

Letter to the Editor
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As a newly elected city councilor for the city of Lafayette, Colorado, I urge you to vote for Marta Lochamin for county commissioner.

I have studied and practiced leadership with brilliant scientists, strategic thinkers, innovative visionaries, and young leaders just starting their careers. Today, I see a need for humanity to bring our three-legged stool of sustainable existence back into balance. A couple of the legs need shoring up and the third is trembling under the load. Those legs are equity, environment, and economy. Marta has already show leadership in supporting these critical societal needs. creating a residency effort to support the disenfranchised victims in the 2013 flood, participating in natural disaster preparedness planning for the county, and been a single mother, while running her own business. She has demonstrated the ability to identify problems, gather the resources and fix them, set a vision and see the solution to fruition. Her efforts span our county's physical, language and cultural boundaries.

Being able to work across boundaries is key in an era of rapid anthropogenic global climate change. Leaders with Marta's broad skill set are an imperative. the ripple effect of changes to our globe's climate system will impact everyone. I work amongst the world's highest concentration of Earth system scientists living right here along the front range of Colorado, including many climatologists. I have learned that systemic and institutionalized barriers to people of color must be removed, and our population engaged in helping humanity adapt to our Earth's shifting climate regimes. Enacting process of engagement will require cultural brokers. I love Marta's comment that she is here to lead, not sit on a diversity board. She not only is a culture broker, she insures new ones are trained. Leaders like Marta help all residents get help the help they need but also be empowered to help themselves.

Vote Marta Lochamin for Boulder County Commissioner.

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