



City Council

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Packet Addendum #1

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Subject: Support for Lisa Ritchie for Planning Commission
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Dear Mayor Leh and Council Members,

I strongly support Lisa Ritchie for Louisville's Planning Commission. Lisa is an amazing asset within our City with her history as a Louisville planner, her more recent experience with Superior and Lyons, and her strong connections and respect from across the region. I have worked with Lisa as fellow volunteers in the last 4 years, and am always impressed with her focus on consensus and understanding. She strives to identify context, different perspectives, and relevant facts before reaching conclusions. Any discussion or decision benefits from her thoughtful and experienced perspective. The fact that Lisa is now seeking the opportunity to contribute her remarkable skills and talents to Louisville is a chance we should not pass up. Please select her for the Planning Commission.

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From: [Ann](#)
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Subject: Support for Bud Talbot and Denise Montagu for OSAB
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Dear Mayor Leh and City Council Members:

I respectfully ask you to select Bud Talbot and Denise Montagu as new members of the OSAB.

I count myself among Louisville residents who treasure our open space and trails for their natural beauty, sustainability, and recreation. But I also recognize that Louisville's open space and park land played a significant role in the spread of the Marshall Fire deep into our neighborhoods, threatening our basic safety and economic vitality. The City does not yet have a formal mechanism for public input, expertise, and transparency related to management and reduction of wildfire risk. Indeed, information from the OSAB indicates the current Board sees wildfire risk management as a competing--or threatening--value for our public lands. It's critical that we bring knowledge and expertise about mitigation best practices onto the Board so balanced deliberations can occur.

Only two candidates for OSAB included wildfire risk management as an important issue facing OS lands--Bud Talbot and Denise Montagu. Bud has the strong asset of professional experience in wildland fire fighting, wildfire risk management, research, and education. He would be a huge asset to the OSAB to bring factual and science-based information on wildfire risk into the discussions with other "competing" priorities for OS.

Denise Montagu recognizes that wildfire resilience is an important goal to be managed along with maintenance restoration and equitable recreation. Having a voice for the youth of our community is also important to keep Louisville a family-friendly hometown.

I appreciate your consideration of this important issue to our community.

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From: [Tawnya Somauroo](#)
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Subject: Request for Appointment of Bud Talbot and Denise Montague to OSAB
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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to respectfully request that Council appoint **Bud Talbot** to the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB). Bud's combined experience in education and fire management would bring an urgently needed skill set to the board at a time when Louisville faces significant decisions about wildfire risk reduction and the long-term stewardship of our open space system.

As residents have tried to understand the City's implementation of the Wildfire Risk Assessment (WRA), we have learned that Open Space staff have been determining internally which recommendations from the WRA they will carry out. We have been told that staff have completed "95% of their list," but this list represents only a subset of the WRA recommendations. Residents have no way to know what recommendations were not adopted, or the rationale for setting them aside. This lack of transparency makes it difficult for the community to understand our true level of wildfire preparedness.

Similarly, we have learned that the City has cooled on its commitments to uphold its commitments described in the 2024 Boulder County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which identifies Louisville's mitigation, education, and capacity-building priorities.

No explanation for this shift has been provided, and residents deserve clarity about why Louisville's approach now diverges from the commitments outlined in the CWPP.

It is also concerning that the Open Space Department has not consulted with the Louisville Fire Protection District regarding its reduced mitigation goals, despite the CWPP's emphasis on collaboration with LFPD and other county partners.

We have additionally been told that Open Space staff believe they can meet all of Louisville's wildfire mitigation needs without additional budget, even though neighboring Superior is investing approximately \$4 million to complete their open space mitigation goals on substantially less acreage. Superior is also working closely with their fire district's fire management team and is on track to complete 100% of their CWPP actions.

Furthermore, Boulder County's mitigation tax and the Sheriff's Fire Management Team, resources paid for by all county taxpayers, are available to Louisville, yet the City has chosen not to use them. Given these circumstances, it is essential for OSAB to include a resident with professional fire management expertise who can help guide decisions, evaluate staff proposals, and ensure a science-based, transparent approach to wildfire risk reduction. Bud Talbot is exceptionally well-qualified to fill this role.

I would also like to express strong support for the appointment of **Denise Montague**. Denise

earned the trust of a wide cross-section of voters in the recent election, and her ability to engage thoughtfully with complex community issues would be an asset to OSAB's work.

This upcoming OSAB will be one of the most consequential in recent years. The board will play a major role in shaping the Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PRO) Plan, addressing a substantial open space maintenance and restoration backlog, and helping the City navigate a rapidly evolving wildfire risk environment. For these reasons, appointing applicants with deep expertise, community trust, and a commitment to transparent public process is essential.

Thank you for your attention to this request and for your service to the Louisville community.

Regards,

Tawnya Somauroo