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Fellow Residents of Park County,

I am honored to write this letter giving my full and complete support for Steve Spodyak for Park County Sheriff!

My interaction with Steve Spodyak began in 2014, when I was promoted to the position of Sergeant with the Colorado State Patrol and assigned to Park County. I have been on several scenes with him ranging from car crashes, felony and misdemeanor arrests, vehicle pursuits, and major crime scenes. He has displayed the knowledge, skill, and ability to lead the Sheriff's Office in a legal, moral, and ethical manner. I have personally witnessed his calm, professional character in handling chaotic situations. He has also shown his knowledge of the Constitution and the Colorado Revised statutes which is important in handling issues associated with the jail, actions of officers, and limiting liabilities of the County.

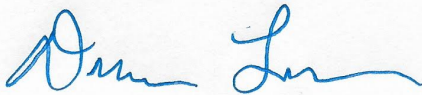
In my law enforcement career I have witnessed officers that rise through the ranks and get out of touch with the road level officers. Steve has assisted members of his agency and others with road level duties when necessary, whether it be traffic control, investigation, or having to assist physically in the arrest of a combative individual.

Steve Spodyak is deeply embedded in the Park County communities, both professionally and personally.

The position of Sheriff is the highest level of law enforcement in the County. The Sheriff is elected by the citizens to serve on their behalf.

I believe Steve Spodyak has displayed that he has the desire, experience, education, and ability to serve as the Sheriff of Park County in a manner that reflects the best interests of the citizens of Park County.

Thank You,



Duane Larson

Retired Sergeant Colorado State Patrol and resident of Park County.