

Dear Editor:

As the electoral season begins in the Town of Mead, I find myself driven to share an announcement that one of the Mayoral candidates for the Town of Mead recently made. Previously, Colleen Whitlow announced, following the school shooting in Florida, that if elected as Mayor for the Town she would donate 25% of her Town monthly salary to the school safety programs for Mead.

As a parent of three children, one in high school and two in elementary school, their safety is a constant concern for my husband and I. Just last year alone our oldest shared that there was a “fight” in the girls restroom and not so long ago we heard of a fight in which one girl grabbed another by the hair and through her head into the brick wall. These are regular occurrences in schools today, which is a vast difference from the experiences my husband and I had 20 years ago when we were in school.

The announcement that Colleen made only reinforced how committed she is to supporting the Town of Mead. As a parent and a resident of Mead, her message alone was enough to make me take a step back and ask myself why aren't other political figures taking similar stances? The conclusion I came to was that it takes highly motivated individual to say that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few and essentially that is what Colleen's announcement stated. It's not about the salary or the title, it's about the good that she can do for this community as a whole.

I encourage members of our community to really take the opportunity to gain additional insight into the Mayoral candidates. Take into consideration not only their platforms, their experience, their involvement in the community, who they are as an individual, their values, and most importantly their commitment to this town. Ask yourself, is this someone I would trust to make decisions that are in the best interest for this town? Is this someone who will take the time to do their due diligence before voting on an issue that would impact the town?

I think that it is essential that our next Mayor is motivated by their integrity, drive, honesty, and wholehearted commitment to this community. So please, really take your time and get as much information as available about the candidates and make an informed decision. Personally, I am all for a candidate that is looking out for the Town but also has an eye towards the future, our children.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Holcomb
Proud Parent & Resident of Mead