

# *ELECT* **ROBYN** *for* **CLARKDALE MAYOR**

## **OPEN LETTER TO CLARKDALE RESIDENTS**

My name is **Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer**, my family has lived and worked in Clarkdale for over 35 years. I am asking for your **VOTE** for Mayor of Clarkdale.

For the past six weeks I've walked through Clarkdale neighborhoods and conducted small Meet and Greet gatherings with residents. I've met a lot of people, listened to their concerns, answered questions and told people about myself and my platform. Most importantly I learned what matters to Clarkdale residents. As voting starts (early voting began on July 8) here are the top concerns shared with me, and my response.

**COVID-19:** The virus is here in Clarkdale, 30 confirmed cases as of July 10. We must focus our town to assure that our residents are safe, secure, fed, educated, and have access to medical/mental health and all available resources needed to get through this pandemic - **including prioritizing fast reliable internet access for all Clarkdaleans.**

**COMMUNICATION WITH OUR RESIDENTS:** Clarkdaleans are frustrated by the lack of regular communication about what is happening in our town, what our town government is doing, and why decisions are being made. Some of the actions I will take include:

- A yearly "state of the town" address and letter to all who live and work in Clarkdale.
- Quarterly "Meet with the Mayor" informal meetings open to all Clarkdale residents to discuss their issues and explain the town's decisions. These meetings will be on Saturdays to make them accessible to most residents. We will record them and also allow submission of questions ahead of time for those unable to attend. I will ask the town council members and town manager to join us.
- A monthly "Mayor Update" column in the Small Talk newsletter.
- Ensure all Clarkdaleans receive the Small Talk newsletter, either with their water bill or in the mail.
- Maintain a Clarkdale Business Directory to be distributed to every home. Spending our dollars in Clarkdale can increase our tax base through sales tax revenues and help fellow Clarkdaleans earn a living.

**GROWTH:** I commit to managing the growth of Clarkdale, based on our voter approved General Plan, with the vision that Clarkdale remains a "SMALL TOWN COMMUNITY." This is why most people live here and are loyal to this town. We can preserve our small town while we work to bring in living wage jobs.

**WATER AND HOW WE USE IT:** Diminishing water supply is a concern for all of us. Managing our water supply now and in the future is very important. In addition to Clarkdale's comprehensive water management plan, I will use social media and the Small Talk newsletter to encourage and educate residents and businesses about every day water conservation practices that can make a real difference.

**OUR NATURAL RESOURCES:** The Verde River, mountains, parks, trails and open spaces of our town are extremely valuable to us. Our current Mayor "lives and breathes" the Verde River and I am hopeful he will continue his work through his non-profit Verde River Institute. I will get the advice of local experts on the conservation and responsible development of **ALL** our natural resources, including the Verde River.

These are a few of the issues that were shared with me when I met with many of my fellow Clarkdaleans - I am happy to discuss my ideas on these and other issues as you decide who will be your next Mayor.

I am asking for your **VOTE** because **I Care about Clarkdale...**and I believe together we can build **The Clarkdale We Want!**

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