

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Dear Fellow Republican,

On May 7th the voters of Denver face a major decision. Do we wish to re-elect the current mayor who has served eight years and provided misguided leadership, or do we make the change for a brighter future?

Whether born here or transplanted here from somewhere else, we all appreciate the beautiful blue skies, the view of the mountains and our wonderful parks and green spaces in Denver. These are assets that impact our everyday quality of life and they are now at risk.

City elections are non-partisan and it so happens all of the candidates for mayor this year are Democrats. This race is too important to sit on the sidelines. We need a leader with the experience and vision who can take care of this city whether it's filling potholes or stopping over-development in our neighborhoods. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue, this is a quality of life issue that impacts us now and in the future.

We can do better. We write today to ask you to join us in supporting Jamie Giellis for Mayor of Denver. She has the experience, the vision and the courage to stand up for neighborhoods and protect our parks and quality of life.

Jamie grew up on a small farm in Iowa where her father served as mayor and her mother was a social worker. She and her brother were taught your word is your bond, honesty is the best policy and no matter if you are cleaning out the barn or selling sweet corn by the side of the road, you always do your best.

Jamie earned a BA in journalism from the University of Iowa and was the first person in her family to graduate from a 4-year college. Her brother followed her lead attending Iowa State University on a R.O.T.C. scholarship and then going on to join the Air Force after graduation. Jamie then earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and started her own small business focused on helping local communities handle issues of growth. Her job for the past 16 years has had her working in neighborhoods across Denver as well in cities across the country and around the world.

Denver is at a tipping point. We need ethical leadership at the top to lead our city and ensure that we leave Denver better than we found it. Our children and grandchildren deserve it.

Jamie will do the following for Denver residents:

End runaway development – Over-development is turning our city into a concrete jungle with increasing density in every neighborhood, intense traffic, no transit plan, decreasing green space in the city and a general decline in our quality of life. Jamie has the experience and is the only candidate with a plan to address these issues.

End pay-to-play – City hall has become a reservoir of the well-connected and powerful who have easy access to the mayor, while the citizens of Denver are excluded from their own government. Jamie is committed to ending pay-to-play which grants favors and contracts to the well-connected and powerful. The current situation concerning the expansion of the Colorado Convention Center and the multiple investigations by the City, the District Attorney, and even the Colorado Attorney General reflect why change in the mayor's office is desperately needed.

Bring ethics and accountability back to the mayor's office – Being Mayor of Denver means being the leader of the city and the entire Denver metro region. To successfully lead, the mayor must be above questions of ethical behavior. Sadly, the current mayor has displayed ethical failures in his professional and personal life. In 2018, Mayor Hancock admitted he harassed a woman who worked closely with him. Recent harassment claims have cost Denver taxpayers over \$1,000,000. We are in need of leaders who treat everyone with respect and dignity.

Making the safety of our residents a priority – Crime has increased in Denver; yet, despite significant population growth, we have not increased the number of police officers protecting us. Jamie is committed to increasing the number of police on the streets including expanding community policing and early intervention programming to decrease crime.

No on Initiative 300 – Homelessness is a complex issue and a growing problem in the City. The Mayor's failure to address the issue in a comprehensive way has only made the problem worse over the last five years. Jamie is the only challenger who publicly opposes Initiative 300 and believes it is not a solution for solving homelessness. We need a mayor who is committed to real solutions and some tough love. You can see Jamie's plan on her website at www.jamiefordenver.com.

No fee increase for trash collection – Jamie supports expanded recycling and free composting but will not support a fee for trash collection unless it is voted for by Denver's residents.

We have all chosen Denver as our home. Denver is a special place! Our beautiful environment, our cultural and social history, our sound economy all make it the ideal place to live. Wise political leadership in our past has understood this and worked to protect and enhance our quality of life. That is not the case today. That is why we need change in the mayor's office.

To learn more about Jamie, we encourage you to learn more about her campaign at JamieforDenver.com, and follow her on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @jamiefordenver. We know that you will be as impressed with her as we are. **When your ballots arrive around April 15th, tax-day, remember to vote for Jamie Giellis for Mayor.**

Respectfully,

Senator Hugh Fowler

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