

1. Larry Boven

2. My wife and I have lived in Louisville since 1985.

3. The priorities I believe are most important and that I would address are a robust wildland interface plan that addresses wildfire risk, early warning systems that work for everyone, defensible perimeters, home hardening, animal evacuation, adequate water supply, wildland fire equipment, firefighters equipped for wildland fire and coordination of response by multiple jurisdictions, fire safety, financial sustainability, and the encouragement of department volunteerism that will support paid staff, provide further resources, and build a culture of community-based protection for our city.

4. I have 20 years of experience as a Louisville Fire Department firefighter and previously served on the District Board for 5 years. I have fought wildland fires in Louisville and the Front Range and have used that experience to develop, through research and consultation, an agenda to address future wildfires like the one that took my home and those of our neighbors. I am part of the Neighborhood Preparedness Roundtable, seeking ways to communicate the importance of taking personal and community measures to prevent and mitigate wildfire threats. Finally, I have served this city and Colorado for over 33 years.

5. I will deepen engagement between the fire department and community to develop and implement a strategic wildland urban interface plan, in collaboration with neighboring communities, to address Louisville's wildfire risk. This will include identifying and procuring resources such as equipment and personnel training for urban and wildfire protection. I will also grow the ranks of fire department volunteers to enhance capacity, further build emergency medical services (recognized by our residents as outstanding) by exploiting opportunities in healthcare technology advancement, bolster firefighter safety, and help steer a course of financial sustainability for core fire and emergency services.

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