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Colorado Springs Forward announces

El Paso County Commissioner District 3 endorsement

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 24, 2016 – With three veteran county commissioners retiring from the board due to term limits, the November elections will be crucial for the future of El Paso County. Colorado Springs Forward (CSF) is grateful for the long record of community service by Commissioners Sallie Clark, Dennis Hisey and Amy Lathen.

After extensive discussions with Stan VanderWerf and Karen Cullen – both candidates for El Paso County Commissioner in District 3 – Colorado Springs Forward is satisfied that both of these individuals have shown a deep understanding of business development throughout the region and the impacts of sound, local public policy.

The CSF board of directors believes that both of these candidates are strong choices for the citizens of District 3 and represent the pillars embraced by Colorado Springs Forward.

However, CSF's board is most pleased with the significant and diverse experience as well as the depth of knowledge shown by VanderWerf. His history of leadership and ability to articulate sound principles, which support economic development, have led CSF to endorse his candidacy for County Commissioner District 3.

"We appreciate Stan VanderWerf's thorough research into local issues which are impacting the community right now and will continue to impact it long into the future," said Lynette Crow-Iverson, chairwoman of the CSF board of directors. "We feel he is the best choice to influence local policy and business development."

In February, Colorado Springs Forward endorsed Mark Waller for El Paso County Commissioner District 2, and Scott Turner for El Paso County Commissioner District 4.

ABOUT COLORADO SPRINGS FORWARD

Colorado Springs Forward is a non-profit, broad-based alliance of people and organizations that care deeply about and are committed to the success of the Pikes Peak region. Colorado Springs Forward was formed by a group of community leaders in April 2014, to re-establish Colorado Springs as the most inviting and respected city in which to live, work and play. Board members include: Lynette Crow-Iverson (Chair), Phil Lane, Kathy Loo, Douglas Stimple, Jariah Walker, and Tom Neppel.

Colorado Springs Forward's mission is to unite the citizens, communities and organizations of the Pikes Peak region to educate, collaborate and coordinate so that, together, they can effectively address the challenges and opportunities faced by our region. They will lead with words and actions, with a sense of urgency, so that together we can reach our full potential and an excellent quality of life. For more information, visit ColoradoSpringsForward.org.

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