

Anna Peterson has what it takes to be mayor

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Honesty, integrity, enthusiasm, knowledge of our community's needs, commitment to the people of Salem and a determination to make Salem the best and safest city in Oregon. These are the attributes I look for as I cast my vote for our next mayor.

I know first-hand that Anna Peterson is this person. As I worked with Anna at No Meth — Not in My Neighborhood, I saw that her management skills, dedication and knowledge enabled No Meth to not only reach our goal of community awareness of the dangers of meth use but also to continue our operation two years further than originally planned.

At that time, with the shortage of dollars available for local nonprofit organizations, Anna helped make the difficult decision to close No Meth's doors. Due to her community knowledge, we were able to turn segments of our organization over to other groups and No Meth returned to a volunteer-run organization.

Salem needs a mayor to be a champion for our city. I believe that Anna will study each situation and help guide Salem forward. Please join with me in casting your vote for Anna Peterson as our next mayor.

— Page Merrill, Salem