Why I’m Running for City Council
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Family
I’ve been a Woodland Park resident for nearly 12 years. I love the City Above the Clouds. I brought my family here because I’d heard from friends that it’s a great place to raise kids. They were right—it is. My wife and I have been married for 16 years, and we have three children, the youngest of which was born on Woodland Avenue. We homeschool our kids and wouldn’t have it any other way.

The Arts
As a visual storyteller, social media influencer and content creator, I quickly fell in love with the culture of art in Woodland Park. I know so many musicians, painters, studio engineers, and others who enrich the beauty and raise the spirit of our city. You might be surprised how many nationally known artists and artisans make their home here. As your councilor, I will keep looking for the artistic “hook” that brings people back to Woodland Park again and again. Through the arts, we can express the story of Woodland Park to the world and help our community thrive.

Safety
I want my grandchildren to feel safe walking to the library or the aquatic center. Yes, I’m already thinking about Woodland Park twenty years into the future! We have some good people in law enforcement here, a new sheriff’s facility being built, and a lot on the line as it pertains to safety at the next election. As your councilor, I will work to ensure that my kids and your kids are always safe riding dirt bikes on our many trails or walking around town, and that our law enforcement agencies are incorruptible and working with adequate resources to protect the people of Woodland Park.

The Future
Vote for me if you want your city council to look forward and consider how our present actions will affect future residents of Woodland Park. We can’t be looking back and moving forward at the same time. We can’t be paralyzed by the fear of using our resources to benefit the people of this city. Having a clear vision costs something, and I’ll do everything in my power as your city councilor to steward our resources well.

I’ll work to expand and protect our trails, open spaces, and parks for Woodland Park’s families. I’ll expose corruption. I’ll strive to ensure that no one’s income level, neighborhood, or way of life disqualifies them from responsiveness to their needs on the part of the city council. I am here for you!

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