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I disagree with the Bend Bulletin's advice on the Mayor and Ward issues.

My recommendation to you is to make the Mayor a 4 year directly elected position. The current process of the council choosing from among their members feels too much like the electoral college system.

Regarding Wards, I believe this makes the council more connected to the community. I also feel it gives me a point of contact with issues versus contacting the governing body as a whole. If I could add a componenet to what is being put forward on the Wards, I think there should be two councilors per ward, directed just by the ward residents. Discard the at large councilors. This allows for more citizens to get involved and distributes the work and duties each councilor is reso0nsible for. Bend is too big now to get by with fewer councilors.

Eight council members and a directly elected Mayor for 4 years provides better governance and greater inclusion of citizens.

Thanks for listening.

Mike Moran