

From: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
To: [David Personal](#); [David Leinweber](#)
Subject: Thank You for a Thoughtful and Engaging Town Hall
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 9:00:31 AM

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Dear David,

Thank you for your leadership in organizing and hosting last night's town hall. You created a space where community members could come together, share perspectives, and engage in meaningful dialogue, and it was a privilege to see such a positive response. People seemed genuinely surprised and delighted to have such immediate access to city leaders.

The symbolism of you and Brian running the microphones to participants was inspired. It sent a powerful message about your openness to hearing feedback, regardless of whether you agreed with it, and set a constructive tone for the entire evening.

I respect your commitment to fostering open conversation and civic participation. In today's polarized environment, you are disrupting the status quo, strengthening the community, and helping ensure that a wide range of voices are heard.

Please also extend my thanks to Becky. It was a pleasure to meet her, and I am appreciative of her calm and steady support.

I'm grateful for your work and for the opportunity to be part of the discussion. My team and I look forward to working with you, Alex, and Sam to shape the July 27 event and make it even stronger than last night.

Sincerely,

Sandra

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To: [Braver Angels Southern Front Range Alliance](#)
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Colorado Springs Town Hall

Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Dear community members,

I'm writing to share an overview of what to expect at Tuesday's Town Hall, hosted by At Large Councilmembers **David Leinweber**, **Brian Risley**, and **Lynette Crow-Iverson**. The town hall will be facilitated by [Braver Angels](#), a nonprofit dedicated to helping communities discuss important issues with respect and curiosity, and to deepen understanding when perspectives differ. The Councilmembers invited Braver Angels to help ensure Tuesday's conversation is structured, balanced, and constructive for everyone involved.

This event is a significant step toward building a healthy, sustainable, and productive culture of civil discourse in Colorado Springs. **An overview of the agenda and how the event will be structured is included below.**

When and where

Tuesday, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Downtown YMCA

[207 North Nevada Avenue](#)
[Colorado Springs, CO 80903](#)

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; we will begin right at 6:00 p.m.

How this Town Hall will work

Unlike a traditional town hall, this event is built around small-group conversations, with key points reported back to city leaders and the larger audience. The goal is to deepen

understanding of the variety of perspectives in our local community; identify shared values; respectfully explore differences; and learn from one another.

Each breakout will take place at tables of ten or fewer, so everyone has a chance to speak and listen in a small group setting. Each table will select one person to briefly summarize what was shared at their table at the end of each session. These reports will be offered to the whole room, including the Councilmembers. Time permitting, Councilmembers may respond, ask questions, or simply summarize the takeaways they heard.

This town hall is not designed to resolve complex local issues in a single night; **its purpose is to give participants a chance to be heard, to listen to one another, and to provide city leaders with thoughtful, actionable feedback.**

Town Hall agenda

- Opening remarks and introductions
- **Breakout 1:** Small-group conversations about your experiences and insights regarding **polarization** in our local communities, followed by a share-out to the larger group and city leaders
- **Breakout 2:** Small-group conversations about your experiences and insights regarding **homelessness** in our local community, followed by a share-out to the larger group and city leaders
- Closing remarks and next steps

Why we are highlighting homelessness

In your registration, you were asked about several issues facing the Colorado Springs community: economic stability, policing, homelessness, water, and the budget shortfall. Homelessness clearly drew the strongest and most varied responses, so it will be the focus of the second breakout session.

The robust response to this event suggests very strong local interest in coming together, which is an encouraging sign for the work ahead. We look forward to facilitating Tuesday's town hall on behalf of the Councilmembers, and we appreciate their leadership in creating this space for community dialogue.

Warm regards,

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That works perfectly. Thank you!

I'd like to include a short blurb with a registration link in our monthly state email newsletter. The deadline is Wednesday, and we will need about a day to set up the link. Alex, I will send draft copy for your review and edits shortly.

Looking forward to moving ahead!

Sandra

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On Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 10:34 AM David Leinweber
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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 1:34 PM

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Warmly,

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Love it! Green light!

Warmly,

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Hey, Alex and Sam!!

Here's what I am sending in today's newsletter. if you see a showstopper, let me know. Otherwise, it'll go out around noon.

Sandra

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Join Us June 2: Colorado Springs City Council Town Hall

Colorado Springs residents are invited to take part in a community town hall on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the Downtown Center YMCA (207 N Nevada Ave).

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Thanks David and Brian,

I'd like to join you when you check out the room later this week. Let me know!

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Subject: [Re: Links for town hall](#)
Attachments: [Links for town hall](#)

Great! I'll start pushing out through our channel. If you can send over a no logo that would be very helpful. I send out a press release and reach out to media. We would like to allow both that Sam and I also plan to help at the front desk for sign the too. We have always used a sign-in sheet and have recently started using a digital sign in too. As for security, we were not planning on having them. I'll speak to the Councilmembers and see what they think. I know the Library has some general security but they wouldn't be specific to our event. No virtual option! We are only planning on in-person attendance.

Warmly,

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Cc: Ginger Barrett, Samuel Friedman
Subject: Re: Links for town hall

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Hey, Alex!

We are and to go! I was waiting to get in touch until I got some materials back from Braver Angels national. They've developed some **new things specifically for town halls**, and we will be among the first events to use them. I just received those today.

Current Status: We have three people signed up to attend. **Full disclosure:** I know two of them (William Fin and Barbara Hancock). The other is **Judith Walker**. I will continue to update you periodically as people register.

The event itself has only had -no views so far, and those are undoubtedly people coming from the Braver Angels website. **Once we start promoting with intent, the registration numbers will pick up.**

Question 1: If people do not sign up, do you admit them the night of the event? We typically have people manning a table with sign-up sheets at the door. Given the political climate, I want to make sure that's how you want it done. The same question applies to **security** (which we do not provide). You may want to have someone there--is that an option?

Question 2: Do you envision this as in-person only or will people be able to join via Zoom? I prefer in-person moderating a hybrid environment is difficult, given our format. Even if it is in-person only, will you stream it? That may depress attendance, but I understand it may be necessary. It also might incentivize more people to come to the next one.

May we connect by Zoom next week to discuss these and other questions and firm up the format? I'm available from 1:00-5:00 PM Tuesday (May 12), Thursday (May 14), and Friday (May 15).

Promotion Update

I've been helping with local promotion, let me know what seem to be more your hallmarks than our, since even our local alliance is not focused solely on Colorado Springs.

Completed:

✓ Ginger included the event in the statewide email to all Colorado Braver Angels subscribers

On tap:

✓ I'm sending an email to southern front range BA members tomorrow inviting them to this and to a reception in Parker May 17.

✓ At the reception, we will promote the town hall.

✓ **Printing:** We'll print the Zoom call the week before the town hall to cover our recent grant and other topics. We will also mention the town hall on that call, if so.

Press Outreach:

How do you handle press releases and/or alerts? I'm old school, so I do press releases as well as reach out directly to individuals. I can't say it has resulted in significant attendance, though. **It's been more about awareness-building** if we do those, I can draft something and you can edit, if that saves you time. I think you may generate more interest than we would, and so I am wondering if those should come from you.

There **is** an interesting news angle since your council leaders are trying a new way to engage residents in a civil and productive way. That may attract pre-event coverage as well as some press that night.

The only press we've connected to in the Springs are the podcasters with **Spring and Things** and Donna D'Amico, the GM at **FOX21**, who has covered us in the past.

Social Media & Flyer Distribution:

Once you finalize the flyer, I will share it across

✓ The Alliance Facebook page, tagging Braver Angels and your council members
✓ My personal accounts: LinkedIn, Facebook, Nextdoor, and X
✓ Other Braver Angels will see and share on each.

Do you need a high-res logo?

Where...I think that's all for now. Let me know what questions and concerns you have.

Looking forward to connecting soon!

Sandra

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On Tue, May 5, 2026 at 10:57 AM Alexander B Ryden <[alexander.ryden@coloradosprings.gov](#)> wrote:

Good morning!

Just checking to make sure I haven't sent you the updates with Lynette added. As we want to start sharing these links on our end? How do you normally spread the word? I will usually make a social media flyer for the City Council socials but wanted to check in with you before I do.

Also I've been able to confirm Lynette 21 for Monday, July 27th from 5-7p for the next round! We will have access to the room starting at 4p.

Warmly,

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Hi, all,

I've requested to add the City Council as a co-host, and I have a call with Elizabeth Doh, the director of Braver Politics Monday where I will raise the request as well. I've also requested to add Lynette Crow-Inerson in the title and the descriptive copy (note I changed the title to "Town Hall with David Leinweber, Brian Riley and Lynette Crow-Inerson" due to the 75 character limit.) Unfortunately, I have a weather delay in getting back to Colorado and will likely not return until tomorrow. I apologize for not being able to get these items addressed as quickly as I'd like. Also, some of the language is fixed by National, such as the host. We can devise workarounds to ensure all agree on the language and finalize early next week, if that works for you.

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On Wed, May 26, 2026 at 12:18 PM Alexander B Ryden <[alexander.ryden@coloradosprings.gov](#)> wrote:

Also can we add a name. David Leinweber, Brian Riley, and Lynette Crow-Inerson

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ALL

I've set up registration for our June 2 City Council Town Hall with David Lerner and Brian Risky.

Eventbrite registration
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1201314298073?source=BRAYER&ref=advshare>

Braver Angels event page
<https://braverangels.org/braverangels-city-council-town-hall-with-david-lerner-and-brian-risky-june-2/>

I haven't been able to fully test the Eventbrite link yet because I'm offline today and tomorrow while my father is recovering from surgery, but I wanted to share these so you can take a look.

Thanks!

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Cc: [Samuel Friedman](#)
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From: Sandra Brownrigg

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To: Alexander B Ryden

Subject: Logos

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Here you go, Alex. I am sorry I did not send these right away. I was trying to send them in .svg format, but I had no luck. Let me know if those would be better and I can zip and send.

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Downtown YMCA



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Thanks Michael! I just sent you the calendar invite/Zoom link for our dry run.

(It will be coming from my personal email: [REDACTED])

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15 registrants is in line with that we see with other town halls so we will move forward as planned and hopefully get a few more folks registered between now and then.

Yes we can have the topic locked down by COB Monday, I will work with David, Lynette and Brian on that.

3pm on the 22nd works for me.

Sincerely,

Michael Montgomery
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Given that context, I would value your perspective. If the City is comfortable with a smaller, more intimate event and a leaner facilitation team, we are happy to move forward. If the goal is a larger, more visible event, it may make sense to postpone and regroup for a stronger turnout. We are ready to support either approach.

What do you think? Happy to connect briefly sometime soon if that is helpful. Assuming we are moving forward, I will send you an invitation for the dry run, currently scheduled for July 22 at 3:00 p.m. (That's when our moderators were available). It will last between one and two hours. Does that time and date work for you? If not, let me know a time that does on the 23 or 24, and we can arrange another walk-through with you.

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On Thu, Jun 18, 2026 at 5:56 PM Brady Young <byoung@braverangels.org>
wrote:

Thanks for checking in. Eventbrite went up this week. I will send you the
event description soon to see what changes we want to make.

Brady Young
Local Ambassador
National Event Coordinator
braverangels.org/



"Love All, Serve All, Create No Sorrow" - Trevor Hall

On Thu, Jun 18, 2026 at 16:36 Sandra Brownrigg
<sbrownrigg@braverangels.org> wrote:

Hey, you two!

Just checking in to see if we have the messaging ready for the town hall so
we can set up the Eventbrite. Just wanted to make sure I was not missing
something I needed to follow up on.

Thanks,

Sandra

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From: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
To: [Alexander B Ryden](#)
Cc: [Samuel Friedman](#); [Brady Young](#)
Subject: Re: Checking in
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2026 8:55:59 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-lz0s0zp2.png](#)
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Sounds great! Welcome back .

Sandra

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On Thu, Jul 9, 2026 at 9:46 AM Alexander B Ryden
<Alexander.Ryden@coloradosprings.gov> wrote:

Good morning!

Promotion and publication will happen today! Sorry for the delay, Councilmembers were taking their time to approve the social media flyer and verbiage.

Warmly,

Alex Ryden

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Alex.Ryden@coloradosprings.gov



From: Sandra Brownrigg <sbrownrigg@braverangels.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 7:21 AM

To: Alexander B Ryden <Alexander.Ryden@coloradosprings.gov>; Samuel Friedman <Samuel.Friedman@coloradosprings.gov>; Brady Young <byoung@braverangels.org>

Subject: Checking in

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Hello all,

I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Independence Day celebration! I wanted to check in about the July 27 town hall. I have not seen any promotion yet, and we have not received any signups so far. Are there plans to begin outreach soon? If helpful, I can provide a QR code or any additional materials to link directly to the Eventbrite.

I also wanted to share that Casey Jorgensen, our National Director of Special Initiatives, reached out and is interested in attending the event. She would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you, David, and other interested councilmembers sometime between July 27 and July 30. She is especially interested in hearing feedback on the town halls and exploring how we can be of service going forward. Any guidance on coordinating schedules would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Sandra

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From: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
To: [Ginger Barrett](#)
Cc: [Alexander B Ryden](#); [Samuel Friedman](#)
Subject: Re: Colorado Springs Town Hall
Date: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:02:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image003.png](#)
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Hi, Sam!

All, I will get the Eventbrite set up. I will make those questions optional, if that's okay. That way, you can gauge interest for each topic by how many responses we get, and we finesse them abandoning registration because it's too long. Does that work? If so, I will email everyone when the link is live.

Thanks for such a quick response!

Sandra

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On Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 5:57 PM Ginger Barrett <gbarrett@braverangels.org> wrote:
Sounds great to me, and I'm happy to be in the loop. :)

Just let me know when it's final, or I'll grab the latest when I need to do the newsletter.

Ginger Barrett
Colorado State Co-Coordinator Volunteer

On Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 4:38 PM Alexander B Ryden
<Alexander.Ryden@coloradosprings.gov> wrote:

Nice to meet you Ginger. I am also adding my counterpart, Sam Friedman, to this thread. He wrote up the questions. Is five too many?

- How should the city balance economic opportunity with impacts on infrastructure, neighborhoods,

and natural resources?

- What priorities do you believe should guide the city's decisions on long-term water security?
- What approaches do you believe are most effective for addressing homelessness in a lasting way?
- How should we measure whether we have the "right" number of police officers for a city our size?
- The City is facing a budget shortfall. In what City departments do you feel your tax dollars would be best spent?

Who/What/When/Where

Who: Colorado Springs At Large Councilmembers David Leinweber and Brian Risley, along with city staff

What: Colorado Springs City-Wide Town Hall, facilitated by Braver Angels

Where: Downtown Center YMCA [207 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903](#)

When: Tuesday, June 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Long Description for Statewide BA Email

(we can condense or expand this description for the Eventbrite)

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75 character description options for Eventbrite

Does this work?

City Council Town Hall with David Leinweber & Brian Risley, June 2

Warmly,

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From: Sandra Brownrigg <sbrownrigg@braverangels.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:55 PM
To: Ginger Barrett <gbarrett@braverangels.org>
Cc: Alexander B Ryden <Alexander.Ryden@coloradosprings.gov>
Subject: Colorado Springs Town Hall

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Ginger, meet Alex. Alex, Ginger is one of Braver Angels' Colorado state co-chairs. Ginger, Alex is the senior communications manager and our point of contact for the upcoming town hall.

I'm connecting you because plans came together quickly today, and we need to finalize language in time for the Braver Angels statewide newsletter deadline on Wednesday. Below, please find draft language for short and long descriptions of the event, along with the Who/What/Where/When. Edit away for each.

Eventbrite questions: Alex, you and Sam had some initial ideas, and I'd appreciate your help refining them. In addition to our standard registration questions (zip code, political leaning, and how attendees heard about the event), we'd like to include three or so additional qualifying questions after registration but before completion. These will help us better understand participant priorities and plan accordingly. Could you draft those questions? I need them before I can finalize the Eventbrite setup.

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Options:

1. Colorado Springs Town Hall with Leinweber & Risley, June 2
2. Colorado Springs Town Hall: Ask Questions, Shape Solutions
3. Colorado Springs City-Wide Town Hall
4. Colorado Springs Town Hall with Leinweber & Risley

I am sorry for the imperfect approach, but I appreciate you both!

Sandra

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From: [Barbara Hancin](#)
To: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
Cc: [Alexander B Ryden](#); [Samuel Friedman](#); [David Leinweber](#); [Terry Haury](#); [Brady Young](#)
Subject: Re: DRAFT/PLEASE REVIEW AND RESPOND: Reminder and details: June 2 Town Hall
Date: Monday, June 1, 2026 7:02:15 AM

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Thank you, Sandra.

This letter is very informative, BA-faithful, and it allows participants to set their expectations clearly.

Thank you,

- Barbara

Barbara Hancin
Co-lead, Ambassador Program
braverangels.org/



On May 31, 2026, at 11:16 AM, Sandra Brownrigg wrote:

Good morning!

Here is the draft reminder email we discussed at Friday's dry run. Please review and share suggested edits today if at all possible. I plan to send it out tomorrow morning before 10:00. I decided to wait because registrations are still coming in at a steady pace. At last count this morning, we're up to 54 registrants.

As discussed, we are almost guaranteed to go over time if we have more than 50 participants, which looks highly likely since walk-ins will offset any registrant no-shows. If so, we will address that issue and set that expectation in our opening remarks.

With that in mind, our goals for this note are to 1) clearly describe what participants should expect at this event and how it differs from traditional town halls 2) convey our respect and support for the City Council members' leadership in inviting this kind of productive engagement, and 3) briefly explain who Braver Angels is without distracting from the event itself.

Thank you in advance for your quick review and suggestions. David, Alex and Sam, please share as needed with other council members or city staff or direct me

to do so. Please also let me know if you need anything else from us prior to the event.

With gratitude for everything everyone is doing to bring this town hall and the community together,

Sandra

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Braver Angels Town Hall

Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Dear community members,

This is a reminder about Tuesday's Town Hall, hosted by at-large City Council members **David Leinweber**, **Brian Risley**, and **Lynette Crow-Iverson**. The town hall will be facilitated by [Braver Angels](#), a nonprofit dedicated to helping communities discuss important issues with respect and curiosity, and to deepen understanding when we differ. The City Council members invited Braver Angels to help ensure Tuesday's conversation is structured, balanced, and constructive for everyone involved.

This event will be a significant step toward building a healthy, sustainable, and productive culture of civil discourse in Colorado Springs.

An overview of the agenda and how the event will be structured is included below.

When and where

Tuesday, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Downtown YMCA

[207 North Nevada Avenue](#)

[Colorado Springs, CO 80903](#)

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; we will begin right at 6:00 p.m.

How this Town Hall will work

Unlike a traditional town hall, this event is built around small-group conversations, with key points reported back to city leaders and the larger audience. The goal is to deepen understanding of the variety of perspectives in our local community; identify shared values; respectfully explore differences; and learn from one another.

Each breakout will take place at tables of ten or fewer, so everyone has a chance to speak and listen in a small group setting. Each table will select one person to briefly summarize what was shared at their table at the end of each session. These reports will be offered to the whole room, including the City Council members; time permitting, council members may respond, ask questions, or simply summarize the takeaways they heard.

This town hall is not designed to resolve complex local issues in a single night; **its purpose is to give participants a chance to be heard, to listen to one another, and to provide city leaders with thoughtful, actionable feedback.**

Town Hall agenda

- Opening remarks and introductions
- **Breakout 1:** Small-group conversations about your experiences and insights regarding **polarization** in our local communities, followed by a share-out to the larger group and city leaders
- **Breakout 2:** Small-group conversations about your experiences and insights regarding **homelessness** in our local community, followed by a share-out to the larger group and city leaders
- Closing remarks and next steps

Why we are highlighting homelessness

In your registration, you were asked about several issues facing the Colorado Springs community: economic stability, policing, homelessness, water, and the budget shortfall. Homelessness clearly drew the strongest and most varied responses, so it will be the focus of the second breakout session.

The robust response to this event suggests very strong local interest in coming together, which is an encouraging sign for the work ahead. We look forward to facilitating Tuesday's town hall on behalf of the City Council members, and we appreciate their leadership in creating this space for community dialogue.

Warm regards,

Sandra Brownrigg

Braver Angels Event Organizer

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From: [Brady Young](#)
To: [Michael G Montgomery](#)
Cc: [Sandra Brownrigg](#); [Jarret Guajardo](#); [David Leinweber](#); [Samuel Friedman](#)
Subject: Re: Survey question feedback
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 1:09:47 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-Graphical_.png](#)
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Brady Young reacted via [Gmail](#)

From: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
To: [Alexander B Ryden](#); [Samuel Friedman](#)
Subject: Thanks for the Great Teamwork Last Night!
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 9:22:00 AM

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Hi Alex and Sam,

Thank you both for everything you did to bring last night's town hall together. You handled the unexpected circumstances at the start with professionalism and grace. Your calm, capable response set exactly the right tone for a successful event. The camaraderie you brought made the tough moments feel a lot lighter and even fun. The city is lucky to have you.

I also heard great feedback from my colleagues about working with you. You were organized, responsive, and so very easy to collaborate with. Your teamwork was a huge asset and played a key role in keeping things moving. I'm looking forward to working together on the July 27 event and building on what we created last night.

When you have a chance, could you share any photos from the event? I'd love to see and share them.

Thanks again,

Sandra

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To: [Samuel Friedman](#); [Michael G Montgomery](#); [Brady Young](#); [Jarret Guajardo](#); [Jarret Guajardo](#); [Dennis Smith](#); [Ginger Barrett](#); [Lori I Reclaiming Civility](#); [Lori Leander](#); [Doug Kruschke](#); [Chauncey Williams](#); [Chauncey Williams](#)
Subject: Tonight's Town Hall – materials for volunteers and communications team
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 10:18:02 AM
Attachments: [Table facilitator guidelines.pdf](#)
[Detailed Town Hall Agenda and Event Overview.pdf](#)
[Event Team.pdf](#)

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Dear volunteers and communications team,

Thank you again for your help in making tonight's At-Large Councilmembers Town Hall possible. I'm sharing a brief overview of logistics and your roles, along with three attached documents for your reference.

Attachments

- Detailed agenda for councilmembers, volunteers, and staff
- Table facilitator guidelines
- Event team and roles

Event details

- Time: 5:00–7:00 p.m. (with a planned hard stop no later than 7:15).
- Location: Library 21c, 1175 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920.
- Braver Angels setup begins at 4:00 p.m.
- Doors open to the public at 4:45 p.m.

If possible, please plan to arrive by 4:30 p.m. for check-in, a brief run-through of the format, and any last-minute updates.

Check-in and seating

Communications staff and Braver Angels volunteers will manage sign-in and name tags. At check-in, we'll encourage participants to sit with people they do not already know, and we'll work together to keep table sizes roughly even so each group has similar speaking time.

Facilitation and roles

A heartfelt thank you to the six people who've volunteered to serve as small-group facilitators for each table. The attached agenda, table facilitator guidelines, and event team document provide more detail on ground rules, timing, and the Listen/Acknowledge approach. In general, table facilitators will:

- Help their group select a reporter.
- Ensure each participant has a substantive opportunity to speak and to listen.
- Support civil, focused discussion that aims at better understanding rather than persuasion.
- Signal the lead moderator if any questions or concerns arise.

Communications staff will help coordinate welcome and check-in, lend a hand in facilitating tables if needed, and work with us to de-escalate any unexpected situations.

Thank you all for your time, care, and professionalism in supporting this event. Your presence

is central to creating a constructive, welcoming environment for our neighbors and councilmembers.

Warm regards,

Sandra

P.S. Please take a few minutes to review the attached agenda, facilitator guidelines, and event team overview before you arrive; they provide helpful detail on timing, ground rules, and roles.

P.P.S. I also should mention the “Penley wildfire” is less than four miles from my home. (We are currently in a “prepare to evacuate” zone, not a mandatory evacuation area.) There is a slight chance I may be unable to attend if conditions change quickly, so we are putting contingency plans in place to ensure the event runs smoothly even if my role has to shift.

Brady Young is our co-organizer and will coordinate any changes that need to happen in that unlikely event.

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Table Facilitator Guidelines

Thank you for helping facilitate tonight's town hall! Your primary goal tonight is to ensure the small group conversations follow the ground rules, including the Braver Angels Way. Here are the basic guidelines.

- There will be an intro/break the ice session followed by two breakout sessions. Each breakout includes a small group discussion, followed by shareouts to the overall group and responses from councilmembers. You will
 - **Facilitate the intro session**, helping people relax and get comfortable with the interactive format.
 - **Help each group choose a reporter**, who will share a summary of the perspectives from your table to the larger group.
 - **Keep the time to ensure everyone has a chance to share**: each table facilitator also serves as timekeeper, tracking the time for each individual commentary. These can vary based on how many people are at your table. Fewer people provides the opportunity for longer individuals shares, for instance. Larger groups means you may decided to shorten the shares.
- The three breakout sessions and suggested times are
 - **Small group introductions** (Suggest one minute apiece)
 - **Community polarity** discussion (Suggest two minutes apiece)
 - **What does smart growth mean to you?** discussion (Suggest two minutes apiece)
- The lead Braver Angels moderator will be circulating to help with any clarifying questions or concerns: just raise a hand for help.

Thank you for sharing your time and expertise!



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Detailed Town Hall Agenda

- Event Overview: Goals, Ground Rules and The Braver Angels Way
- Councilmember Welcome
- First Breakout Session:
Community Polarization
 - Timed small group discussion; reporter for each table shares to larger group; councilmembers reflection/response after each
- Stretch Break
- Second Breakout Session:
"What Does Smart Growth Mean to You?"
 - Timed small group discussion; reporter for each table shares to larger group; councilmembers reflection/response after each
- Conclusion

Breakout Session Guidance

- Each table facilitator also serves as timekeeper, tracking the time for each individual commentary
- Each group each choose a reporter, who will share a summary of the perspectives from your table to the larger group.
- Each participant shares their perspective freely, civilly and honestly within the time allotted
- The lead Braver Angels moderator will be circulating to help with any clarifying questions or concerns: just raise a hand for help.



At Large Councilmembers

- David Lienweber, Councilmember at Large
- Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President and Councilmember at Large
- Brian Risley, President Pro Tem and Councilmember at Large

Staff

- Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Administrator, Colorado Springs
- Sam Friedlander, Constituent and Outreach Program Coordinator, Colorado Springs

Volunteers

- Brady Young, organizer and welcome team
- Sandra Brownrigg, organizer and emcee
- Jarret Guajardo, lead moderator
- Ginger Barrett, state co-chair and small group facilitator
- Dennis Smith, state co-chair, welcome team and small group facilitator
- Doug Kruschke, small group facilitator
- Lori Leander, small group facilitator
- Kurt Leander, small group facilitator
- Chauncey Williams, small group facilitator

Please note we may decide to either add more small group facilitators or increase the size of the groups once we exceed six tables.

From: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
To: [David Leinweber](#); [Brian Risley](#); [David Personal](#); [Lynette Crow-Iverson](#)
Cc: [Brady Young](#); [Samuel Friedman](#); [Jarret Guajardo](#); [Jarret Guajardo](#); [Michael G Montgomery](#)
Subject: Tonight's Town Hall: key info for At-Large Councilmembers and Communications
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 9:35:11 AM
Attachments: [July 27 Registrants.pdf](#)

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Dear Councilmembers Leinweber, Crow-Iverson, and Risley, Michael, and Sam,

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you on tonight's At-Large Councilmembers Town Hall and your leadership in hosting an event dedicated to improving civil public discourse. I wanted to share this brief overview of current key details.

- **Time:** 5:00–7:00 p.m. (with a planned hard stop no later than 7:15).

- **Location:** Library 21c, 1175 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

- **Attendance: 46 residents are currently registered.** Like last time, they will be seated in small groups to help ensure everyone has a chance to both listen and speak. I've attached a PDF of the list of current registrants.

- **Doors open to the public at 4:45 p.m.;** Braver Angels will begin setup at 4:00 p.m.

- If it's possible for **the communications staff to arrive by 4:30 p.m.** that will allow time for check-in, a short format review, and any last-minute updates. **We welcome help with signing people in as well.**

- **Lead moderator Jarret Guajardo would welcome a brief check-in with you before 4:45 p.m.** to walk through the evening's flow.

During the program, you will have opportunities to welcome participants, hear table "share-outs" after each breakout, offer reflections and insights after each table share, and share concluding remarks before the final group reflections and photo.

Please let my colleague **Brady Young** or me know of any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you tonight.

Warm regards,

Sandra Brownrigg

P.S. On a personal note, you may see news of the "Penley fire" in Sedalia this morning. The fire is 50% contained; however, it's less than four miles from my home. We are in a "be prepared to evacuate" zone rather than a mandatory evacuation area, so I still expect to attend tonight. **We have a contingency plan in place to ensure the event proceeds smoothly if my local situation requires a change in my role.**

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Registrants for July 27 At Large Councilmembers Town Hall

	First Name	Last Name				
	<i>Individuals who registered for the last town hall are bolded.</i>					
	Renee	Adams				
	Chuck	Allmaras				
	Bridget	Anderson				
	Veronica	Baker				
	Ted	Brassfield				
	Dianne	Bridges				
	Mary	Bruning				
	Gary	Casimir				
	Chris	Clementi				
	Sara	Debusk				
	Amanda	DeMarco				
	John	Deniston				
	Dale	Deniston				
	Amanda	Di Bella				
	Lindsey	Elizabeth				
	Sonia	Esquivel				
	Judy	Feland				
	Alyssa	Furia				
	Kat	Gayle				
	Kat	Gayle				
	Nancy	Henjum				
	Beth	Hodgson				
	zurit	horowitz				
	Riley	Huebner				
	Joyce	Humble				
	R	Johnston				
	Deana	Kamm				
	Christopher	Kane				
	Anthony	Kennedy				
	Douglas	Klimas				
	Douglas	Kruschke				
	S	Larsen				
	Lori	Leander				
	Kurt	Leander				
	Rebecca	Marshall				
	Sam	Marshall				
	cassandra	plouvier				
	J	Ramirez				
	Nicholas	Raven				
	Yemi	Sanchez				
	Wes	Sawyer				
	Ali	Smith				

	First Name	Last Name				
	Ali	Smith				
	Veronica	Smith				
	Gerald	White				

From: [Sandra Brownrigg](#)
To: [Alexander B Ryden](#); [Samuel Friedman](#); [David Personal](#); [David Leinweber](#)
Cc: [Ginger Barrett](#)
Subject: Town Hall registrants as of May 14 2026
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026 7:23:55 PM
Attachments: [Town Hall registrants as of May 14 2026.numbers](#)

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Hey all,

Here are the registrants we have so far. I'm not surprised that numbers are still on the low side, but I *am* surprised that almost no one is answering the questions specific to Colorado Springs. That's the first time I've seen that be universal.

I registered myself to check whether the questions were omitted or there was some other tech glitch, and everything is displaying as expected. It may simply be that people want to attend the town hall without sharing their opinions in advance.

Would you like me to make any or all of those questions mandatory? Or, since we typically send a few reminders before the event, would you prefer that we create a short survey with those questions and invite registrants to share their views ahead of the town hall?

The follow-up survey approach has the advantage of lowering the barrier to initial registration and then inviting people into deeper engagement later. You can also host that survey, and I can simply provide the link. If that's the direction you'd like to take, we can review the results during our dry run prior to the town hall so we can be sure we're directing the conversation to the issues with the most constituent interest.

Just let me know which direction you'd like to go. I am copying Ginger Barrett, one of our state coordinators, so you have multiple points of contact ahead of this town hall and the one on July 27. I'll be traveling quite a bit in June and want to make sure you have backup in case I'm temporarily incommunicado. You can also text or call me at 720.364.6875.

Thanks,

Sandra