

April 15, 2025

Mayor and Members of the Canon City City Council

City Hall Address Canon City, CO 81212

**RE: Community Questions Regarding Public Safety in Canon City**

Dear Mayor Troutman and Council Members Stein, Worthington, Hamrick, Dennhey, Meloni, Schmisser, Tracy.

We write to you as concerned citizens of Canon City who value our community and wish to engage in constructive dialogue about public safety. Recent events have prompted many of us to reflect on crime in our city and the roles our elected officials play in addressing these concerns.

We respectfully request your responses to the following questions, which many community members have signed on to support:

1. Is crime a problem in Canon City?
2. "Do you believe crime is a significant concern for Canon City residents right now? Why or why not?"
3. "What specific role do you believe the City Council should play in addressing public safety in Canon City?"
4. "Are the current city resources allocated to public safety in Canon City appropriate for our community's needs? Please explain your reasoning."
5. "What specific policy approaches or changes, if any, would you support to address crime concerns in Canon City??"

We ask these questions with urgency because public safety affects the daily lives of all residents. Your responses will help us understand where our city leaders stand on these critical issues and foster a more informed community conversation about potential solutions.

We believe that addressing public safety requires collaboration between elected officials and the citizens they serve. Your candid responses will be an important step toward building that collaborative relationship.

We request your individual responses by April 29 so that we may share them with interested community members. Please direct your responses to [CanonCityCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:CanonCityCitizens@gmail.com).

Thank you for your service to our community and for your attention to these important questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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