

Anna Adams, If I were mayor...

If I were mayor of Forest Grove, I would build an animal shelter because I love and care about animals a lot. Then, I would make sure that the new Forest Grove shelter had enough food and space to be a no kill shelter. This means all animals stay at the shelter without being killed until they get a home. And, of course, I would adopt one of the cats. He would be the official mayor's cat, Junior.

The location of the animal shelter would be at the high school. I would choose this location, because then high school students as an elective could help maintain and take care of the animals and shelter. This way students are educated on being veterinarians and working with animals as a possible real job.

Another thing I would do as mayor, would be to start the Give Some Good, Get Some Good plan or GSG. You can bring canned goods into a giant box, then once the box reaches at least 1,000 items I will send them all to families in need in different countries and families here in Forest Grove. I call this the Give Some Good, Get Some Good program because you are giving and getting the feeling of happiness after knowing you have helped those families in need.

Now if I could help animals and people together here's what I would do: I would build a shelter for homeless people and their pets. Most shelters don't allow homeless people to bring their pets along with them. Then homeless pet owners end up not wanting to leave their pets behind, and as a result, end up not going to the shelters. To fix this I would build a shelter that allows both homeless and their pets together.

Helping with the animal shelter, building a homeless shelter for homeless and their pets, and getting a plan in action to help families in need are just part of what I would do if I were mayor.

Another action I would take if I were mayor would be to recognize all the great teachers in Forest Grove. People would vote on different teachers from different schools and then a teacher from each school would get an

award. I would do this because the teachers here in Forest Grove are amazing and they have really helped me learn.

I would also build a piece of art in Lincoln Park that illustrates how important fresh air and clean water are. I would put the art in Lincoln Park because it is by the pool, and the pool represents the water and the park represents clean air. This piece of art is to say how important our natural resources are, and that we should try and be careful and not pollute them. Encouraging everyone to be more careful and think about their actions is important.

Lastly, if I were mayor I would give funds to Theatre in the Grove. I love the theatre, and I think it would be really nice to give them funds to recognize how great the productions that they put on really are. I have been to many of their plays and I think everyone there does an amazing job. The Theatre in the Grove is also a Forest Grove landmark and a place that brings people together.

Recognizing teachers, our natural resources and giving funds to Theatre in the Grove are the other pieces of what I would do if I were the mayor of Forest Grove.