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Mayor, City/County of Broomfield
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WHY DID YOU RUN FOR OFFICE?

I was first elected to city council in 2017 to represent Ward 5, which was being impacted by large-scale oil and gas operations near residential areas. I couldn't just sit by and let these harmful industrial operations encroach on our neighborhoods, parks and schools. I was tired of hearing that our hands were tied at the local level, so my community mobilized and advocated for change at the state level. We proudly helped pass SB 181 to restore land-use control to local governments.

WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH AS AN ELECTED LEADER?

We have a sustainability-focused city council and have set ambitious goals to reduce our GHG emissions and increase our waste diversion from the landfill. We are all in alignment that Broomfield needs to grow greener, and we need to lead by example.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

I believe that protecting the health and safety of our community comes first. The biggest threat to our quality of life is the severe ozone non-attainment status of Denver Metro and the Front Range.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE SOMEONE CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR OFFICE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Talk to other elected officials who have run for office and are doing the work. There are also training programs available for first time candidates, many focused on electing more women and minorities. Some examples are [Vote Run Lead](#) and [Run for Something](#).

IS THERE A CONSERVATION-RELATED POLICY, RULE OR IDEA YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED AT THE LOCAL, STATE OR NATIONAL LEVEL?

We have already passed electric vehicle charging mandates in Broomfield, so it would be beneficial if these conservation efforts were applied across the state. I am also on the State Board of Health and will use that platform to prioritize environmental health issues facing Colorado. We need to increase accountability for polluting industries and require compliance, especially on high ozone action alert days.

GIVEN THAT IT'S WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH RESPECT TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, AS A WOMAN AND ELECTED OFFICIAL?

The first time I really starting thinking about running for office was during the Women's March in January 2017 as I led a small one in Broomfield. I decided more women and LGBTQ folks needed a seat at the table. One thing I have learned through this is that many times women feel they need to be asked; we need to change our thinking. We are just as capable and experienced to be in the rooms where decisions are made. We care about our communities and advocate for our families, so why can't we advocate for our communities?

Broomfield has made great progress towards equity in the past several years. We had the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act so we, along with many other organizations and businesses, had to make big adjustments to be sure that all were equally paid for the same work. Broomfield now has mostly women in leadership positions including our City and County Manager, City and County Attorney, Municipal Judge, Treasurer, Clerk, Police Chief, and our Directors of Community Development, Engineering, IT and HR, to name a few.

