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## Sandel deserves nod for District 4 return

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The Daily Times endorses incumbent Jason Sandel for re-election to the District 4 seat of the Farmington City Council in Tuesday's municipal elections.

Sandel faces challenger Bob Moon.

We appreciate Moon, as we do all of the candidates from various races, for his willingness to become involved in civic service. It is no small task to campaign for city council, let alone be willing to serve if elected.

Moon said his priorities would be to support the Police Department, address traffic problems and control spending. He also likes the idea of moving Farmington municipal buildings into a central location, preferably downtown.

Sandel, however, has proven he is willing to take a stand on tough issues, and he has provided a welcomed voice of reason on multiple occasions during his past term on the council. He has proven effective and dedicated to the job.

"Budgeting is the big key to the immediate future," he said, stressing the need for city contracts to be reviewed and for careful deliberation before making necessary cuts. "I do not believe we should have this share the pain' philosophy. We need to determine our central services, and cut outside of that."

He feels there are redundancies within the city's jobs structure that can be eliminated or consolidated, such as questioning the need for various departments to have their own marketing services instead of combining them; and that officials should examine ways local law enforcement agencies can combine services, such as evidence gathering and storage.

Other expenses need to be evaluated based on real needs, he said. "If you don't have money to buy the flowers, you don't need the people who plant the flowers. Tough decisions will have to be made."

Sandel, however, also has visions of growth for the city when improved funding does return, and he says to recruit good businesses, the city needs to seek new ideas such as broad-ban networking and other improvements. He also feels the city should start looking ahead to plans for a new civic center that can lure larger conventions, which would boost the local economy as well as serve the community.

Sandel has represented his district and the city well, and we cast our full support behind him for re-election.

Today's editorial continues a series of endorsements by The Daily Times ahead of Tuesday's municipal elections. We encourage voters to participate by studying the issues and casting their vote. Pre-election stories remain available for all races, on [daily-times.com](http://daily-times.com). Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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