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**Personal Endorsement - Steve Spodyak for Park County Sheriff**

Dear fellow Park County constituents,

It is my great privilege and honor to personally endorse Steve Spodyak's candidacy for Park County Sheriff in the upcoming Republican primary election, as well as in the subsequent general election. Steve's combination of law enforcement experience, advanced training, demonstrated leadership, and ethical constitution make him the logical choice to lead our county's law enforcement department.

I have known Undersheriff Spodyak for over twenty years, having worked shoulder-to-shoulder with him as he served as our school resource officer in the Platte Canyon School District. As PCHS Principal and PCSD Superintendent, I have seen his concern for community safety first-hand, have watched his positive interactions with students and families, and have admired his respectful and calm demeanor, even when faced with difficult circumstances.

Undersheriff Spodyak has been a key voice in brokering a tremendously beneficial partnership between the School District and the Sheriff's Office, leading the way for us to have two deputies deployed at our consolidated school campus. Steve was instrumental in negotiating that agreement, which continues to greatly enhance the safety of our students and staff members every day.

Additionally, Undersheriff Spodyak is our go-to person for law enforcement advice on our safety operations and plans at the School District, lending his experience and training to our daily safety operations.

Finally, as a graduate of Platte Canyon High School, a long-time Bailey resident, a dedicated husband and father, as well as a coach in the Platte Canyon School District, Steve has demonstrated his commitment and loyalty to the citizens of Park County. He is truly the servant-leader that the Park County Sheriff's Office needs to lead it into its next phase. I fully endorse him for the office of Park County Sheriff without reservation.

Sincerely,  
  
Mike Schmidt

P.S. This is a personal endorsement and does not reflect an official endorsement by the Platte Canyon School District or its Board members.