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Travis Leiker Launches Campaign for Denver City Council At-Large

Sets tone for Denver's 2023 Municipal Elections with a diverse coalition of supporters; brings a track record of turning around organizations and will bring the same expertise to City.

(Denver, CO)—Neighborhood champion and higher education leader Travis Leiker announced his candidacy for Denver City Council At-Large in 2023. Leiker, who serves as a senior director at the University of Colorado (CU) and is president of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods (CHUN) kicked off his campaign today, bringing with him a track record of hard work and delivering results.

“Right now, our city faces unprecedented challenges around homelessness, a housing shortage, safety concerns, and the urgent need to deliver long-term, smart growth policies that will shape our city for future generations. Today, I am rolling up my sleeves and ready to get to work on these and other issues,” said Leiker.

Leiker became the first major candidate to announce his run for citywide office, looking to fill one of the two at-large seats being vacated in 2023 due to term limits. Upon filing, Leiker elected to participate in the Denver Fair Elections Fund to show his support for campaign finance limits and to promote a better, more transparent city government.

His campaign launches with a growing, diverse coalition of city leaders.

“Travis Leiker knows how to make tough decisions and what it means to lead with conviction,” says the honorable **Elbra Wedgeworth**, former Denver City Council president and the first African American to chair the Downtown Denver Partnership. She continues, *“From his work at the University of Colorado to leadership in Denver neighborhoods, Travis has the capacity to get things done.”*

“Travis Leiker has been working with other neighborhood leaders to advance citywide solutions to support Denver's growing unhoused population. He has assured me that investing in all Denver neighborhoods, especially those historically underrepresented or marginalized, will be one of his major areas of focus on city council. I know we can count on him to stand for all of us on the Denver City Council,” says the honorable **Lucia Guzman**, former Colorado State Senator.

“We need a city council that knows how to cross Civic Center Park—from the City and County Building to the Colorado State Capitol—and build partnerships, leverage relationships, and secure the outcomes needed for Denver. That is Travis Leiker. His experience in public policy and ability to navigate complex institutions will be crucial for the challenges we face as a city,” says **Speaker Alec Garnett**, Colorado House of Representatives (Denver; House District 2).

“People are ready for something different. Someone who knows how to deliver results. I am proud to have so much support across our community,” stated Leiker.

In addition to serving as president of one of Denver’s largest and oldest neighborhood organizations, Leiker serves on the Denver Human Rights & Community Partnerships Advisory Council. Previously, he served four years as the board president at NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado (now Cobalt Advocates). Other professional experience includes work at Conservation Colorado, helping to train a new generation of women leaders to run for office, and work in public policy and issue advocacy. Leiker received both a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Colorado.

Leiker is a 15-year resident of the Mile High City and lives with his partner David and their dog Eleanor.

For more information and a complete list of endorsements, please visit TravisLeiker.com.

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