

## Leadership by Example, Elected Official

**Winner:** Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas

**Description:**

Mayor Nancolas is an eloquent ambassador for *Communities in Motion*. He emerged early as one of the region's leaders for connecting land use and transportation planning. His commitment to the principals and vision of *Communities in Motion* precedes its existence. His leadership on the Indian Creek project, which undoubtedly would have failed without his tireless commitment, is perhaps the best known and most visible example of this.

Caldwell's visionary downtown plan influenced the revitalization of its historic train station, now ready for future train service, and the location of the Treasure Valley Community College in the heart of Caldwell's downtown. Mayor Nancolas championed the Karcher charrette and Caldwell's bicycle and pedestrian pathways plan. These efforts have resulted in two Grow Smart Awards.

Mayor Nancolas also works quietly behind the scenes, having served as chair of both the COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit Boards. In addition Mayor Nancolas sits on the Association of Idaho Cities and the National League of Cities Boards where he advocates for efforts such as *Communities in Motion* and brings ideas from other communities back to the valley.

Mayor Nancolas is also a strong advocate for youth civic engagement and leadership. Caldwell has one of the strongest and oldest Mayor's Youth Advisory Councils in Idaho and the mayor chairs the Youth Council Committee for the National League of Cities. In this way he not only works to ensure our communities are vibrant today, but also in the future through development of future leaders.