

## Former mayor Kathie Eckman announces bid for Bend City Council

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BEND, Ore. — Long time Bend resident and former mayor Kathie Eckman announced her bid this week to run for Bend City Council Position 3, which is currently held by Linda Johnson.

As part of her campaign, Eckman plans to focus primarily on financial stability, economic development, and a increased communication with Bend residents.

“Bend has always been near and dear to my heart. That is why I have decided to run for Bend City Council,” said Eckman. “I am very concerned with the current downturn of the economy. There will be temptation to neglect the basic city services in favor of other projects. Our emphasis should be in providing emergency services as well road and street maintenance.”

“I believe that with my past experience I will help the City get back on track and working again for the people of Bend. I will ensure that the pet projects stop and we get back to making policy decisions that benefit all citizens -- not just a select few,” said Eckman. “I have the history and experience to lead Bend City Council for the next four years.”

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### Brief Biography:

Eckman retired from the Bend-LaPine Schools in 2001 where she was employed in the Human Resources Department. She went to work for Senator Ron Wyden in 2003. Eckman is an active member of the community, and currently serves as secretary for the Rotary Club of Bend and foundation. She is a member of the Central Oregon City Club.

Eckman is married to Paul Eckman, a neurological consultant, and they are the primary caregivers of their four-year-old grandson.

### Prior political experience:

Bend City Council 1980, 82, 88, 92, 96, and 2000.

Bend Mayor 1991-1992

City of Bend Planning Commission 1978 to 1980

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Bend Development Board

City of Bend Budget Committee Member

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