

Marcia Claxton, candidate for Ward 1 Golden City Council

Sensible Solutions, Real Representation

Every morning when I step out into my neighborhood, I am reminded of why I love calling Golden my home. I feel a sense of belonging as I wave to neighbors, enjoying the small town feel and the sense of community. Then, looking around, I never tire of enjoying the natural scenery: South Table Mountain, the “M” on Mt. Zion, and the dramatic hogback rock formations. As I walk and bike around my Ward 1 neighborhoods, I pass by our beautiful, one year old Golden High School, connect to the 6th Ave. bike trail, or take the Splash Trail shortcut past the aquatic park to the Johnson Post Office. Then there are the memories and traditions, such as: the Candlelight Walk, the Super Cruise, Buffalo Bill Days and other fun festivals and events. Golden has so much going for it!

I am running for City Council because I want to contribute my energy and efforts to keeping Golden the gem that it is. I want to protect its natural attributes, its historic character, its vital downtown and other business centers, its diverse, thriving neighborhoods, and its small town charm. In the last few years, I have joined with other dedicated volunteers on three major initiatives to keep Golden “golden”: the Sustainability Group, the Walkability Task Force, and, most recently, the Golden Vision 2030 Citizen Advisory Board to chart the City’s course for the next 20 years. As your councilor, I will be committed to turning these plans into reality.

Change and challenges lie ahead for our community, and we need to anticipate and address these in a manner that ensures a positive outcome and bright future. Construction is already underway on the light rail system that is coming to Golden. It will have the greatest impact on Ward 1. With strong representation and leadership, we can prevent mistakes that could create problems for those living nearby. Instead, we can make light rail and any new development a plus for both the residents of Ward 1 and for the community as a whole. In addition, we need to continue to pursue better alternatives to the proposed beltway or toll road that outside entities want to impose on us when other methods would be much more effective and less costly.

In order to best represent Ward 1 residents, my goal is to establish “two way street” communication so that I can take your questions and concerns to City Council, and in a timely fashion, keep you posted on what City Council is considering and how it will affect you. If elected, I will work hard to improve and expand desired services in Ward 1, as well as to maintain and enhance what we already have. I will be an advocate for the South Golden Neighborhood Plan already underway. I will communicate regularly through my website, email, phone calls, meetings and events. Ward 1 deserves an active City Councilor who communicates well, attends events and is available to citizens.

The issues facing Golden aren’t addressed by traditional Republican or Democratic political platforms. Golden’s city politics are not partisan--nor should they be. I believe in fiscal responsibility, sustainability, taking care of our citizens and preserving individual rights. I don’t see any of these as mutually exclusive. If elected, I will represent as broad a spectrum of voters as possible, making my decisions based on citizen input, research and common sense.

I would be honored to serve you as your Ward 1 City Council Representative.

For more information about me and my candidacy, check out my website at www.ClaxtonforCouncil.com, or you can call me directly at 303-526-1214. Please contact me; I would love to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia Claxton