

# Voter's Guide



Ward 4

## Amy Attwood

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### 1) How long have you lived in Lakewood and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I am a native of Ward 4 and was raised in Jefferson County. My husband and I returned to Ward 4 in 2000, as the place to establish our home and raise our family.

### 2) What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

My leadership background has provided me experience in making difficult decisions in challenging times. As a mother with young children, a daughter of aging parents and a businessperson, I represent the core population of Ward 4. I have the ability to communicate with all age groups and understand the issues that impact all segments of our community. I believe in being proactive in communicating with citizens on key issues by going to them.

### 3) Why are you running and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running for City Council to be a leader who provides new ideas and a fresh perspective in shaping Lakewood's future. We must protect our quality of life and provide a vibrant economic environment that benefits small business and citizens. My goals is to engage citizens in making a positive impact on our city, enhance our quality of life through promoting our natural and cultural assets and encourage career and business development through an environment that promotes opportunities for the success of new and existing businesses and jobs for our residents.

### 4) What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision for Lakewood is that Lakewood is a *City of Opportunity* for all of its citizens. A city that provides pathways to prosperity for individuals and businesses alike. A city that breaks down the barriers so we can live, work, play, own our businesses and spend our money within our city. A city that my children are proud of and will return to, as I have, to establish their home and raise their children.

### 5) How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

My experience has shown that people respect those with opposing views as long as they have been provided with timely and accurate information and an opportunity to have their voice heard. I will ensure citizens have the information they need, when they need it and have ample opportunity to have their voice heard.

### 6) What distinguishes you from your opponent?

I am actively engaged in business operations and know first hand how difficult it is to be successful, no matter how hard you work. I understand the stresses and challenges of raising a family in the current environment, as well as valuing aging parents with a focus on their changing needs. My leadership and community service focuses on the quality of my contribution by empowering people and organizations to fulfill their potential: the National Sports Center for the Disabled, Brain Injury Association of Colorado, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) steering committee member and finance chair, senior housing program director, prison mentor and Ward 4 church board member.

### 7) How do you define the role of a City Council member?

The role of a City Councilor is to represent the citizens and the issues that have direct impact on Ward 4. To make decisions and establish policies that are best for Lakewood and its future success. To be an advocate for Lakewood, and its position as the 4th largest city, in the State of Colorado.



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## David Wiechman

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### 1) How long have you lived in Lakewood and how long have you lived in the ward for which you seek a seat?

I moved to Lakewood in 1981 and have lived in Ward 4 for thirteen years.

### 2) What are your top three qualifications to run for public office?

1.) I know the community from nearly 30 years of community service with local schools, neighborhood organizations, civic and business groups, charities & service clubs. 2.) I know how to be an effective leader, having led several community groups and served for eight years on the board of the West Metro Fire District (which provides ambulance & fire protection service for Lakewood with an annual budget about half the size of Lakewood's). 3.) I understand the system, and I know how to effect real change for our city.

### 3) Why are you running and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running to bring in new ideas that strengthen our local economy by helping small businesses, improving services for seniors and families, and improving the partnership between the people and the city. Some of my top goals are freeing up traffic along Union Blvd (especially at the intersection with Alameda), cleaning up eyesores in our neighborhoods, keeping taxes low, controlling city expenses, and working with schools to improve education.

### 4) What is your vision for Lakewood?

My vision is a family-friendly community where multiple generations can live, work, play and thrive, all within our city's borders. Lakewood should support a wide range of lifestyles and amenities; from the Belmar urban core to the quiet suburbs of Green Mountain. I want to preserve the open spaces that make Ward 4 unique while working to repair a battered local economy by providing a wide range of new job opportunities.

### 5) How would you handle issues that create opposing views among your constituents?

Creating real partnerships is the core of my campaign. I solicit input from all sides and try to forge compromises that represent the best solution for all the people. In addition to my outreach efforts of newsletters and new technologies such as email alerts, informative blogs, websites, etc., I will also create an advisory council of citizens from all parts of the ward that represent the various perspectives that define our community.

### 6) What distinguishes you from your opponent?

What distinguishes me is my broad knowledge, skills and leadership abilities that come from a lifetime of diverse experiences. I bring new ideas and a balanced perspective that allows me to promote true progress and reforms rather than reinventing the wheel. I offer real substance and meaningful change.

### 7) How do you define the role of a City Council member?

A council member must be able to work as part of a team to be effective in promoting the best interest of the people of the city. A counselor must also be a voice and advocate for the interests of all the diverse parts of our ward. I will not simply toe the line, but will ask the tough questions that challenge the traditional "business as usual" approach to city governance.

**Note:**  
Looking @ Lakewood did not edit the candidates' responses or fix spelling, grammar, punctuation or typos.