

SUBJECT: SWEARING IN OF PET MAYOR HAZEL THE CAT

DATE: MAY 20, 2025

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SUMMARY:

The City of Louisville Youth Advisory Board is excited to announce the winner of the City's 2025 Pet Mayor Election. Congratulations to Pet Mayor Hazel the Cat!



Keep your eye out for Hazel the Cat around the City as well as leading the Labor Day Pet Parade on Monday, September 1, 2025.

Thank you to all the pets that participated, the voters, City Council, and everyone else that made this PAWssible.

Thank you also to Arlo and Hops, the first Co-Pet Mayors of Louisville for their service!

BACKGROUND / PRIOR DISCUSSIONS:

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Louisville's First Pet Mayors, Co-Pet Mayors, Arlo and Hops were [sworn in by City Council on May 16th 2023](#). They led the 2023 Labor Day Pet Parade,

ANALYSIS:

The Youth Advisory Board's second pet mayor election drew 47 candidates with 10 moving into the final round of voting. There were 953 total votes cast, with Hazel the Cat garnering 216 votes for the win. The Pet Mayor Elections have the highest engagement on the City's Engage Louisville page. The 2023 election is in first place, the 2025 election is in second place and the Comprehensive Plan engagement is in third place.

Taking the lessons learned from the prior election, the Youth Advisory Board engaged in communications to the candidates with pun-filled emails, instituted a candidate Meet & Greet and required voters to register prior to casting their ballot.

The project's mission is to spread a sense of community and "paw-sitivity," educate youth on the power of voting, and how their voice impacts issues that affect their communities.

2025 COUNCIL WORK PLAN:

The Youth Advisory Board's Pet Mayor program supports council's work plan by engaging youth in their City, providing an opportunity to learn about voting and how their voice can impact the community, supporting council's equity, diversity, and inclusion lens.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted?: **N/A**

N/A – No anticipated fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

N/A - Presentation of the 2025-2027 Pet Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Swear in new pet mayor.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2025-2027 Pet Mayor Oath of Office

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF BOULDER
CITY OF LOUISVILLE



OATH OF OFFICE

I, Hazel the Cat, do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, the Ordinances and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Louisville, Colorado; and faithfully perform the duties of the office of Pet Mayor, upon which I am about to enter.



Hazel the Cat, Pet Mayor of Louisville

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of May 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

