

## Cindy Carlisle: Boulder City Council

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**Age:** 72

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**How long in Boulder:** 49 years

**Neighborhood:** West Pearl

**Professional background:** Teacher and editor

**Political/community experience:** Former Boulder City Council member, 1986-1990; University of Colorado regent, 2003-2009; active on various city task forces, initiatives, neighborhood activities; City Council candidate in 2013, state Senate candidate in 2008

**Education:** B.A. and M.A. from University of Colorado, Gates Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government

### **Do you believe Boulder should continue its effort to separate from Xcel Energy and form a municipal electric utility?**

Yes. Having a municipal electric utility gives us control over our energy future. We voted to determine if a municipal electric utility could be operated at equal or less cost and with equal or greater reliability than Xcel. The primary reason was to stop using coal as the primary source of our electrical power when viable clean alternatives — such as solar, wind, hydro — are available. Continuing the effort now will determine if our efforts are financially realistic — or not. If we don't move forward, we'll continue paying for Xcel's Comanche III mega coal-burning electrical power, and continue to pay for its other coal plants and Xcel's outmoded systems. Most importantly, we won't be able to source and generate our own clean electric supply and have greater resilience in our energy future.

### **How do you believe the City Council should proceed with regard to Boulder's pursuit of a citywide broadband network?**

If the numbers work out for the municipal electric utility, then we will have the infrastructure on which to run the broadband cables much more cheaply, just like Longmont already has and like Fort Collins is pursuing. They can do this at very little additional cost, because they have their own municipal electric utilities. Another good reason to stay the course. The key is for the city to not give up control to a private, for-profit corporation.

### **Is there anything that can be done to make Boulder a more affordable place to live?**

- 1) Looking at rezoning opportunities like rezoning from commercial to mixed use. An excellent small-scale example is on the northwest corner of Eighth and Pearl: retail below, including a high traffic coffee shop, offices and residential above, all scaled to fit nicely into the neighborhood and provide terrific amenities. Parking is underground and minimally around the building.
- 2) Raise the linkage fees on new development which help pay for affordable housing. Linkage fees now below what the staff conservatively recommended.
- 3) Raise the number of inclusionary affordable units in new development
- 4) Change the zoning that overwhelmingly favors jobs over residential.

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