

# *City of* Littleton

## COUNCIL GOALS & OBJECTIVES

2012-2013

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### **VISION STATEMENT:**

To preserve a family-oriented and economically-vibrant community that encourages citizen involvement, respects diversity, values community character, and enhances the quality of life of Littleton residents and visitors.

### **1. ASSURE A FINANCIALLY-SOUND CITY GOVERNMENT**

- Objective:** Develop a budget process that provides the ability to evaluate costs/benefits along with program prioritization.
- Objective:** Deliver innovative, cost-efficient municipal services.
- Objective:** Research and pursue alternative revenue sources.

### **2. PROVIDE A SAFE COMMUNITY TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY**

- Objective:** Provide a comprehensive evaluation of City service that meets the needs of the community.
- Objective:** Provide police protection, code enforcement, and other services that meet the needs of the community, with a specific focus on the northeast neighborhood.
- Objective:** Provide fire protection and emergency medical services that meet the needs of the community and the City's fire partners.
- Objective:** Focus on vehicular, bike, and pedestrian safety and accessibility improvement opportunities.
- Objective:** Improve the City's ability to respond to emergencies; update the City's Emergency Operations Plan.
- Objective:** Partner with other governmental and non-governmental agencies to maximize effectiveness in providing a safe community.

### **3. DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Objective:** Provide and maintain a high-quality public infrastructure that addresses the needs of residents, visitors, and businesses.

**Objective:** Develop an asset management plan to identify maintenance and capital investment needs of the public infrastructure.

**Objective:** Develop a Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant long-range plan.

#### **4. PRESERVE AND CULTIVATE A QUALITY COMMUNITY**

**Objective:** Encourage continuous improvement in service delivery and evaluate potential alternatives.

**Objective:** Actions and decisions should follow a comprehensive review of all impacts and benefits, including the aggregate impact on the community's property values.

**Objective:** Evaluate diversity, density, and quality of community housing stock and options for improvement.

**Objective:** Continue to update the 1981 Comprehensive Plan.

**Objective:** Evaluate ways to maintain Littleton as a community in which families wish to live and address the needs of the elderly.

**Objective:** Initiate a review and update of the City's development and zoning codes to ensure ability to implement community goals.

**Objective:** Improve focus on immigration issues.

**Objective:** Encourage an appreciation of life-long learning, history, art, culture, and literacy through the Library, Museum, and community partners.

**Objective:** Enhance the quality of City parks, trails, and open space system to increase the public's use and enjoyment of them.

**Objective:** Develop a policy statement that addresses the trade-offs between preservation of open space and commercial development.

**Objective:** Maintain and enhance public art.

#### **5. PURSUE A BALANCED AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL ECONOMY**

**Objective:** Grow jobs and sales tax revenue by providing strategic assistance to Littleton businesses.

**Objective:** Take a proactive approach to recruiting businesses, retaining existing businesses, and assisting businesses wishing to expand.

**Objective:** Work with community partners to increase the number of events which draw citizens and visitors as well as focus on improving the quality of existing events.

**Objective:** Promote policies and practices which sustain the environment.

## 6. PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Objective:** Identify long-term, cost-effective sustainable energy efficiencies for city operations.
- Objective:** Develop solid waste reduction targets and implementation actions to meet those targets.
- Objective:** Develop and implement an environmental stewardship and sustainability plan.
- Objective:** Reduce environmental impacts.

## 7. FOSTER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, COMMUNICATION, AND TRUST

- Objective:** Provide the highest level of service delivery with unwavering integrity and ethics.
- Objective:** Explore options for improving citizen education about and involvement in their community.
- Objective:** Foster community spirit.
- Objective:** Evaluate ways to support local education organizations to maintain a high quality of educational opportunities within Littleton.
- Objective:** Improve ways to disseminate information to citizens (e.g., utilize technology to provide greater and more timely access to governmental information).
- Objective:** Develop a plan for a youth-in-government initiative to involve and educate youth and young adults about local government.