

Stacey Goldfarb: Residents rightly dismayed by growth

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A Boulder pro-growth advocate regularly tweets, "If you love your city, you should build more of it." The tweeter's perspective seems at odds with the reality of our finite world. Science everywhere confirms finite limits: resources, the amount of carbon our atmosphere can handle, and the population a bioregion can sustain. Unfortunately, Boulder government often demonstrates a disregard for both facts and limits.

No wonder citizens are uneasy. We look to our civic leaders, but hear only the policy equivalent of "More, more, more!"

Many existing residents are rightfully dismayed. Council is essentially telling quiet single-family neighborhoods they must bear the responsibility for fixing the problem. Residents who simply want a peaceful existence in low-density single-family neighborhoods are vulnerable. All to fix the city's self-created housing "crisis."

I hope Boulder citizens realize the very unbalanced, underlying dynamics that have created our current situation. Companies that come to Boulder should be charged impact fees equivalent to the problems they exacerbate, specifically, affordable housing and city infrastructure demand.

Lacking any clear, articulate solution from city government, we can only conclude that Boulder has no plan. Except to continue stuffing more people into Boulder, and asking all residents to accept more traffic, congestion, noise, and, quite possibly, repealing our height limits and building on open space. All Boulderites should reject this.

We've been on this path for way too long. We need a change. Please be part of this change by voting for the following candidates: Cindy Carlisle, John Gerstle, Mirabai Nagle, Mary Young and Sam Weaver. Write the names of these candidates down and put them on your refrigerator door! This is the group that will bring sanity back to Boulder.

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