

2025 BOULDER ELECTION CANDIDATE SCORECARD

	 EXPEDITED PERMITTING	 REIMAGINE POLICING PLAN	 INCREASED MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING	 2025 MINIMUM WAGE/FUTURE INCREASES	 TIPPED WAGE CREDIT	 SPECIAL TAXATION AUTHORITIES AS URBAN RENEWAL TOOLS	 ISSUE 1B: MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TAX	 2A: & 2B: COMMUNITY, CULTURE, RESILIENCE, AND SAFETY TAX	 UPDATED HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK	 ECONOMIC VITALITY & JOB GROWTH
Matt Benjamin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rachel Rose Isaacson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rob Kaplan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maxwell Lord	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lauren Folkerts	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Montserrat Palacios	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jennifer Robins	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert Smoke	No responses provided by candidate.									
Nicole Speer	✓	✓	✓	—	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aaron Stone	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mark Wallach	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

SCORECARD KEY:

 Agreement with
Boulder Chamber Position

 Partial Agreement with
Boulder Chamber Position

 Disagreement with
Boulder Chamber Position

 No response provided to
the question

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BALLOT SCORECARD QUESTION GLOSSARY



HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS

Do you support prohibiting the distribution of food and other resources for our unhoused population outside of the Day Services Center?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS

Do you support prioritizing access to services for unhoused individuals who have ties to the Boulder community?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS

Do you support a strict enforcement of the ban on “rough sleeping” in our public spaces?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS

Do you support prioritizing the allocation of funding for the homeless solutions within the current financial resources?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



REIMAGINE POLICING PLAN

Do you support the full implementation of the Reimagine Policing Plan, including its proposed increase in police officers?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



2025 MINIMUM WAGE

Did you vote for the 2025 minimum wage increase or, how would you have voted on that matter? Do you support further increases in Boulder's minimum wage beyond the current 2025 rate?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: OPPOSE



TIPPED WAGE CREDIT

With local control over the tipped wage credit, would you support an increase in the tipped wage credit?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



SPECIAL TAXATION AUTHORITIES AS URBAN RENEWAL TOOLS

Do you support the proposal for considering special taxation authorities, including Downtown Development Authorities and Metro Districts, as urban renewal tools?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



INCREASED MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING

The DRCOG 2024 study on housing needs states that Boulder will need an additional 10,700 housing units over the next 10 years to prevent rent and home prices from dramatically increasing. If elected to city council, would you commit to pursuing that housing goal?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



INCREASED MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING

Do you support consideration of a reduced affordable housing impact fee as an element of the solution for encouraging middle income housing development?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



EXPEDITED PERMITTING

The City of Boulder's planning review and permitting processes are often criticized as being overly lengthy and onerous. If elected, would you make streamlining and expediting our planning review and permitting processes a top three priority for next year's City Council policy agenda?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



ECONOMIC VITALITY

Would you support permit fee reductions as a business recruitment or retention strategy? Do you believe it's important to continue to sustain a strong economy, including the potential for increasing job growth in Boulder? Do you support tax incentives as a tool for recruiting new businesses to Boulder?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



1B: MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TAX

Do you support passage of the Boulder County Mental Health Tax?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT



2A & 2B: COMMUNITY, CULTURE, RESILIENCE & SAFETY TAX

Do you support the passage of the Community, Culture, Resilience & Safety Tax?

BOULDER CHAMBER POSITION: SUPPORT