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If I Were Mayor

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If I were mayor of Iowa City, I would have two priorities: taking steps to deal with environmental issues, and building the community. Before going forward with these objectives, I would consult with my superiors, predecessors, and fellow residents of Iowa City. I would also need to have fundraisers in order to raise money for all my projects.

Iowa City is one of the cleanest cities in the United States, according to the American Lung Association in 2022. However, it still needs some improvement. As mayor, I would encourage my town to reduce their ecological footprint. I would start an initiative to plant trees. Rewarding incentives would be in place, such as for every 100 trees planted, there would be a free event for the whole town. I would also encourage people to take public transportation, which would reduce air pollution. I might do this by adding a separate, faster lane on the road for buses, or I would encourage purchasing electric cars. In addition, I might offer money to buy solar panels, and I might even build a nature center for the city. This would stimulate an appreciation of nature and teach people why we need to protect the environment.

Strong, friendly communities thrive, which is why I would look to support our community. I would do this by encouraging residents to connect with each other and making sure everyone in our city feels welcome. I would organize various local events, such as holiday parties, summer pool parties with discounted rates, and creative events for all ages. There would also be periodic free workouts or yoga sessions in the park, which would help address the growing problem of obesity in Iowa, and encourage people to go outside.

If I became mayor, I would work hard to make sure that Iowa City is flourishing!