

## Character sets Peterson apart

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Character matters — and there is no one of more outstanding character than Anna Peterson.

The people of Salem are indeed fortunate to have a woman of her caliber on the May ballot so they can elect her as their next mayor. Anna will bring her integrity, creative energy, cooperative spirit and open mind to every facet of her job.

She is tireless in her capacity to face challenges resolutely and to settle problems cohesively. She will be an advocate of the highest order in supporting and advancing Salem's livability.

To say that Anna's leadership is impressive is an understatement. Her name is perhaps most recently recognized as the co-founder of No Meth — Not in My Neighborhood, but her distinguished service on the boards of the Historic Elsinore Theatre, SEDCOR, the Oregon Symphony, the Oregon Artists Series Foundation, the Public Library Foundation and the OMA Amphetamines Task Force (to name a few) is indicative of how Anna has generously given her time and skills to the betterment of this community for many years.

Anna Peterson was recognized as Salem's First Citizen a few years ago; now would be a good time to recognize her as Salem's next mayor.

— Carolyn Speerstra Harcourt, Salem