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2026 Mayoral and City Council Candidate Questions

Thank you for participating in the Downtown Boulder & University Hill Candidate Roundtable on **Wednesday, September 23**.

In addition to the questions you will be asked during the Roundtable, the Downtown Boulder Partnership is asking each candidate to provide written responses to three questions important to the Downtown Boulder and University Hill business communities.

DEADLINE: Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Responses are limited to **200 words per question**.

Your responses will be reproduced as submitted and distributed to attendees at the Candidate Roundtable. They may also be shared electronically with the broader Downtown Boulder and University Hill business communities.

Please review your responses carefully before submitting. Downtown Boulder Partnership will not edit candidate responses for content, grammar or length. Responses exceeding the 200-word limit may be truncated at 200 words.

Please provide original responses. If AI tools were used in developing or editing your responses, we ask that you acknowledge that use at the end of this form.

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Mayor



Council Member

1. Economic Vitality: Tools to Spur Economic Vitality

The recent proposal to create a Downtown Development Authority was intended to provide a long-term tool for investment and economic development in Downtown Boulder, University Hill and the Civic Area. While the proposal did not advance to voters this year, the economic challenges that prompted the discussion remain.

Do you believe Boulder needs a significant new strategy or investment tool to strengthen these commercial districts? If you support reconsideration of a DDA, explain why. If you do not, what specific alternative tools, investments or strategies would you support to spur economic development and ensure the long-term economic vitality of these areas?

Maximum: 200 words

Let the developer pay. No on DDA, the Deeper Debt for All . Recruit and invest in hardware stores and services residents actually use in the PSM. Gather the public to aggregate the intellectual capital to organize to get it done. Get THEM invested. TIF raises the rent so local small businesses can't compete. They finance on future revenue, more loans. Sundance plus more college students buy the stuff. They write it off as losses and the rents go up driving up the land value and in a concentrated area. It depletes money to the local schools. We need to organize folks to extract intellectual capital and revolutionize the corrupt system. We need a progressive city manager. A minority of a hundred fifty people are infecting the entire system. Question the premise that we need this economic growth. It's bringing everyone into debt which is no longer feasible with the war and national debt. Get the big investors to pay up and stop spending money on bad investments City needs to be as frugal as a resident.

2. Public Safety & the Business Environment

Boulder businesses continue to raise concerns about public safety, illegal drug activity and disruptive behaviors in public spaces. These issues can affect employees, customers, visitors and the day-to-day ability of businesses to operate successfully.

What do you believe businesses should reasonably expect from the City when it comes to maintaining safe and welcoming commercial districts? What specific actions or approaches would you support to address these concerns while balancing the needs and rights of everyone in our community?

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The answer corresponds to the last question's answer. The public should expect to be safe and welcomed and organized members of the community need to be involved as more than complainers. The city should utilize its base. Fire Steve Redfearn, engage more restorative justice and community policing and let the developers pay rather than giving them more handouts at Planning Board. Decreasing wealth inequity will go far towards solving this homeless issue, which is very expensive.

3. Communication & Engagement with the Business Community

Decisions made by City Council can have significant financial and operational impacts on local businesses. Business owners and employees often participate in public meetings, surveys, working groups and other engagement opportunities, yet there can be frustration when they feel their input has not meaningfully influenced the final decision.

If elected, how will you personally engage with Boulder's business community? What can business owners expect from you in terms of accessibility, communication and listening, particularly if you disagree with them? Please describe the specific practices or commitments you would make to ensure the business community has an ongoing and meaningful voice in City decision-making.

Maximum: 200 words

How to engage? The same as I would with anyone. Connect. I've always been accessible 24/7, no change. Disagreement is especially beneficial. The business community has too much of a non productive undependable voice, and no councilor is going to correct that, exclusive of an open and collaborative portal. I will set up and organize WITH the residents, not at them. I will authentically connect at the root causes and work up, gather the community opposition and have open forums of debate that will deliver to both sides. I will follow the philosophy of like Melat Kiros, Zorhan Mamdani and Mohsen Mahdawi and consider the impact of war on the locality with impending long standing inflation reaching critical mass. We need to spend on our community.

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Final Acknowledgement

I have reviewed my responses and understand that they may be reproduced and distributed as submitted. I understand that responses are limited to 200 words per question and that Downtown Boulder Partnership may truncate responses that exceed the stated word limit. I understand that my responses need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026 to be included in the packet that will be handed out to attendees and posted on the Downtown Boulder Partnership website.

By checking the box below, I confirm that I have read and agree to the Final Acknowledgment above. *

☒ Confirm

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