

Closing Plenary Speaker

John Reuter



John Reuter has spent his life working and living in the West. Born into a Greek sheep ranching family, he grew up in a small logging town in Oregon, went to school at the College of Idaho, and now lives in Seattle.

While in college, he co-founded the Sandpoint Reader, a weekly arts and entertainment newspaper and later freelanced for regional and national publications, including the Washington Post. He continues to write a monthly column for the Spokane Inlander. In 2007, he was appointed and then elected to be the youngest city council member in Sandpoint, Idaho's history and then selected by his peers to be Council President.

Today, John works as the national Director of Local & Bipartisan Strategies for the League of Conservation Voters. He currently serves on the Board of Strong Towns. He's particularly drawn to the notion that economic development is a community endeavor not just belonging to the planners and developers.