



Dear Neighbors,

Hoping your holidays were filled with family, friends, food and fun. As we kick off the New Year I'm sending out a note of thanks for entrusting me as your city council member and am providing you with some updates on what's been going on at the Council chambers since election day.

**Our first vote** as a newly elected council was the appointment of our [Mayor Debbie Brinkman and Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Valdes](#). Both bring experience, leadership and have shown great commitment to our city. Be sure to introduce yourself and get to know them.

A discussion on **Littleton Fire Rescue** (LFR) quickly came to the forefront as our first significant decision as city council to [pursue negotiations with South Metro Fire District \(SMFD\)](#). Both our partners Littleton Fire Protection (LFPD) and Highland Ranch Metro District (HRMD) provided their notice of termination effective January 1, 2019. With the urgency of time, and a standalone Littleton Fire/EMS likely unviable, we will pursue due diligence needed with SMFD to reach an agreement that will continue to provide a high level of service for our citizens.

Connectivity has been an area of focus since my time on the Planning Board. It manifested as a key goal, '**A Connected Littleton**' in our [City Wide Plan](#). Today I continue to drive this forward as a priority for council. I will be representing Littleton on the [Denver Regional Council of Governments](#) (DRCOG) and Arapahoe Transportation Forum, to help bring investment and regional partnerships in support of infrastructure, technology and multi-modal networks to address how we get around safely and efficiently.

Upcoming dates and information:

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** – District 3 Citizens Meeting, 9:00AM at Wilmore Nursery. I will be joining District 3 Council Member Carol Fey, and City Manager Mark Ralph in answering questions and hearing from citizens. This is hosted by Councilmember Fey, but all districts are welcomed.

**Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** – Boards & Commission [applications](#) are due. Please consider applying. This is a great opportunity to engage with our city and make an impact. As council members we rely heavily and appreciate the work and expertise of our boards.

Go to [Littletongov.org](#) to sign up and stay connected. City Council meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30PM, upcoming schedule & agenda [here](#). Attend a council meeting in person, email your thoughts or call.

Happy and healthy New Year to you!

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