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Over the past 10 years, the City of Coeur d'Alene has been fortunate to have the leadership and vision of Mayor Sandi Bloem, who has helped mold Coeur d'Alene into a truly top-tier city. It is without question that her actions, and the actions of City Council, are a major part of the reason Coeur d'Alene looks the way it looks today.

Under Bloem's leadership, the City has won numerous high-profile awards for its accomplishments including recognition from Forbes Magazine and USA today. Mayor Bloem and company have been able to build a new public library, move forward on shaping the Education Corridor through collaborative partnerships, protect and create public space on Tubbs Hill, preserve public parks and beaches, and expand the Centennial and Prairie Trails. It is hard to imagine Coeur d'Alene without all of these features, for it is these very things that make Coeur d'Alene what it is today, a wonderful place to live and work, and a thriving vacation spot for tourists who fuel our economy.

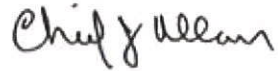
The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been an ardent supporter of the Kroc Center - one of the many successful projects we can point to today that can be attributed to Bloem's steadfast leadership and dedication to building a community center. Yet, even the building of the Kroc Center, something that was specifically identified by the citizens of Coeur d'Alene as a significant community need that was intended to benefit all citizens of the community was controversial. We know now that the Kroc is a truly remarkable place that has been a blessing for the entire Coeur d'Alene community. And we also know that the Kroc Center would not have come to fruition without the leadership, dedication, and vision of Bloem.

As leaders, we do the best we can to gather community input and weigh the options. But at the end of the day, leadership must make difficult and often controversial decisions based on what is in the best interest of the greater community. As an elected official myself, I know the difficulties that come from representing a diverse constituency. Disagreement and differences in opinion are natural in politics no matter where you go and compromise on both sides is necessary. The democratic process has checks and balances already in place for unhappy constituents- they're called elections.

Mayor Bloem and Council members Goodlander, Kennedy and McEvers have represented the community well and have made the difficult decisions that have moved the City of Coeur d'Alene in the right direction and for that they deserve our community's support. They have been truly wonderful partners to the Tribe and remarkable proponents of a progressive community vision that benefits each and every one of us every single day.

In my experience, people often shoot down ideas because they are afraid of change. Don't let the fear of a few vocal citizens derail Coeur d'Alene's progress. Mayor Bloem and Coeur d'Alene City Council members Goodlander, Kennedy and McEvers should be commended for their leadership, vision and service to our community and I am proud to support them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief J. Allan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief J. Allan
Chairman, Coeur d'Alene Tribe