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Arthur Crozier

Partner in Housing

MAYOR BECKY DAGGETT

The Arthur Crozier Partner in Housing Award celebrates the compassion, optimism, and dedication to people and housing of City of Flagstaff Mayor Becky Daggett, a tireless leader and advocate for the Flagstaff community for over 25 years.

Becky began her journey in Flagstaff by attending Northern Arizona University (NAU) where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and a Master's in Sustainable Communities. Over the years, Becky has gained an abundance of experience and understanding of the difficult social issues facing the community through her volunteerism in dozens of local groups.

Becky was one of 80 individuals who volunteered over 1,000 hours for the creation of the Flagstaff 10-Year Housing Plan. She regularly volunteers at the Flagstaff Food Center and has participated in numerous community organizations and special projects over the years: the Point in Time Count, the City of Flagstaff Charter Review Committee, Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority Citizen's Review Commission, and the Flagstaff Leadership Program. Becky participated in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Ranking Committee, which allowed her to fully understand the process to distribute invaluable federal funds to the community. She also served as a Flinn-Brown Fellow for the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership and Co-Chaired the Governor's Growing Smarter Oversight Council.

Becky was elected to the Flagstaff City Council in 2020 where she supported the community's flood mitigation efforts after the devastating Museum (2021) and Pipeline (2022) fires, including personally removing mud from residents' backyards or sandbagging to help Flagstaff residents lessen the damaging effects of the floods. She advocated for the Arizona Education Association's "Educators' Budget" to designate state surplus funds to education. She supported community workforce training, approval of an affordable housing bond question on the 2022 ballot, and adoption of the Flagstaff 10-Year Housing Plan. Becky also served as the Council Liaison to the Housing Commission providing Flagstaff Housing staff with energy and solutions in addressing this difficult social issue.

Becky is determined to make Flagstaff better each day. Her fierceness has allowed her to gain the community's trust and tackle complex issues head-on. So much so that In 2022, she successfully ran for Mayor of Flagstaff. Her priorities included the creation of affordable housing, climate change mitigation, supporting small businesses, job creation, parks investment, and increasing investment in pedestrian, bike, and bus transportation and the Flagstaff Urban Trail System.

Among many projects designed to create more affordable housing, Mayor Daggett supported a new and innovative model of Habitat for Humanity homes, which has gained traction throughout the community and the attention of Habitat for Humanity International - the Starter Home Project. This collaborative project began with the creation of two net-zero, 500 sq. ft. starter homes in downtown Flagstaff. The new model will yield at least 40 more starter homes over the next five years.

Mayor Daggett's achievements, commitment, and humility make her the type of a standout leader deserving of the prestigious Arthur Crozier Partner in Housing Award. She makes it a point to understand her community from the inside out and supports the community's needs with her every action. The City of Flagstaff is lucky to have her.

