mammoth hockey training facility and Utah Jazz training facility at the Southtowne Mall. Further, the purchase by the Miller Family Foundation of RSL and the Royals professional soccer teams along with America First Field positions Sandy as a leader in the Utah sports economy as our state prepares for the 2034 Olympics. With the emanate closure of the Salt Palace, the county's MACU Expo Center in Sandy will play a critical role in hosting conventions in Utah. The teams, businesses, transportation and housing that is in the pipeline makes our long term planning now feasible and aligned with the State's goals for new housing. We are able to prove that even mature, built out cities like Sandy contribute in meaningful ways to further the state's goals on housing and homelessness solutions, in conjunction with the completion of our city's new general plan. Our recently updated master plan is the result of extensive community involvement over a period of nearly three years and serves as a guide map to manage growth into the next generation. We have already moved onto the next steps- codifying the changes into an easy to understand and efficient land use development code. Sandy City is repeatedly selected as one of the top cities in the nation for families to live.