

Laura Owen: Whitlow stands out for her service to community

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I am writing to express my support for Colleen Whitlow in the Mead mayoral election. I have worked alongside Colleen for several years on projects as members of the Rotary Club of Mead. The Rotarian motto is "service above self." I cannot think of a better person to better exemplify this motto.

I admire her for so many reasons. Colleen is a veteran who served our country at Clark Air Force Base and Langley Air Force Base supporting Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Colleen has served as a town trustee, where she represented our town on multiple boards and commissions, including service as Mead Urban Renewal Authority commissioner, Denver Regional Council of Governments director, and member of the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee and the North I-25 and Highway 66 Coalition.

Colleen has helped establish the Downtown Mead Farmers' Market, Mead's Embrace-a-PLACE Program, the Mead Downtown Development District, and Mead's Little Free Libraries.

You can find her giving her time and support to our community at events like the 9Health Fair, the Mead Motorhead Car Show, the Mead Community Day & Sugar Beet Festival, veteran Stand Down, Unity in the Community, All American Beef Battalion, and as a coordinator for local disabled veterans.

When I asked Colleen why she would want to be the mayor of Mead, our conversation lasted all afternoon. I can best sum it up with: She simply cares and is one of those people who puts her time, energy and effort where her heart is. She loves our town. She has raised her family here, and she wants to see Mead be the best it can be. Colleen has proven that through her countless hours spent educating herself in important local matters and earning Mead a seat at important tables. Colleen has earned my vote.

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