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## **Eagle citizen group recommends Semanko, Aaron for City Council**

The North Ada County Foothills Association—with several hundred members from the City and the surrounding area—recommends incumbent Norm Semanko and newcomer Amy Aaron for the two Council seats to be decided in the November 3, 2009, municipal elections.

Semanko, appointed to Council two years ago to fill the seat vacated by the election of Mayor Phil Bandy, is now running for the first time.

“Norm was the top vote-getter from our election task force in a very strong field of candidates,” said Steve Purvis, NACFA co-chair. “His responses to our written questionnaire reflected the knowledge and nuanced insight into local issues that he’s gained over the past two years.”

“We’ve seen during that time that Norm works hard, as well as considers and values the views of all elements of the Eagle community. He asks tough and thoughtful questions, is committed to fairness and mindful of citizen priorities. Norm’s a listener and a thinker—and a strong presence on Council, as he showed with his emphasis on fiscal responsibility in the recent budget discussions.”

Aaron, who relocated to Eagle several years ago, brings a professional background in research, analysis and science along with a commitment to strategic budgeting that focuses on citizens’ priorities and vision for the future. She decided to run for office after involvement with the City through her work for the Ada County Sheriff’s Department, where she directs Planning and Research. Among other responsibilities, Aaron developed the sheriff’s budget request to the City.

“Amy was a real surprise to us,” Purvis said. “She impressed us as open and really willing to work to master the financial challenges of the City. We were sold on her focus on facts and thorough analysis leading to solid, evidence-based financial decision-making, including better fiscal management into the future. Amy has significant experience with long term and strategic planning processes, skills certain to be helpful to the City as we move ahead.”

“But just as importantly, Amy also demonstrated genuine commitment to ensuring City government decisions reflect citizen priorities, not only in how money is spent, but across all the issues with which the Eagle area is grappling.”

“We see her as independent and motivated by a strong desire to improve Eagle; she has no agenda other than that. And she has some fresh and creative ideas that could lead to real payoffs for Eagle.”

Aaron’s website is [www.amyforeagle.com](http://www.amyforeagle.com); Semanko’s website ([www.normsemanko.org](http://www.normsemanko.org)) will be up soon. Responses from all candidates to the NACFA election questionnaire can be found at: [www.nacfa.net](http://www.nacfa.net), “Eagle Election Info.”

NACFA formed seven years ago in response to development pressure in the Eagle area and advocates for balanced development, the reflection of community priorities in development decisions and preservation of Eagle’s identity. Contact co-chairs Steve Purvis, [sp@nacfa.net](mailto:sp@nacfa.net), 939-0756, or Kathy Pennisi, [kp@nacfa.net](mailto:kp@nacfa.net), 939-7774.