

## Twin Lakes Action Group spin-off Greater Gunbarrel to raise money for Boulder candidates

**'We have no option now but to try to turn the tide on City Council'**

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A new citizen group called Greater Gunbarrel, formed in reaction to a recent amendment to the [Boulder-Boulder County planning agreement](#), has filed as an unofficial candidate committee and will fundraise on behalf of City Council candidates this fall.

Greater Gunbarrel is supporting Cindy Carlisle, John Gerstle, Mirabai Nagle, Sam Weaver and Mary Young to fill the five open seats on the nine-member council.

In a statement, the group listed the qualities it was looking for when it decided on endorsements. First on that list: "Support the mission of the Twin Lakes Action Group."

The Twin Lakes Action Group has been an outspoken voice against proposed housing development in Gunbarrel. But the group is a tax-exempt nonprofit and cannot endorse candidates, according to Dave Rechberger, who chairs both entities.

Recently, the city and county agreed to a new intergovernmental agreement that dictates the decision-making processes for expansion of city limits via annexation of certain parcels, including Twin Lakes.

The new agreement removes the Boulder County Planning Commission's veto power — which the commission [exercised on Twin Lakes earlier this year](#) — over planning at several key parcels, and now those decisions will be made by three bodies, instead of four: Boulder's City Council and Planning Board, plus the Board of Count Commissioners.

"The Boulder City Council KILLED the Four Body Review process simply because they didn't get their way on the Twin Lakes parcels!" [reads the Greater Gunbarrel website](#), which continues, "our own County Commissioners ... ABDICATED their responsibility to us, their electorate, by agreeing to such a biased (agreement) rewrite.

"Therefore, Greater Gunbarrel was formed. We have no option now but to try to turn the tide on the City Council."

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