

BODE *for* **BOZEMAN**

Dear Gerald,

My name is Emma Bode. I'm a long-time community organizer and current City Commissioner running to represent you on the Bozeman City Commission. I'm fighting for a city where you and I can live safe, stable, and dignified lives. In a changing landscape, I'm defending the heart and soul of the community, which has made Bozeman a place so many of us want to call home. This is only possible when no one is left behind, and that's why I'm writing to ask for your vote on November 4th.

I've called the West my home for my entire life. I learned the value of hard work watching my parents, a U.S. Forest Service employee and a carpenter, balance their careers with raising my sister and I. I saw what it took for them to provide for us and mentor us to be future leaders in a changing world. It's that ethic that I've carried forward into my ethic of public service.

Bozeman is in a challenging position these days. Neither a full-fledged city nor a small town anymore, Bozeman is in a sort-of adolescence. We feel the growing pains of change, but have yet to fully realize the benefits. We have new neighbors, businesses, and amenities, but also new challenges. We can't go back to being the town Bozeman once was, but we can work together as a community to decide where we go and how we grow from here.

Bozemanites are smart, diligent, and tenacious advocates for this city and for Montana. It's in that advocacy that I've met many of you — pushing Northwestern Energy to acknowledge our right to a clean and healthful environment and working to prevent rent hikes with the Sunrise Movement, pressuring Montana State University to pull its investments out of harmful fossil fuels and establish a composting program to divert waste from our landfills as a student organizer, advocating for our public lands and outdoor heritage with Montana Wild, registering thousands of young residents to vote with Forward Montana, and helping immigrants settle in this valley with Bienvenidos. I've been in these spaces with you, fighting for *our* future, since the first day I set foot in Bozeman.

And I'm just getting started.

Overcoming the challenges we face will not be easy, but I'm confident this community is up to the task of building a Bozeman and a future where no one is left behind. Join me into this work.

Together, we can ensure Bozeman remains a home for all of us.

I look forward to meeting you,



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