

Dear Editor,

Connection, communication, compassion: during this pandemic, many of us have become increasingly aware of the importance of these three components when combatting Boulder County's social, economic and health inequities.

Without strong leadership, however, deep, lasting change is difficult to create or maintain. For this reason, I urge you to vote for [Marta Loachamin](#) for Boulder Country Commissioner in District 2.

I first met Marta at Boulder's Pridefest over a year ago. Her openness and commitment to community led me to host a meet and greet for her in January 2020. There I was impressed by her vigorous listening and inventive solutions, honed by her work as a bridge-builder and cultural broker.

Marta's work as a college instructor, realtor, flood recovery resiliency coordinator, mentor, and mother, coupled with her on-going involvement with Boulder County's Latinx and working class residents, make her an impressive and timely candidate.

Please remember to vote the whole ballot in this crucial election and make Marta your choice for Boulder County Commissioner.

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