

Responses to *The Denver Post* / *HUB* (posted online)

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*** Please list the two or three most important issues to your campaign:**

1. Continue to improve transparency & open government,
2. Continue to improve efficiency & effectiveness, &
3. Continue to promote economic & social vitality.

Specifically, I would like the City to

1. Publish the annual budget online as a searchable database;
2. Follow the lead of Fort Collins in its online "spending transparency" Open Book (<http://www.fcgov.com/openbook/>);
3. Ask citizens to identify their goals & objectives for the City, tie the budget to those goals & objectives, & ask citizens to evaluate the City on meeting those goals & objectives;
4. Increase the City's efforts to communicate with citizens & engage them in discussions of issues, by using e-mail, Twitter & other forms of social media; &
5. Nurture "social capital."

*** What is the key difference between you and your opponent(s)?**

I have been serving as a City Council Member At Large for 2 years. I have a proven track record for improving transparency & open government, for supporting efforts to improve efficiency & effectiveness, & for promoting social vitality. On Council, I have dealt at least once with almost every type of issue that City Councils address, including approval & oversight of the budget; am on the Council Audit subcommittee; served on the Council subcommittee to select a new City Attorney in 2008 & helped develop a formal set of goals & objectives for that position; & served on the subcommittee to develop a formal set of goals & objectives for the City Manager. I have the time & energy to devote full time to representing the people of Littleton.

*** What else should voters know about you (awards, endorsements, volunteer activities, etc.)?**

I am City Council liaison to the Library Board & the Historic Preservation Board, attend Greater Littleton Youth Initiative meetings, & am a member of Historic Littleton Inc, Friends of the Library & Museum, & the Littleton Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association. I formed my Neighborhood Watch group & am its captain. I volunteer in the community (e.g., I helped with a car wash sponsored by Bradford Auto Body in 2008 to benefit the family of a man killed by a drunk driver, Police Safety Day, the Museum spring clean-up, & SSPR tree planting along the S Platte on Arbor Day; & helped decorate the City Council WWW Parade float in 2008 & 2009). I publish reports of my City-paid travel/training. Please see my website for a list of my awards.