

Looking@Lakewood



Lakewood

VOTER'S GUIDE

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Lakewood voters to decide two questions

Lakewood voters will be receiving ballots in the mail to vote in the city's Nov. 5 election, and the city has two questions for voters to decide in addition to electing a mayor and council members.

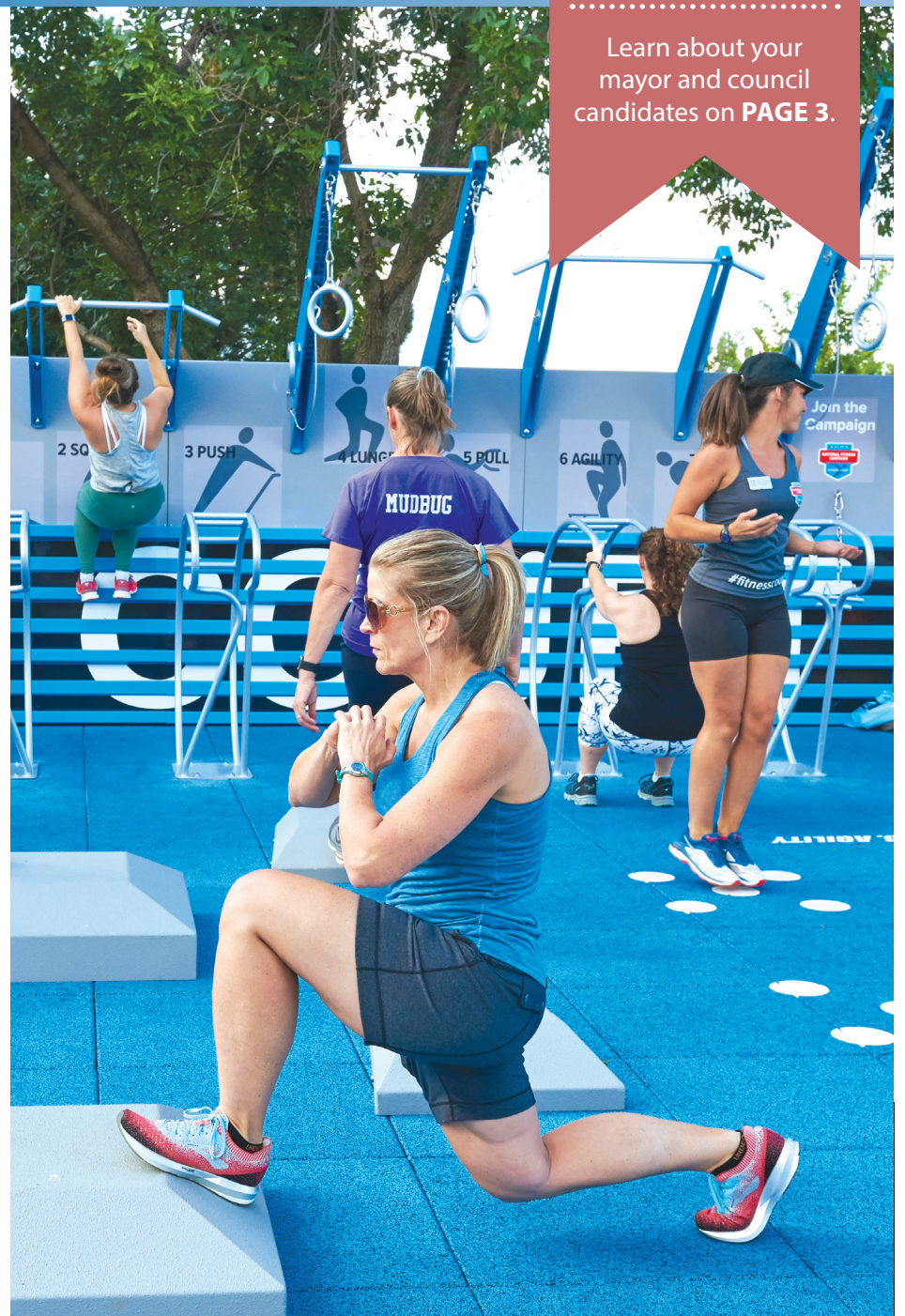
The two questions are listed below as they will appear on the ballot. For more information on the city's election, please turn to the Voter's Guide starting on page 3 or visit Lakewood.org/Elections.

Ballot Question 2F

Shall the City of Lakewood, Colorado, in order to increase access to recycling and composting services, reduce neighborhood trash truck traffic, and establish transparent pricing and customer service standards, be authorized to contract with one or more private waste haulers via a competitive bidding process to provide waste, recycling and seasonal yard waste composting services to all Lakewood residences of seven or fewer units and to impose fees on such residential property owners, at a base amount for waste and recycling, with optional services for additional cost, with all services not to exceed amounts and annual increases authorized by City Council, exempting all such revenues from the limits of Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution, while providing home owner associations the capability to opt out of such requirements?

Ballot Question 2G

Shall the City of Lakewood, Colorado, reestablish the city's right to provide all services restricted since 2005 by the Colorado General Assembly with their passage of Senate Bill 05-152, including the authority to offer telecommunications services, high-speed internet services (advanced services), and/or cable television services to residents, businesses, schools, libraries, nonprofit entities and other users of such services, either directly or indirectly, with public or private sector partners, as expressly permitted by Colorado Revised Statutes Sections 29-27-101 through 304, "competition in utility and entertainment services," without limiting its home rule authority?



Fitness Court now open at Addenbrooke Park

Lakewood's latest addition to free outdoor fitness options provides a whole-body workout for all fitness levels and abilities. The Fitness Court at Addenbrooke Park, 600 S. Kipling Parkway, has been created in partnership with the National Fitness Campaign. Download the app at NationalFitnessCampaign.com/app for free workouts and equipment orientation or to register for classes at the court. Visit Lakewood.org/OutdoorFitness to learn about the city's other free fitness options or call 303-987-5423.

Annual Cleanup Day

It's time to clean up and clear out during the city's annual Cleanup Day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Jeffco Stadium, 500 Kipling St.

Lakewood residents can drop off unwanted items ranging from furniture and appliances to sinks and car parts at no cost with proof they live in Lakewood. Electronics can also be dropped off, but there is a \$20 fee for televisions or computer monitors containing cathode ray tubes. Items not accepted include landscaping material, yard waste, tires and several other items. For a detailed list of what is accepted, visit Lakewood.org/Cleanup.

This year, the Lakewood Police Department's Shred Day is also on Oct. 12, allowing residents to bring up to three boxes of their bank

statements, pay stubs and similar documents for shredding on-site. Shredding will be available 9 a.m. to noon at Trailblazer Stadium, 100 Kipling St. For more information, visit Lakewood.org/ShredDay.

The Kiwanis Club of Belmar is a partner in hosting Shred Day this year, and it will be accepting volunteer donations to serve underprivileged children in the city.

CELEBRATE WITH US!



Lakewood continues to celebrate turning 50 this year. Visit Lakewood.org/50.



RECYCLING

Household chemicals and more:
RooneyRoadRecycling.org

Recycling centers:
Lakewood.org/Recycling

Hard to recycle items:
Lakewood.org/Hard2Recycle

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Letter from the Mayor



Anniversary prompts powerful stories from the past

Another summer in the books! Fall is here, and we celebrate the cool weather and harvest season each year with Cider Days, one of Lakewood's oldest and most loved festivals because it is great fun for the entire family and honors the early days of our city.

Council continues to work hard on issues important to the community. You can tune in and engage in several ways because your input, participation and feedback are important. To find out more about council topics and ways to participate, please visit LakewoodSpeaks.org for commenting on council agenda items, and check LakewoodTogether.org for specific projects needing your thoughts and ideas.

It's budget time, and staff and

City Council are working together on priorities and projects for 2020. Historically, the city's finances have been sound with strong reserves and low debt. We are, however, starting to see the economy slow. The city receives a majority of its funding from sales tax, so we are watching this closely. There are parts of the retail sector that are performing well and others that are lagging. This is reflective of shifting purchasing habits from driving to the store to purchase goods to more buying online, thus not utilizing the brick-and-mortar stores in Lakewood.

The city spends a majority of its budget on and for public safety. Lakewood has significantly increased the public safety budget in recent years, expanded the size of the department by 21 agents and ensured agents have the proper equipment to perform their jobs. In 2019 and 2020 we will keep our police ranks fully staffed by training new agents in our police academies. This is very important and reflects the community values as well as council's commitment to public safety.

Additional Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) refund dollars will continue to be allocated as promised, totaling almost \$20 million going directly to road and sidewalk projects and police and earmarked for new parks and open space. I would say the proposed

2020 budget is a solid "nuts and bolts" budget, which will maintain a high level of service for the residents while providing the core functions of a city. To learn more about the budget and its related projects as well as where your TABOR funds are going, please visit Lakewood.org/Budgets where you can also view the entire budget presentation.

As we continue to celebrate Lakewood's 50th Anniversary, I have enjoyed hearing many great stories from residents, and I've shared a meaningful one below. As we look to the future, it's important that we don't forget the past.

"My family and I came to Colorado in 1969 because we had been hired by Jefferson County School District and we wanted to live in Lakewood.

After many attempts seeking housing, we realized that we would not be able to rent in Lakewood because of the color of our skin. The prejudice was so evident that we decided to go to Equal Housing (a division of the federal government). But before that happened, the Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA) put out the word that a couple, with two children, was looking for an apartment. A lady by the name of Jacobsen, who was a member of the JCEA, went by Paramount Heights Apartments and put down a deposit for a couple with two children. She informed the

Manager that the couple would be by the next day. Needless to say, when we arrived at Paramount Heights Apartments the next day to claim our apartment, the female Manager was so flustered and nervous that she was visibly shaking. She immediately called the owner, who resided in California, and told him the situation. She did mention to him that we seemed like a very nice 'colored family.' We were able to move into Paramount Heights Apartments and resided there for 3 years until we decided to purchase a home in Lakewood.

I continue to live in Lakewood and I have seen the changes in our city. I am very proud of the fact that I have lived in Lakewood for 50 years and I can't believe it has been 50 years!"

What a powerful story that celebrates the progress in our community. For years our entry signs read, "Welcome to Lakewood, we are building an inclusive community," and this remains one of our most important values. Let's continue to seek and celebrate the uniqueness of what makes a city great: its people!

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Council Corner

Ward 3

Work on veteran issues, parks highlight of Roybal's tenure



Mike Bieda

It has been my privilege to serve with Pete Roybal on the Lakewood City Council. His accomplishments and service to Ward 3 and working with city staff have been truly remarkable. Allow me to share a few of these with you.

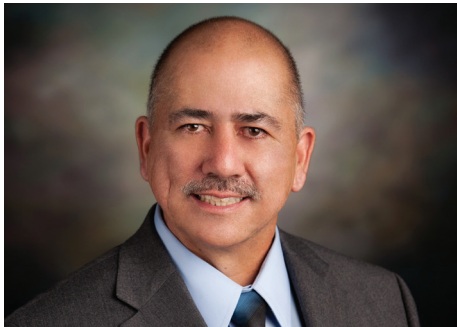
Our new parks with their new playground equipment; replacing curbs and gutters, streetlights, 18 fire hydrants that are finally operational, tennis courts, basketball courts, rights of way cleaned up and maintained; much of Wadsworth and Sheridan corridors are now compliant with the American with Disabilities Act with sidewalks, street improvements and weed free.

He worked to strengthen a graffiti program with the assistance of

our court system to remove graffiti by involving the youth through community service. He aided in establishing the ward's monthly food bank. He helped initiate the West Metro Veterans Fair, which is in its seventh year. He put together a group of volunteers and moved the WWII Veterans Memorial to its proper home at Lakewood High School.

And, there's much more. Thank you, Pete.

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Pete Roybal


Being a candidate for City Council can be quite educational and challenging. Eight years ago, the only reason I wanted to run was to have our city "show the love to east Lakewood." We had been ignored for so many years and changes had to happen. All we needed was RESPECT and getting back from the city what we're paying for.

Uniting all the folks in Ward 3 is very important to me. We have the most diverse population in our city. We started the ward's Picnic-in-our-Parks eight years ago. Initially, turnout was around 20 residents or fewer. This year the Lasley Picnic alone had over 300 attendees and included a performance by our Alameda International Jr./Sr. High School band.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to show the love back to east Lakewood. You have given me the assignments that needed to be accomplished for everyone in our ward and TOGETHER, WE DID IT!

Thank you.

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Lakewood
Full of Possibilities.

City Manager Kathy Hodgson

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City Council elections Nov. 5

The Nov. 5 election for mayor and council seats for Lakewood City Council is coming to your mailbox, making it as easy as voting at your kitchen table to participate in choosing your Lakewood elected representatives.

Lakewood also has two questions it's asking voters to decide: whether or not to give the city the option to consider municipal broadband service and whether or not to allow the city to contract for waste hauling services (see story on page 1).

This election is by mail ballot only, and active, registered Lakewood voters will receive a mail ballot in the coming weeks. Absentee ballots are available, and Lakewood voters can visit a Voter Service and Polling Center to register to vote any time including on Nov. 5 as well as pick up a mail ballot, drop off a mail ballot or get a replacement ballot.

See the list below for places to drop off your ballot in Lakewood once you have filled it out. If you mail your ballot, mail it early enough before the election to ensure that it is received by the 7 p.m. deadline on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Important dates to remember

Oct. 14-18 – Mail ballots sent to all active, registered Lakewood voters. You can check the status of the mailing of your ballot under "Track Your Ballot" at Jeffco.us/Elections.

Oct. 28 – Last day to register to vote through the mail, a voter registration agency, a driver's license examination facility or online to receive a ballot in the mail.

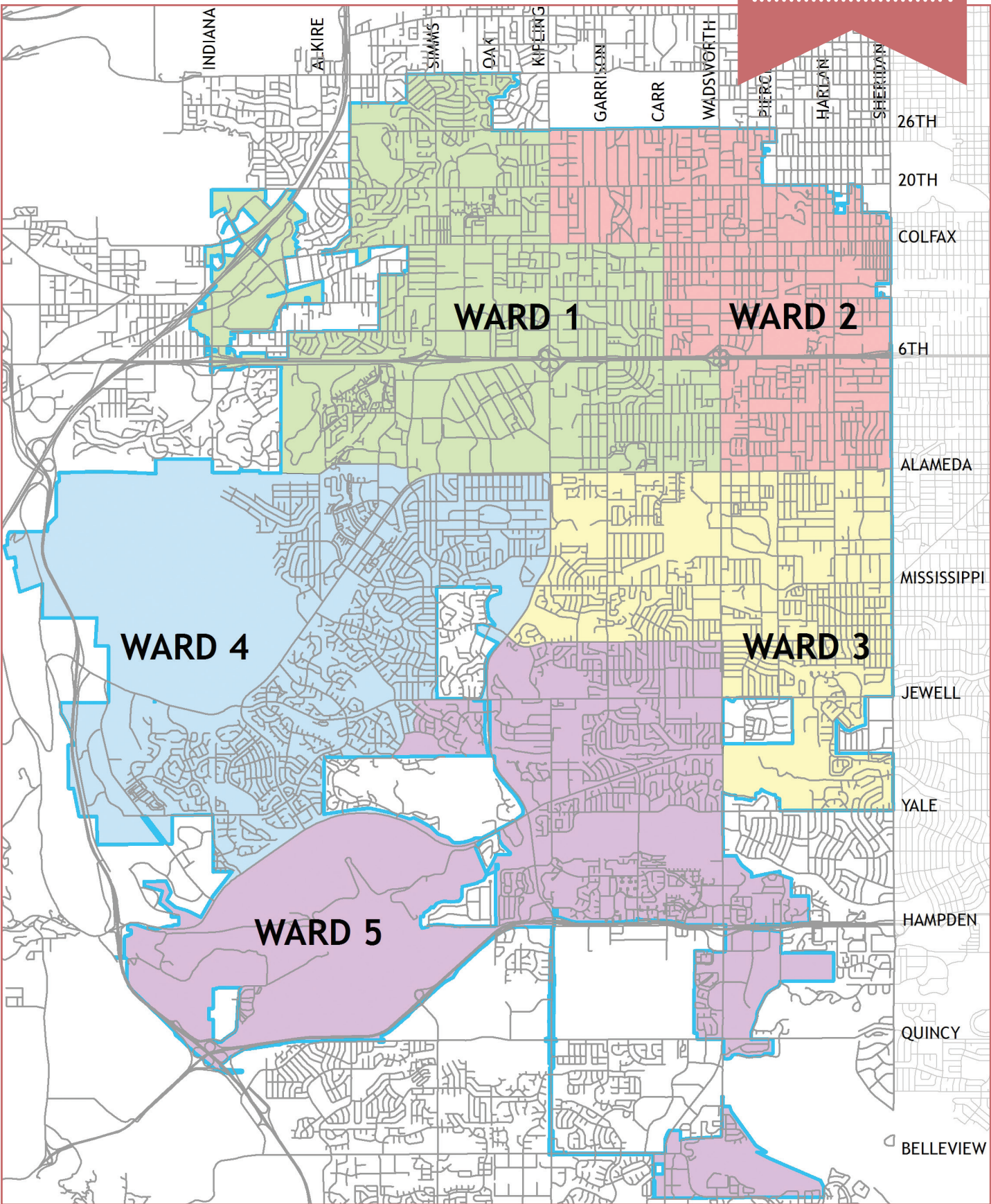
Oct. 28 – Voter Service and Polling Centers open. Find locations at "Voting Locations" on Jeffco.us/Elections.

Nov. 5 – Election Day. Mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m.

Where to go or call for voting information

Lakewood City Clerk's Office
480 S. Allison Parkway, first floor
303-987-7080
Lakewood.org/Elections

Jefferson County Election Office
3500 Illinois Street, Suite 1100
303-271-8111
Jeffco.us/Elections



Ballot drop-off locations in Lakewood

**24 hours from Oct. 14-Nov. 4
Until 7 p.m. on Nov. 5**

Lakewood Civic Center
West side of building
480 S. Allison Parkway

Carmody Recreation Center
2200 S. Kipling St.

Green Mountain Recreation Center
13198 W. Green Mountain Drive

Jeffco Public Health
645 Parfet St.

Lakewood Library
10200 W. 20th Ave.

Lakewood Link Recreation Center
1295 S. Reed St.

Motor Vehicle office in Lakewood
2099 Wadsworth Blvd., Suite K

CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Jefferson County sponsored a candidate forum for those running for mayor and council seats, and you can watch on-demand what each candidate had to say at Lakewood.org/Elections.

The website provides the videos listed by each ward and the mayoral race. The videos are also available to watch on-demand at Youtube.com/LakewoodColoradoGov.

For those with cable service, the forums will air on Lakewood's government-access channel available on channels 8 and 880 at the following times throughout the coming weeks. Each time slot starts with Ward 1 candidates and continues through Ward 5, followed by the mayoral race.

Mondays: 6 a.m.

Tuesdays: 3 p.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 a.m.

Fridays: 2 p.m.

Saturdays: 7 a.m., 7 p.m.

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forum on-demand
Lakewood.org/Elections

Mayor



Adam Paul

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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

A) I grew up in Lakewood. This community raised me, and it taught me what matters in life. It's not good enough just to be "from here," of course – you must also be "for here." I have a unique perspective on our challenges and opportunities and, more importantly, I know how to bring diverse people together to solve big problems. B) I have been honored to represent and stand up for my neighbors in many different roles for nearly eighteen years. I served six years on the Green Mountain Water Board, eight years on City Council, and have had the privilege of serving as your Mayor since 2015. I am also proud to serve as chair of the 40-municipality strong Metro Mayors Caucus, where I fight for Lakewood's interests across the region. C) I am a proud product of Jeffco Schools, a University of Colorado Denver graduate and have operated a successful small business here in Lakewood since 2001.

What are three issues you would like to address as mayor?

A) **Quality of Life.** A high quality of life is what makes a city great, but no single factor can improve quality of life all on its own. Over the past four years, we have worked tirelessly to address a range of complex issues, and I'm proud of the progress we made. Looking ahead, public safety must remain a key priority. We must continue to give our police the tools, training, and personnel they need to keep us safe. We must find and create unique ways to address traffic and infrastructure challenges, as we know we can't rely on state funding – which has not increased in decades. And we must continue to facilitate dialogue: Lakewood is the 5th biggest city in Colorado, and we must work together to create and implement policies that balance growth, respect the will of our voters, and honor, cherish, and showcase our unique and historic neighborhoods.

B) **Parks, Open Space, & Sustainability.** If there's one thing that's true for Lakewood, it's that we love our parks and open space. Over the past four years, I have led the greatest expansion of land preservation in recent history. We must continue to increase park land and open space. I was proud to support the city's first-ever sustainability plan. Now it's time to implement that plan, and continue our national leadership on these issues – including our sustainable neighborhoods program that has already brought together thousands of neighbors.

C) **Housing and Homelessness.** If I am re-elected, I will spend the next four years fighting for affordable housing. To build an inclusive, vibrant community, we must have housing options for all walks of life – especially for our seniors, and for working families led by teachers, firefighters, and others. I will also tackle homelessness head-on with the compassion and perseverance it deserves. Homelessness is a regional problem. We must continue to work with our faith partners, non-profits, and other local cities and counties to create partnerships that lead to meaningful changes. This is also a top priority of my work as chair of the Metro Mayors Caucus, which positions Lakewood uniquely to be a regional leader on both the homelessness and affordable housing challenges.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

All year, we have been celebrating Lakewood's 50th anniversary. We live in a special place – one that combines a rich history and strong foundation with a bright future. We must be inspired by both the past, and the future: When I think of what Lakewood can become, I think of an innovative, compassionate, and inclusive city where everyone has an opportunity to realize their dreams and live the life they choose. The good news is that every day, I see aspects of this vision coming to life in our city. If we keep coming together and celebrating our differences, rather than letting them divide us, I have no doubt we can achieve our shared dreams – aided by a responsive, nimble government that provides the amenities, services, and economic opportunities that we deserve and pay for.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Robust debate and discussion about the issues we face is the *only* way we will eventually be able to come together and achieve our goals. Opposing views, then, can be a good thing. What we sometimes forget is that compromise is possible and that, deep down, we are all invested in the same great idea: Building a special place to live, work, and raise a family. My mom was a schoolteacher, and she always told me that there was a reason we were given two ears and only one mouth – listening is often more important than arguing. I believe I have a unique ability to foster civility in conversations about complex challenges and make sure that every conversation centers on the interests of Lakewood as a whole.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

As I mentioned, I believe it's both healthy and necessary to have disagreements about our City's future. Everybody is able to raise their hand and raise a great point – and we need that, and more, to keep moving forward. But leadership is much more than bringing forward the ideas you agree with, or saying "no" to those you don't. You must be willing to take tough stances, and to build unity by taking tough losses with grace. You must be willing to stand up for all voices in your community, no matter if they're strong or weak, rich or poor, or popular or unpopular. I am proud to be a proven leader with a regional reputation as both an innovator and a bridge-builder. I don't have a crystal ball: I don't know, precisely, what the future holds. But I know that there's no challenge we can't address, together, by building bridges and sharing new ideas. That's what I've always stood for. It's why I was selected as chair of the Metro Mayors Caucus. And it's why I've always called Lakewood home – because this is the place where we do that.



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

Experience - Served in the Colorado legislature and most recently on Lakewood City Council. Graduate of Harvard Kennedy Executive Education in State/ Local Government and a Master's in Nursing from CU gives me the education and experience needed to serve as Lakewood's Mayor.

History of Community Engagement - I am totally committed to restoring trust. I have a long record of seeking out and listening to the community. I recognize the importance of the residents knowing their voices are heard and counted....I am there to serve YOU.

Maturity in Judgment- A career in health care, a 52-year marriage, 3 children, and being a care giver to an aging parent gives one a well-rounded perspective of public policy and helps to make good decisions for all.

What are three issues you would like to address as mayor?

Restore trust within the community and ethics to the decision making at city hall.

Public Safety - Take a proactive approach to public safety. Maintain better communication with the police and courts to understand the root cause of any increase in crime. Make sure the Lakewood Police have the resources needed. It might be equipment, or it may be a social worker to assist on certain calls. This is one of our core values and a top priority.

Lakewood has had some growing pains in recent years. We need to address these and maintain responsible and sustainable growth.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

A city with healthy economic development providing primary jobs.

A culture that reflects the people's collective vision, honoring our heritage but with a vision of the future. I see Lakewood as a vibrant community, growing and developing but where we feel safe, know our neighbors, preserve our community character and individual freedoms. We have wonderful people here, committed to the future of our community. The awards for All American City and Sustainable Neighborhoods prove that. We can be a city of responsible growth that is emulated by others for our insight and statesmanship. Now that is a sustainable community where people will be proud to choose to live in and call "*home*".

Last, a community that practices real collaboration and all voices have an equal place at the table.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

First, city hall needs to listen, because legitimate differences of opinion have merit. It is time all voices are heard and valued. Find areas of mutual commonality and agreement as a bench mark. Establish ground rules of honesty and mutual respect for differing opinions. Be forthright and transparent in all conversations. Actively seek some level of a win-win where everyone finds some agreement. All legislation should include input of the people who would potentially be affected. Honest negotiation takes time; but is worth it.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

A long voting history that reflects I have always stood for the people and what is best for our city rather than outside interests and financial influence. My educational level, life experience and expertise define who I am. Having raised a family, I understand the demands of balancing a marriage, raising children, care taking for an aging parent and balancing a career, because I have been there. Life lessons have taught me maturity in judgement and what serving others really is about - compassion and humanity. Putting ego's aside is what works in the end. I have a strong moral compass and foundation that guides me. For me, public service is a calling.



Watch candidate forum on-demand
Lakewood.org/Elections



Ward 1



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Experience: As a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News, I covered many local governments, including Lakewood. I often saw elected officials eagerly approve legislation, but fail to take into account the impacts and unexpected consequences for families, homes, neighborhoods, local businesses and, most frequently, those folks whose voices are rarely heard. I know how to analyze and recognize the potential pitfalls that elude decision-makers who do not do their homework.

Communication: I stay in touch with my constituents and am duty-bound to listen to and thoroughly consider their points of view, no matter what partisan political power-brokers or special interest groups have to say. I also take our community's voices to my colleagues on City Council in an effort to fashion solutions that benefit the entire community. And I am a pragmatic observer, one who expects documentation and hard facts when analyzing proposals presented to City Council and I weigh them carefully before making a decision.

Compassion: I come from a blue-collar background and know first-hand the difficulties working families face, as well as the anxiety caused by unemployment and under-employment. I have felt the pain of hunger and the uncertainty of a limited job market. I recognize the desperation many families face when trying to keep a roof over the heads of their children, and the struggle to maintain a secure and reliable environment for their children. As a four-year member of Council's Head Start Committee I have met many families who have few resources but who work hard to provide the same opportunities for their children that many families take for granted.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

Mitigating the effects of the spiraling growth we have experienced in the recent past when residential unit construction increased from about 1,000 units from 2010-2014 to about 1,000 units *a year* from 2014-2018, straining the capacity of our infrastructure. Our sidewalks often are inadequate and I have pushed for and won priority designation for better sidewalks to provide safer paths to school for our kids. I have lobbied for adequate financing to fund major improvements to our overburdened storm-water drainage system, which has a 20-year backlog of needed repairs. Our streets, our parks and our natural areas are stretched to their limits and, in some cases, beyond those limits.

Enhancing public safety by bolstering our Police Department funding to ensure that our safe and peaceful neighborhoods that attracted us to Lakewood remain safe and peaceful. We need more police and we need to focus their efforts on preventing and reacting to the most serious threats to the public order. Our reliance on sworn. Uniformed personnel to handle such routine duties as parking enforcement can and should be delegated to other enforcement teams, including Code Enforcement. And our growing list parking conflicts must be addressed in a citywide parking management plan.

Increasing our Open Space inventory, by adding more acreage for recreation, more sites for dog parks, more playground equipment in neighborhood parks, more trails and much-needed community garden space. We must maintain Lakewood's reputation as a healthy, active place to make a home by enhancing year-round recreational opportunities. Our pools need repair, some of our recreation centers need to be updated and our inventory of sports fields needs to be supplemented.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision of Lakewood's future is the community's vision, and I have been working hard to ensure that our residents' view of Lakewood's inclusive and sustainable future is our common goal. We must remain an inclusive and welcoming community, a place where all cultures are celebrated and where every neighbor has a helping hand when needed.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

As in the past, I would first strive to find common ground, then find a solution that is beneficial and palatable to the community as a whole by building consensus and compromise. Community interests must supersede the demands of special interests.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I am accessible and responsive to community concerns and individual needs I have a wealth of experience with Lakewood's municipal government and am aware of its many successes as well as the few missteps taken by overzealous officials. My long-standing involvement and activism in community affairs and observation of city governance has resulted in knowledge of and experience with our City Charter as well as city processes, regulations, and the Colorado Constitution and the state statutes that regulate our governance.



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

I started my career working in a patient centered medical home as a care manager for diabetic patients. During my years in clinical practice, I started to understand that many of the barriers to health that my patients were running into could only be changed through public policy. Because of this, I decided to work in health policy rather than clinical medicine. I worked at a health policy non-profit, as a consultant on public health projects, as a legislative aide in the Colorado state legislature, and now in higher education policy. I was a director on a number of campaigns that are incredibly important to this community (5A/5B, 2D) because just voting yes isn't enough. Through my public health consulting, I developed experience bringing folks together to solve incredibly complex issues, and I intimately understand the need for and the process of stakeholder work. I know how to facilitate complicated communication and bring people together toward a common purpose. Long story short, my experience, my community engagement and prioritizing stakeholder work are the foundation for policies I'll bring to Ward One.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

My big three issues are improving the health, sustainability, and inclusivity of our community. I'll make sure the council is active in addressing our community's barriers to health like eliminating food deserts, expanding safe sidewalks for kids to get to school, purchasing more parks, and improving public safety with both funding and programs. I know cities have an important role to play in fighting climate change, and I'll work in partnership with our sustainability department to reduce our community's carbon footprint. I'll bring stakeholders together to make sure the doors of our community stay open to our aging population, teachers, young families, police officers, firefighters and everyone in between.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

Colorado is currently the 8th healthiest state in the United States and my vision is that Lakewood takes the social determinants of health seriously and works to become the healthiest city in the country. That means prioritizing affordable housing, taking local action on climate change, increasing walkability and alternative transportation infrastructure, expanding our parkland and open spaces, supporting our seniors in aging the way they want to and investing in the future of our children

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Similar to how I treated patients in the clinic, we have to work to treat the roots of community issues rather than just the symptoms. Politics is becoming more divisive by the day. I'm incredibly committed to bringing people together for deliberative processes rather than starting by advocating for a particular point of view. I believe we all have a lot more in common than we think, and when we can make the table big enough for everyone to have a voice, we can find solutions together as a community. I'm dedicated to active listening, hearing all sides of an issue, and encouraging all people who have a stake to get involved.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I really like Charley, and although our votes wouldn't be the same, I think our love for Lakewood is. That said, what sets me apart from our current Ward 1 leadership is that I'm dedicated to cultivating partnerships in Lakewood. Rather than blaming the city employees for issues in our community, I'm committed to working with them to solve problems. I know how to bring stakeholders together to make sure we've thought through implications and unintended consequences of policies before supporting them. I will work to make sure that all of our community members have a voice and a vote, even the quiet or busy ones. I've worked hard to make sure our community gets funding for education, parks, police and alternative transportation infrastructure and I'll continue to work for the residents of Lakewood.

NOTE: The candidates' responses to this Looking@Lakewood questionnaire are not edited for content, spelling, grammar, punctuation or typos.

Ward 2



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

- a. Have served as Lakewood City Councilor since 2015 proposing ordnances that impact the NE area.
- b. Served on multiple boards and commissions including Sheridan, Colfax, Wadsworth, Lamar, overlay committees
- c. Involvement and support of many diverse boards and commissions including Lakewood Historical Board, 40 West Art Champion, West Colfax Community Association, Alameda Gateway, Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization, Morse Park and O’Kane Neighborhoods.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

- a. Working to increase the number and acreage of open space/parks.
- a. Continuing support for Colfax businesses and 40 West Arts as well as preservation of our stable neighborhoods.
- b. Continuing to advocate and address the issues of infrastructure that includes North Dry Gulch, lighting, sidewalks and last mile infrastructure.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

Advancing equity in Ward 2. We are the oldest area in Lakewood and as such we have been left behind in many capacities. Including not only the mentioned slightest number of open space/parks while experiencing the most growth, but also lack of lighting, infrastructure and sidewalks. To address areas of need will provide equity throughout all areas no matter where you live improves all in the City.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Ward 2 is experiencing a great deal of change among those constituents who have been here and those that are new to the area. Whenever possible you try and work the issue together, it is important to get involvement from folks at the beginning of the issue, rather than when the issue is too far along to change. I have always tried to listen and do what is possible within the parameters and rules that are in place. Issues come up and while one of the biggest frustrations being a Councilor is that at times no one leaves totally happy, you work hard to bring all voices and concerns to the front.

Ward 3



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

- a.) I am an experienced attorney (practicing for 15 years +) and small business owner of the Springsteen Law Firm, LLC. I have the education and professional skills to be a good listener who knows how to act effectively. I know how to apply the law.
- b.) I have successfully advocated for citizen’s issues in Lakewood for 11 years as a community leader and independent thinker, unafraid to represent the interests of the public over special interests.
- c.) I have deep family roots in Lakewood, and I sincerely enjoy helping people protect their rights and their liberties.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

- a.) I believe that existing residents and businesses in Lakewood have the right to strong Council representation, as called for by our Charter. I want to see our beautiful city more accountable to its citizens - not only listening to their voices but acting in good faith upon recommendations that come forth from the community.
- b.) I intend to be a voice for residents of Ward 3 regarding sustainable and responsible growth, considering the delicate balance of property rights and looking towards encouraging ownership in the community, and helping to prevent surprises like White Fence Farm.
- c.) There are concerns about increasing crime, traffic, and quality of life issues for Lakewood residents that I will actively look to address.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

Lakewood must continue to support thriving businesses and commerce, while holding onto the uniquely distinctive and diverse way of life that drew us all here. Planning for the future of an ever-growing suburban City does not mean we have to sacrifice everything we value (i.e. tranquility, clean air, safety, open space, good schools, etc.). We are a family-oriented Colorado oasis. We enjoy the great outdoors. We are a tight community that cares. We can be welcoming of others without giving away everything precious to us. We can grow in a careful, intentional, and responsible way, ensuring that our resources keep pace with the speed of growth. I envision a Lakewood that will always feel like home.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

There are always many sides to an issue, and I have seen that oftentimes the opposing sides make assumptions, demonstrate prejudices, or take a position without ever really understanding the issue. Leonardo da Vinci said, “Nothing can be loved or hated unless it is first understood.” I would strive to open lines of communication and understanding.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

As an experienced and effective attorney, I have been successfully advocating for issues that specifically affect residents of Ward 3 for many years (I drove the renovation of Lasley Park, convinced Jeffco Libraries to discontinue fines on children’s materials, defended citizen’s rights in encouraging smart vs. irresponsible development, discouraged warehousing of the elderly, protected children from health violations, etc.). I am an independent thinker and a voice for the will of the people. My top priority is to not only listen to the residents of Lakewood, but to use the governing power they bestow on me to humbly act for them at the legislative level to keep Lakewood our home.



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

I’ve been volunteering for Lakewood for the past ten years in many ways. I served 8 years on the planning commission, including two years as chair. As a result, I have a deep and thorough understanding of the planning and zoning process. I did not always vote yes or no to all of the Planning Department recommendations that came before the Planning Commission, but rather used my knowledge and experience to vote what I believe is in the best interest of the residents of Lakewood. I also provided input for the Lakewood Sustainability plan, one of the best in Colorado
During my 45-year career I worked as a civil engineer on municipal planning, stormwater and floodplain management, and transportation planning. This experience brings significant value for understanding issues facing Lakewood today.
Because I recently closed my engineering small business and retired, I have plenty of time to devote to my job as Councilor to connect in depth with my constituents, research issues and work to collaborate with my colleagues to craft the best policy for Lakewood’s future.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

First of all, I will work to preserve Lakewood’s way of life based on stable, friendly neighborhoods and excellent parks, open space, trails and bicycle paths.
I will bring my experience with traffic planning at the Federal, state, and municipal levels to do what we can to mitigate the traffic problems we see in Lakewood and the entire metro area. Since funding is severely limited, we need to explore creative solutions like light-timing on major streets, turn lanes, pedestrian and bicycle routes and for pedestrian way-finding and smoother traffic flow.
Third, a sustainable and environmentally sensitive approach to our strategies and economic planning will be key to a strong community. For me, my six grandchildren are an everyday reminder that we need a sustainable future.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision for Lakewood is one that maintains our parks and stable neighborhoods to keep Lakewood a great place to live, not only now, but for our children and grandchildren to enjoy in the future.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

There are always opposing viewpoints, but we need to bring civility back when discussing the issues. Listening closely and respecting other’s opinions is the key to finding a synthesis of ideas that best meet desires of our citizens. As a councilor my job is to take the time to research issues in depth and bring my 45 years of experience to bear. There will certainly be difficult votes and it’s my responsibility is to explain my position on complex and difficult issues.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

My extensive experience working in municipal, state and federal government is certainly a benefit I can bring to Ward 3 residents. I’ve spent the last ten years working as a volunteer, using my work experience to help build a better Lakewood.
Since I’ve left my small engineering business behind, I will have the time to commit to our community. This will include continuous listening and sharing with my constituents. I will also have the time for deep research and understanding of the issues facing our community.

Ward 4



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

As I've demonstrated over the last four years on Council, I am a knowledgeable and committed legislator that takes the initiative to solve problems and advance community priorities.

Community activist with a demonstrated history of working hard and saving threatened local open space.

Project manager that knows how to encourage and leverage diversity of thought to achieve productive outcomes.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

Crime prevention and community safety are priority one. We need to ensure that core city services are adequately funded along with providing the tools our police agents need.

Continue to reform city rules that are not compatible with our community values. Proactively identifying and managing the impacts of growth on our infrastructure and amenities.

Leverage the newly formed Housing Commission to address a wide range of housing-related issues and questions. *For example:* How do short term rentals and home sharing impact home ownership, home values and housing supply and demand? What should Lakewood's policy be on short term rentals and home sharing?

What is your vision for Lakewood?

Lakewood's overburdened infrastructure was a top priority during Council's annual planning meeting. We need to get laser focused on ways to effect change, so we are well positioned to secure the types of development we need to sustain desirable communities, while respecting the will of the voters.

I envision:

- o Leading-edge education and employment centers that have adjacent alternative transportation options built into the plan to reduce impact to our roadways.
- o High-quality, for-sale housing, built by developers that are invested in our community, which can be offered at price-points more closely aligned with Lakewood's housing needs. Specifically, the housing stock must reflect the differing life-style and life-stage needs of our young professionals, families with children, empty nesters and retirees.
- o Honoring Lakewood's rural past while building for the future, by way of a more forward-looking city planning process where proposed development is viewed through the *quality of life* lens, and the question of how the project benefits the *health, safety and welfare* of the surrounding community can be answered in detail.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Over the past four years, I've certainly seen my share of controversial and even divisive issues. I pride myself on always listening to those divergent voices and giving my constituents the respect they deserve. Opposing views when presented in a respectful manner and heard with a receptive ear require only encouragement. Intervention is only needed when those with opposing viewpoints become too forceful in their delivery, to the point where the messenger becomes the focus rather than the message. At that point I will insert myself into the conversation to channel the energy in a more positive direction, by asking clarifying or probing questions that deepen the conversation and de-escalate the situation. Based on feedback from meeting attendees and presenters, this approach has been effective and appreciated.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I believe a candidate should have an intimate knowledge of the issues facing the city and a track record of being involved in addressing those issues. Attending Council and ward meetings, speaking out on important city concerns, and demonstrating a genuine interest in working to solve those issues.

My path to public office was through community activism where I teamed up with members of my community and took a lead role in saving local open space from development. This required an immense amount of time, tenacity, research and analysis to prepare the legal arguments and to learn how to effectively navigate the municipal and legal processes. These experiences flattened out the steep learning curve all new Councilors face and positioned me well to hit the ground running and be an effective member of City Council.



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

I believe that I am uniquely qualified to run for public office for a variety of reasons. Chief among these is that I have a heart for service. For the vast majority of my professional life I have worked within the nonprofit sector to improve outcomes for a variety of communities. I'm a minister, standing with people as they celebrate the moments and milestones of their life and as they experience the grief and sorrow that life can bring. I am a mediator because I know the importance of objectivity in resolving issues. I facilitate processes to promote learning and understanding among diverse peoples. My heart for service is currently expressed through candidacy for City Council

I have extensive experience developing and implementing aggressive strategies to overcome challenges and limitations that impede progress toward goals and objectives. My experience is varied and my skills-set strong. I served in executive roles, in community leadership roles and continue to serve as a subject matter expert at the federal level. This experience will serve me well Councilor for Ward 4.

I am at once pragmatic and optimistic. I believe in people and what we can accomplish when we work together. I am undaunted by the complex issues facing Lakewood. I believe that we can come together in good faith and with integrity and find new ways to work together and support our culture of independence and inclusion while promoting stronger community bonds through civic engagement. I believe that we can insist upon a culture of openness, transparency and accountability at the political level — promoting trust in our civic processes. I believe that others care as much about these things as I do. This is why I'm running to serve Ward 4.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

I am profoundly committed to the wellbeing of older residents living in Lakewood, particularly those who live in Ward 4. Given the significant number of senior citizens who call our Ward home, it is a social, economic and moral imperative that we make every effort to assure that our elder citizens can age in place — with dignity. This includes creating affordable housing options for those wishing to downsize and continue to live in Lakewood.

Growth and development is a big issue that requires significant attention. I believe in slow growth and I will also advocate for smart and ethical development. To this end, I will work to strengthen processes for neighborhood- and community-led visioning to help guide development from the grassroots level.

I am an advocate for strong neighborhoods as they are the foundation of a strong community. By creating stronger communities, we will build a stronger Lakewood. For this reason I commit myself and will encourage others to work to deepen the bonds of community. I know that we won't always agree, but we are united by the simple fact that the challenges facing Lakewood impact us all.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

I view Lakewood as an All-American City that retains its suburban nature, preserves its beauty and heritage while boasting of robust citizen engagement. I envision a Lakewood that values and celebrates its rich history while honoring diversity and inclusion. I believe in a Lakewood that becomes known for smart and ethical development where community-led processes identify development projects that are consistent with our vision for our city. I hope for a Lakewood that is bold — that we can face hard choices with integrity and courage while creating collaborative solutions that represent the will of citizenry.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

I believe that opposing views are healthy. In fact, dissent is essential to building a community in which each person feels that their voice matters and that they are heard. I will handle these issues with a deep respect for the diversity it represents. As a certified mediator and a facilitator, I will approach these moments with objectivity and openness. I will conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates open-mindedness and civility. I will find ways to promote constructive engagement and collaborative problem-solving.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I have been greatly blessed by my work in the nonprofit sector. Through this work, I have come to have a deep compassion and profound affection for people. As minister, I have had the great honor of bearing witness to moments of great joy and celebration as well as holding sacred space in times of profound sorrow and tragedy. These are the attributes I wish to share with my neighbors in Ward 4.

I have a proven record of developing innovative approaches to complex issues. I am able to take in complex information from diverse viewpoints and synthesize them into collaborative solutions. I know by experience that people can achieve great things when we work together. I'm running for Lakewood City Council because I believe that we can do better. As friends, as neighbors and as a city. These are the values on which I've based my candidacy. I know that we can build a stronger Lakewood if we work at it together.

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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

A former field engineer, Lakewood mom and councilwoman, I'm running for re-election to ensure everyone in Lakewood has the opportunity to succeed and earn a good life.

I share your values: My kids learned to walk, bike, and swim in Lakewood parks. My parents are retiring here. We love the location, Jeffco schools, and quality of life here in Lakewood. Still, my family is facing the same challenges and concerns as families all across Lakewood- the cost of childcare, healthcare, student loans, housing, safety, and keeping our air and water clean.

That's why I will do everything I can to keep our community safe, preserve our parks and open spaces, and protect our Colorado Way of Life.

I work hard for you: As a mother with two young kids, I couldn't shake my growing concern about their future, and frankly, about the world they are living in today. I decided to help by starting the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program in my neighborhood, and join one of Lakewood's resident commissions. I helped start a community garden, a leaf composting project, and more. This experience motivated me to run for city council. Together, we won, and I became the youngest woman elected to the body, and the only member on council with kids under 18 at the time. I've worked hard for this community for the last 6 years.

I deliver results for you:

That same persistence and hard work is how we've worked together to get results for families all across Lakewood. Together we protected over 60 new acres of open space, expanded our police force, invested in traffic mitigation, passed legislation to prevent youth vaping, stood up for our Jeffco Schools, held developers accountable to higher standards, advocated for our fire department, and more.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

Growth in Lakewood: Growth is one of the most important issues we face. It is my job to preserve and protect what we love about Lakewood. This includes our parks, open spaces, and affordability. We also need to plan for adequate water resources, and protect our property rights and values. That's why I helped pass thoughtful changes that will increase design and sustainability standards for new development, increase open space requirements, and support affordable housing.

Now, I will work with you to implement question 200. Our community will have the opportunity for greater input, and I believe we must carefully evaluate new developments to ensure they are the right size and the right fit for the neighborhood. Still, we must be cautious of extreme "anti-growth" positions because they will damage our local economy, hurt small businesses, infringe on property rights, and increase the cost of living in Lakewood.

Parks and Open Space, Clean Air and Clean Water: Preserving Parks and Open Spaces is one of the most important things we can do to protect what we love about Lakewood during this time of growth. During my term, we preserved new acres by purchasing 59 acres of the Taylor Property, near Wadsworth and Morrison road, marking one of the largest purchases of open space in a generation.

Additionally, I worked hard to put a ballot question in front of you asking if you would like to invest TABOR revenues in our parks, police and sidewalks. Lakewood voters overwhelmingly passed this measure, one of the most concrete ways we can protect our quality of life.

One of the most important reasons I ran for Council is to take action to protect our clean air, clean water and environment. I believe it's our responsibility to ensure the next generation is able to enjoy the Colorado Way of Life. I am proud of the progress we have made towards our communities' sustainability goals, but we still have a lot of work to do.

Public Safety: Public safety is always a top priority in our community. That's why I've worked to add agents to our force every year since I've been on council, without raising taxes. We have one of the best and most innovative departments in the world. I supported their efforts to create a Community Action Team to address homelessness, our new Hotel/Motel License to prevent crimes in motels, and our regional car theft prevention measures.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

-We are a city where *all* residents have the opportunity to succeed and earn a good life. This includes access to good paying jobs, world class education, services to age in place, and affordable and efficient transportation.

-We are leaders in protecting our environment, including our parks, open spaces, clean air and clean water.

-We are a city where *every* resident feels safe and welcome in our city- at home, at school, at work, on the roads.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

I will handle whatever issues come our way the same way I have addressed every challenging topic during my term: with respect, courage, and information. By creating a safe place to share unique perspectives, by listening and respecting those views, and by ensuring we have facts and information, we have found solutions that work for us.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I understand the challenges of Lakewood families: I have faced the same challenges as families all across Lakewood. I know what it's like to struggle to make ends meet, to pay rent or a mortgage, property taxes, childcare, healthcare, and student loans all while juggling work / life balance and planning for retirement.

I work hard for our community: While it is easy to talk to the talk, unlike my opponent, I have showed up and walked the walk. Public service is hard work, and I've proven that I will attend your HOA meetings, neighborhood meetings, meet for coffee, host monthly town halls, and more. Our community deserves someone who shows up and works hard.

I deliver results for our community: Together we protected open space, expanded our police force, invested in traffic mitigation, passed legislation to prevent youth vaping, and more. I'm ready to hit the ground running and continue getting results for you.



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What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

I was born, raised and educated in the city of Lakewood. My family has been a part of the fabric of our great community for sixty years. I made the decision to run for office because I heard from you that the city needs honest leaders, responsible leaders, and a person with an understanding attitude. Over the past four years issues such as the "rat house" have plagued our community -and continues to do so because of the lack of responsiveness and understanding attitudes. Let's revert back to our success and be compassionate neighbors and leaders.

What are three issues you would like to address as a City Council member?

The top three issues that I will address as a city council member, are all issues that I have heard from you and other community members. I will address and routinely analyze manageable solutions to the cities growth that will not only strategically guide our city but also develop future pathways to sustainable models. The next opportunity is to protect, preserve and guarantee the preservation of open space in our city. Community Safety is another top priority because of your input. Community members have repeatedly expressed concerns regarding vandalism, theft, and crime in their neighborhoods. I believe a potential solution is to re-invigorate neighborhood watch programs in order to prevent crime before it strikes.

What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision for the future of Lakewood is for the city to feel like a hometown once again. One that is caring, responsive, and respectful to everyone. Over the past decade, Lakewood has transformed, the population has exploded, and neighborhoods have been dramatically altered. Coming from a business background, I believe the city can strategically use our growth to renew our infrastructure, our playgrounds, and our open space so that we will all be able to enjoy the suburban Lakewood we love.

How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

There is no question that we all live in a tumultuous time period in American politics. Frankly, it is has become almost inevitable to avoid disagreements amongst community members who hold opposing views. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to be raised in Lakewood and attend Jeffco schools where I learned early on to talk with both sides, and then reach an agreement. When problems arise in Ward 5 and pit neighbor against neighbor, I will listen and speak with all sides, because through dialogue problems are solved. There is no greater solution than one that has been developed by the community.

What distinguishes you from your opponent?

Even though my opponent and I are from the same generation, we cherish starkly different values. I support the protection of open space, law and order, the renewal of our infrastructure, and the safeguarding of our native environment. I hold these values because I was born and raised raised in the city of Lakewood, where I was taught to always respect your neighbors, cherish your blessings. My opponent continuously claims that Lakewood is a great place to live because of its geographic location on a map. Lakewood to me is more than just a place on a map, it is our home. It is where we raise our families, where we work, and where we retire. I firmly believe in the greatness of Lakewood. I believe in protecting what past generations worked so hard to accomplish. I believe in working together with the community to accomplish great tasks that will propel Lakewood into the future on an economically sustainable course that depends less on your wallets and bank accounts. I will be the champion of your values, and the defender of our way of life because I have the energy of a millennial, but the determination of our past generations.



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