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I am proud to offer my full and enthusiastic endorsement of Steve Spodyak for Sheriff of Park County.

Steve Spodyak represents some of the very best of law enforcement leadership within Park County. His career with the Park County Sheriff's Office has been defined by integrity, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to protecting both the public and the deputies who serve them. He understands that effective policing is built on trust, experience, and sound judgment—not political agendas.

I first met Steve at the County Sheriffs of Colorado Annual Conference in 2019. From the outset, I was impressed by his understanding of the unique challenges rural agencies face and by his genuine dedication to the people of Park County. Steve was not only willing to offer sound advice, but he consistently demonstrated leadership among his peers—earning respect through action, not position.

Several years later, I was especially proud to see Steve accepted into—and graduate from—the FBI National Academy. This achievement deserves special recognition. The National Academy does not accept every applicant, and candidates from smaller agencies are often overlooked. Steve's selection speaks volumes about his professionalism, leadership ability, and national-level credibility.

Steve brings a deep knowledge of rural law enforcement, public safety challenges unique to Park County, and the realities deputies face every day. He has demonstrated the ability to lead with fairness, transparency, and professionalism, while never losing sight of the constitutional rights he is sworn to uphold.

At a time when law enforcement agencies face increasing demands, legislative pressures, and public scrutiny, Park County needs a sheriff who is experienced, principled, and prepared from day one. Steve Spodyak is exactly that leader. He has earned the respect of his peers, the confidence of the community, and the trust of those who work alongside him.

I am confident that under Steve Spodyak's leadership, the Park County Sheriff's Office will continue to serve with honor, effectiveness, and a clear commitment to public safety.

I strongly encourage Park County citizens to support Steve Spodyak for Sheriff.

Respectfully,

Derek Irvine  
Fremont County