




[External] Application for City Council Member – Ward 2 [#11]

From Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>**Date** Sun 12/22/2024 8:26 PM**To** City Clerk <City_Clerk@longmontcolorado.gov>

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How long have you been a resident in Longmont? *	18 years
Current occupation: *	retired/property manager

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

After 35 years of running my own businesses, I have acquired a great deal of experience in both problem solving and efficiency. In my opinion, the number 1 requirement in business is to under promise and over deliver, keeping customers very satisfied and actually so excited about the final product that they are excited to pass your name along to their friends. From 1998 thru 2019, I owned a window covering business called Oasis Interiors. With almost no advertising, except word of mouth, Oasis became the largest Hunter Douglas dealer in Boulder County in 2 years. For about 10 years, I was a regular in the Boulder Chamber of Commerce. After moving to Longmont, I was then in the Longmont Chamber until I sold my business. I am ready, willing and able to take my business expertise, my networking skills, and my work ethic, and put them to good use for the future of Longmont.

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

Two of the most serious issues facing Longmont are traffic and homelessness/crime. Traffic on Ken Pratt has become a nightmare almost any time of day or night, weekend or weekday. In the past 10 years Longmont has experienced significant growth, yet the number of paved miles for main use, has barely changed. We need to look at a way to encourage re-routing drivers to less popular side roads (Airport, Pike, 17th and others), perhaps even Hwy 52 off the Diagonal. The best way to reduce crime is to actually charge some of those that are committing the crimes. I have spoken to multiple police officers and the common thread is felonies have become misdemeanors. Misdemeanors have gone from \$100 to \$1000. Police are often told to ignore non-violent crimes because the courts are backed up and jails are full. All this does is encourage more crime. Homelessness is very tricky. Some are homeless due to job loss, some due to drug use, some due to mental challenges. Giving out free needles enables more drug use and mental challenges need to be addressed, not ignored. I'm thinking of N.Y. with the Kevin Neeley incident. He had been charged with violence over 10 times, never arrested, and never

received the help he needed. In short, we cannot ignore problems and hope they will go away. We need to find and enact solutions and reduce the level of the problem.

Letter of Interest *



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Signature *

Steven Altschuler

Date *

Sunday, December 22, 2024

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City of Longmont
City Clerk's Office
Attn: Dawn Quintana
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, CO 80501

RE: Longmont City Council
Ward 2 Open Position

Dear Dawn,

Please allow this letter to serve as notice of my interest in applying for the open city council position in Ward 2. Thank you for the opportunity to be considered to serve the citizens of Longmont by investing my time, knowledge, and skills in the future of our city.

Sincerely,

Steve Altschuler
Ward 2 resident