
[External] Application for City Council Member – Ward 2 [#18]

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How long have you been a resident in Longmont? *	3.5 years
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Why are you interested in serving as a City Council Member? *

I love Longmont. I feel it has the best of everything to offer: accessibility to nature, local farms, excellent schools, a thriving downtown, community programming, public media resources, an innovation center that's plugged into our school system, individually owned restaurants and stores, a walkable and bikeable city, good public transit, NextLight internet... the list goes on. I find myself aligned with the City Council Vision and I want to be of service to our community during this period of growth, so that our tomorrow is brighter and stronger than it is even today. Longmont has been very forward looking: laying its own fiber optic cables, putting climate action and sustainability at the forefront of its policy; I want to continue this trajectory and help ensure the preservation and health 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? ***Growth in Longmont**

- Prioritize what should be preserved in Longmont so that decision making and power remain with those who live here and work here, rather than allowing external powers to create sprawl.
- Thoughtfully plan and pace growth/development so that urban growth is supported by current infrastructure rather than stressing it. Keeping an eye on the big picture so that the quality of life for residents is maintained or elevated and sustainability city goals are upheld, including the presence of local agriculture.
- Create a holistic approach to city growth and sustainability that other cities may look to as an example.

Houselessness and Rising Costs of Housing in Longmont

- Information gathering from all stakeholders including service providers, residents on the edge of their income, those suffering from houselessness, police, parks management, local business owners, developers, Boulder service providers and government officials to determine what is working, what needs to be addressed, what solutions might be tested.

- With the rapid increase of housing and rental costs, determine how much houselessness can be deterred and address those issues to keep people housed rather than reacting after the loss of their homes.
- Create short term and possible long term implementation plans addressing the multiple factors that cause and sustain houselessness (mental health, physical health, income insecurity, temporary vs long term insolvency, etc) with benchmarks to measure success.

Letter of Interest *



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Signature *

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Date *

Sunday, January 5, 2025



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RE: Ward 2 Open Seat, Letter of Intent

Dear Longmont City Council:

Longmont has a thriving downtown, an affordable and working public transit system and an interested populace. We are all part of Longmont's journey, whether we consider that part of our identity or not. Mr. Money Moustache has fanned the FIRE community and the entrepreneurial brewing spirit is firmly established here. As councilmember representing Ward 2, my goal is to build partnerships between already successful endeavors while emphasizing the City Council Vision in practice. I have witnessed Longmont home-grown businesses help each other out, creating synergies and I think we can facilitate in that vein. Longmont people, businesses, and organizations are wonderful on their own and can be even stronger together.

I have had the privilege of sitting on multiple boards for the majority of the last two decades. From non-profits (theatre companies and Tri-County Humane Society) to scholastic (University of Miami Graduate Business Student Association and University of Southern California Alumni Club of New York) to neighborhood endeavors (Prospect Homeowners Association), I have made volunteerism and leadership a cornerstone of my life. In my experience, though it is tempting to create something new and shiny (i.e, programs, events, policies, structures, etc.) those new endeavors are not always the most needed or appreciated. New projects also require a great deal of energy: to build momentum, create awareness and/or to manifest physically. Rather than reinventing the wheel, I believe Longmont is poised to make connections between existing, healthy programs.

The Innovation Center is already plugged into the St. Vrain School system, helping prepare those tech-curious students to compete on robotics teams and further their interests in creating a click-happier tomorrow. Longmont Public Media enables adults to create music, podcasts, photo shoots and web ready content; however there is an incredible talent pool at our middle and high schools that aren't even aware of its existence. Our farms are stewards of the land and local food system, but again there is a daily disconnect between the knowledge they safekeep and most of the people who live here. One of the many concerns of climate crisis is food insecurity and the degradation of soil. One of the largest contributors to



global carbon emissions is our food system and a significant portion of that are food miles. As we progress into the next couple decades, depending on local foods will become more crucial. Bolstering these resources, educating the populace about their importance, and teaching our children how they can protect and participate in this system will strengthen Longmont.

I have strong opinions, one of which is that my role in service to community is that of representative: I act on behalf of a community rather than my own interests. Community building requires effort: often meeting people where they are rather than asking them to come to “us”, being open to opposing viewpoints, and really listening. I love that Longmont is purple. I am anti-group think. I believe that we are stronger together and that a diversity of ideas and voices make for better solutions. These are some of my deepest values. There is little black and white in this world; there are tradeoffs, benefits and drawbacks to just about everything. Being well-informed and prepared makes for sound decision making.

Longmont is on a growth trajectory. Though there are guidelines in place, their implementation, communication to current Longmonsters, and integration of “the new” requires a City Council that conserves what already makes Longmont great as well as embraces what will bolster an even better tomorrow.

I’d like to be part of this journey.

Sincerely,



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