



Pete Buttigieg

Pete Buttigieg is the former Mayor of South Bend, Indiana. Pete was first elected mayor in 2011 at only 29 years old and re-elected in 2015 with 80 percent of the vote.

Pete served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve and took an unpaid seven-month leave during his mayoral term to deploy to Afghanistan. For his counterterrorism work, he earned the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Before Pete was elected Mayor at 29, a national publication called South Bend one of “America’s Dying Cities.” Since then, under Mayor Pete’s leadership, South Bend has experienced one of the fastest periods of population, job, and investment growth in a quarter of a century. At the same time, Pete emphasized building a South Bend community where every

resident—regardless of race, religion, gender, or orientation—could feel safe and included.

Pete has more years of government experience than the president, more years of executive government experience than the vice president, and more military experience than anybody to walk into the Oval Office since President George H. W. Bush.

Pete lives with his husband Chasten in the same South Bend neighborhood where he grew up, with their two rescue dogs, Truman and Buddy.

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