

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR AN ADAPTABLE CITY

GETTING BOULDER BACK TO YES.

For too long, we have been working to manage our decline and have told ourselves what is not possible. Boulder has an opportunity to start a new chapter with leaders who will not use excuses as their way of doing things.

It's not a mystery, it simply hasn't been an assigned job. When a city can adapt, it can be able to say what the numbers are and move with those numbers.

WHAT NOBODY PUT ON A SCOREBOARD

\$400M

Unfunded facility maintenance

97TH

Percentile wildfire risk, nationally

30%

Vacancy downtown, on our main street

WHAT I SUPPORT

01 AUDIT IT

A PERFORMANCE AUDITOR REPORTING TO COUNCIL.

Independent; reporting publicly; with the standing to report on how the city performs - and therefore never having backlogs unnoticed.

02 ADAPT IT

BOLD ACTION TO MAKE BOULDER AN ADAPTABLE CITY.

Fire, Water, Housing, Downtown: Decide on who Boulder is going to be in 2030 and begin working towards that goal during this term.

03 OPEN IT

AN OFFICE OF YES, LIKE OTHER CITIES ALREADY RUN.

A place where residents and businesses can go to navigate to Yes, as well as restore the life of their storefronts and Main Street.

OUR CITY MUST EARN BACK TRUST BEFORE IT ASKS FOR MORE MONEY

IT'S OUR CITY. DECIDE WITH ME.

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SCAN ME

TWELVE INVESTMENTS IN ADAPTABILITY

COMMITMENTS · FIRST TERM

Adaptability is the only framework that considers every stakeholder in every outcome. It requires building new capacity in governance, safety, and renewal

01 GOVERNANCE · AUDIT IT TRANSPARENT PERFORMANCE AUDITING SYSTEM-WIDE

Progress on a public dashboard

We will set and publish citywide objectives, and the city manager's performance review built on them.

Stewardship before ribbon cuttings

A standing rule for city assets, we must maintain what we already own before we fund something new.

Two-year budgets, decided with you

We must move to Biennial budgeting, paired with Participatory Budgeting so residents allocate real dollars.

Promises kept on privacy

Networked surveillance data shared outside Boulder is incompatible with what Sanctuary City designation means.

02 SAFETY · ADAPT IT WHOLE-COMMUNITY SAFETY BY 2030.

Fire-prepared by 2030

Retrofit our most exposed properties all around the city (East and West) hardened so that fire doesn't spread.

Neighborhoods, not closures

We must become a fierce partner with BVSD to turn around neighborhoods facing the loss of their school.

Treat Public Spaces as Safety Infrastructure

We must continue working and investing in ensuring our public spaces are safe and no one is abandoned to them.

Meet the retention crisis at BPD

I will set a 2.5% turnover goal, and make it part of the city manager's performance rubric like every other objective.

03 ECONOMIC RENEWAL · OPEN IT AN ADAPTABLE CITY OPEN FOR BUSINESS 24/7

Mayor's office of constituent services

Totally unofficial, every resident should be able to reach us and be answered within 48 hours. Not just some.

Get downtown employees back to work

We can do a lot more to put workers downtown and return to the office, putting daytime life back on the mall.

Permits in 30 days, not 64

A shot clock on residential review, with median times published weekly.

A city-BVSD-CU compact

Buy local first, so the dollars the three of us spend renew Boulder first.



ABOUT AQUILES

My story is Boulder's story. When my family arrived here in 1995 as immigrants from Venezuela little more than hope. Boulder provided an opportunity for us to build rich lives. The last three decades have been about paying it forward. I live in this community, I raise children in this community and I run on the trails of this community each and every day. I am running so that Boulder can get some stuff done. That has been the focus of my entire professional career.



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