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What is your primary strategy for promoting Boulder County's economic vitality?

Not one person or business can be bypassed. By reaching out from the poorest to the richest, staying on top of stats in real estate, ag, manufacturing, and tech, we will keep our fingers on the innovation necessary for our community to be a winner.

Good businesses look for a clean environment, good schools, efficient transportation and affordable housing for their employees. I will preserve open space, continue Boulder County's leadership in fighting climate change and work to improve regional transportation and affordable housing.

Real affordable housing is hard to build because of Boulder County's open space purchases and restrictive zoning and building codes. The county could create opportunity zones to attract new business with temporary abatement or reduction in property taxes and less restrictive zoning.

After COVID-19 we must reconstruct economic opportunities with our locally based chambers, engage all large employers and develop overlooked connections between area employers and local talent for a Spanish language market and hub in Boulder County.

Seek balance between government, non-profit, and for-profit communities. Ensure that the Commission actively works with people, businesses, and community members to get to "yes" on environmental, social, and economic wins as a triple bottom line.

How will you promote increased diversity, equity and inclusiveness in Boulder County?

Seek out all voices by visiting neighborhoods and workplaces from plains to mountains, factory floors to tech offices. Hold these events near stakeholders' homes or workplaces, emphasize listening, foster an inclusive tone and uber open-mindedness.

We who have had privilege must listen to and learn from those who have not. DEI must be considered with respect to every policy the county adopts and every decision the county makes. Also important are county personnel policies, appointments to boards, and how commissioners hold hearings.

If real affordable housing is available, our area will automatically attract a diverse workforce and increase the diversity and inclusivity in our county. Success should not depend on skin color, gender or any other characteristic than a willingness to work hard and be treated equally under the law.

As a bilingual bicultural leader I will demonstrate that representation in our community means leadership in board rooms, programming, funding decisions and governance. This will set a clear pathway for untapped talent and will allow us to begin the building of DEI for county government.

Create an Office of Equity as check on everything from procurement to environmental justice that reports directly to the Commissioners. Also, we should reform our county jails which have historically disproportionately hurt communities of color.

What is your primary strategy for expanding affordable housing?

Build down, not up or sideways. Worldwide there are apartments with multiple stories going down, grassy courtyards, and "attached" underground shopping. We can incentivize architects to innovate, value mobile homes, and become creative in zoning.

Affordability must be solved county-wide so we need inclusionary housing ordinances county-wide and a funding stream dedicated to increasing the amount of affordable housing. In addition, we must preserve what is still affordable and remove barriers to affordability in the building code.

Affordable housing is simply housing that folks can afford to buy given their income and savings. We need homes in Boulder County that can be purchased for as little as \$250,000. Someone making just above minimum wage could qualify for a loan to purchase such a home.

My 20 years advocating for first time homebuyers and monolingual Spanish speaking families is critical to amplify vacant property as solutions for workforce, senior and transitional housing. Negotiation skills and legal expertise are assets to bring property owners, nonprofits and housing agencies together.

Create regional partnerships across cities that would include community planning with housing advocates, tenants, and mass transit experts. Then find incentives for developers and landlords, as well as inclusionary zoning requirements on developments.

How do you plan to implement regional transportation and mobility improvements in Boulder County?

Shuttles subsidized by developers, employers who encourage remote working and staggered workdays/hours, leased vans for van pooling underwritten by the county, smaller buses with internet and frequent schedules, carpooler perks, less reliance on RTD.

Transportation is a regional issue. I would explore creating a Regional Transportation Authority within Boulder County or with neighboring counties. Boulder County's delegate to DRCOG must be effective, and the county must work closely with its RTD directors, and advocate for federal funds.

Our roads are valuable assets. Roads wear out and must be resurfaced. Boulder County only spends \$7,900,000 for road maintenance. Douglas County will spend \$162,500,000, Weld County \$62,500,000 and Larimer County \$12,500,000 on roads this year. Roads should be the first priority.

Improvements mean we meet a wider range of needs more efficiently. This will require aligning user, provider and financial objectives to address safety-net based solutions that meet social, environmental and economic transit goals.

1. Stay loud at RTD and CDOT to get what the County was promised in 2004.
2. Look at regional options like creating an RTA.
3. Find a way to make a county-wide Ecopass a reality.