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**[External] Application for City Council Member – Ward 2 [#25]**

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| <b>How long have you been a resident in Longmont? *</b> | 6 years   |
| <b>Current occupation: *</b>                            | Substitute Teacher/Member of Several Local Community Boards                             |

**Why are you interested in serving as a City Council Member? \***

I want to serve the residents of Longmont and use my leadership skills to provide positive input and decision making so that Longmont can be a leader in Colorado for innovation, safety, and community. I want to support our local businesses so they can remain open, find ways to keep costs low for our families, address variables that contribute to a higher cost of living, and ensure we have responsible and obtainable environmental policies. I am a forward-thinking person who has the background and leadership skills to be extremely effective in uniting the community toward common goals and causes that benefit Longmont and its future.

**Briefly explain what you believe are the two most important issues facing City Council and how do you believe those issues should be addressed? \***

The city of Longmont is at a critical point in its growth. Longmont has the opportunity to be a key community leader by which direction it takes regarding several important issues. Do we grow, thrive, and innovate or did the choices that were made along the way hinder future growth? What does the future of Longmont and its community members look like? I want to see the city define what our identity will look like; are we a small town that supports technology and innovation, or are we a city that looks for opportunities to grow at every possibility without constraints? Defining who we are and what we want to become will allow the city and its citizens to have a clearly defined direction and city goals with regard to the future and growth of Longmont.

How can we grow our "small town" without adding more traffic, skyrocketing housing costs and keeping Longmont what it's known for; the quaint small town feel with a warm welcoming community (we don't need to become Boulder, congested and expensive)?

How do we keep folks in their homes, attract profitable businesses without raising housing costs, and pay for infrastructure that's needed to keep up with growth?

I want to see us become a leader in our state for economic development by attracting the companies and businesses that pay the wages commensurate for our community. I want to address how we approach building regulations and zoning to adequately house our residents. Apartment buildings are easy for transient residents, but we are not a community of transients. I want to work closely with our small businesses so together we can ensure businesses, and their employees are thriving in our community. We need housing and jobs for our community members so they can call Longmont home for as long as they want to live here. I want to ensure we are looking thoughtfully at policy and the impact it has on Longmont, so Longmont can be a model community for Colorado.

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**Letter of Interest \***



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**Signature \***

Tara L. Menza

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**Date \***

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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January 8, 2025

Dear Longmont City Councilmembers,

Please accept this letter as my formal intent to apply for the vacant City Council Ward 2 position.

As a homeowner, small business owner, mother of 5 children who attend St. Vrain Valley Schools, part time substitute teacher, and an active member in the community, I am familiar with the issues and challenges that affect Longmont. I love living in Longmont and it is the community I'm proud to call home. I have a background in board and community leadership, and I believe I can be a huge asset to help the City of Longmont navigate through challenges and onward to successes. We have a wonderfully diverse city council and hard-working members of our city government team who have spent decades leading and serving Longmont. I will bring a fresh perspective to help create a bridge from the longer serving members to newer residents and continue the great work our current council has been doing to lead Longmont into the future.

I look forward to the next steps in the application process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tara L. Menza".

Tara L. Menza

Longmont Ward 2 Resident