

City Council of Manitou Springs
606 Manitou Avenue
Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829

July 26, 2009

Re: City Council Vacancy

Dear Council Members:

I am writing this letter in support of city resident Matt Carpenter. Due to the recent resignation of Mr Soloman, I strongly suggest Matt Carpenter to be appointed to the City Council to fill the remainder of Mr Soloman's term of office. As past President of the Chamber of Commerce, I was deeply impressed with Mr Carpenter's support of all things Manitou! He has attended the majority of the City Council meetings over the last several years, was the principal architect and organizer of the Barr Trail run, and has supported numerous Manitou Springs events, not to mention his national recognition as one of the premier ultra-long distance runners and marathoners in the nation. As you know, he has directed total proceeds of his yearly Barr Trail run to various city and county organizations and the event brings many participants who spend welcomed lodging and restaurant business to the city – a very important element to those of us who are business owners. He has city, county, state and national name recognition as a world class athlete and ambassador of Manitou Springs. His daughter is enrolled in the Manitou Springs elementary school and he has shown an intense interest in the Manitou Springs school district. Additionally, he has been active in proposing constructive solutions to many of Manitou Springs' challenges over the years and consistently and positively interacts with the City Council and the residents of the city, providing reasoned positions before the Council. Matt Carpenter is a great role model for our young constituents. He is honest and fair in all of his achievements.

I have recently talked with Matt, and he would be very interested in fulfilling the remainder of Mr Soloman's term on the Council. Our neighborhood is solidly behind his appointment to City Council! In my opinion, you would be hard pressed to find anyone in this Ward with a stronger desire to be an active participant helping solve all of Manitou's challenges.

Sincerely,



Sharon Dahlen
Owner, Cherokee's of Manitou
351 Manitou Avenue
Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829

Dear City Council members:

I am delighted to strongly recommend that Matt Carpenter be appointed to fill the ward 3 vacancy for City Council. I have known Matt for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him on several projects. Most recently, Matt and I were involved in the early efforts of bringing the owners of the Incline together to talk about how to manage this community resource. During our efforts Matt was a valuable contributor to the process. He was not only well versed about the issues involved in managing the Incline, he was also willing to listen to all options, even if it included closing the property to the public. Matt's ability to analyze issues and work cooperatively with various stakeholders was very helpful in moving the process forward. I am sure that he will bring these same skills to the City Council.

One of the skills needed most on any public or private board is the ability to deal with group and individual conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner. Having observed the current Council, it appears that adding someone with these skills might be particularly helpful. I believe that Matt could help to facilitate this process and would add a calm balanced approach to the decision making process.

There is no question that Matt cares very much for our town. He has shown time and time again that he is willing to work hard to improve our community as well as preserve the important historical aspects of our town. He clearly shares our community values of respecting the environment and promoting a healthy lifestyle for our residents. His volunteer efforts as part of the Incline Club, Friends of the Peak and other groups has demonstrated his willingness to give back to the community in a significant way. No doubt, serving on City Council would be another avenue for Matt to continue this tradition.

I would urge you to seriously consider his application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any other information.

Ken Jaray

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Sukie Jackson
25 Via Sierra Grande
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

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July 27, 2009

Dear Manitou Springs City Council,

I write as a twenty year resident of Manitou Springs who cares deeply about the community. I am delighted and honored to recommend Matt Carpenter to the Manitou Springs City Council. I have had the pleasure of knowing Matt in several capacities. We first met as members of the District 14 Steering Committee that worked together to pass a mill levy override in November, 2006. Since then I frequently "run into" Matt (usually he's the one running!) since we live in the same neighborhood.

Working with Matt to pass the school bond initiative gave me a good sense of his ability to bring strong leadership, skills and creative energy to a project. Working to pass the mill levy, not only did Matt work in a leadership role helping to articulate and improve communication of the goals of the committee, but he created our website and helped organize our door-to-door campaign. Most impressive to me was the fact that Matt spent many hours going door to door himself. His energy and commitment were a huge boost to the success of the campaign.

As a neighbor, Matt is friendly and down to earth. He is interested and interesting when talking about local issues. I often see Matt walking his daughter to the local bus stop. As a caring, hands-on father he has a long term interest in the schools and community.

Having lived in Manitou for such a long time, it's hard not to know of Matt's impressive running career. He's definitely a winner! As impressed as I am by his running successes, I also have an appreciation of how he enables others to win along with him. An example of this is the idea he came up with to help local schools earn money for their running programs by offering them financial incentives to work the water stations at local races. I believe Matt will bring this constructive, creative thinking to issues that face the city council.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Sukie Jackson

Pre-school teacher and Manitou Springs resident

July 27, 2009

To: Manitou Springs City Council

Re: Appointment of Matt Carpenter to vacant city council seat

I am writing this letter in support of Matt Carpenter's request to fill the vacant seat on the Manitou Springs City Council. Mr. Carpenter is exceptionally qualified to sit on the council. Mr. Carpenter, as you well know, is a long time resident of Manitou Springs and in many ways is an icon of the community. Mr. Carpenter accepts that role with a great deal of gratitude and humility and has used his presence in the community to promote the City in a positive light both in the events he manages and the press he receives. I have known Mr. Carpenter for over several years as a fellow board member of the Friends of the Peak, as a concerned citizen of the environment surrounding Pikes Peak, and as a running enthusiast. In each capacity Mr. Carpenter is relentless in his dedication to ensure that the best possible outcome is achieved. Mr. Carpenter will bring that same dedication to his efforts to better the City of Manitou Springs and help the city in these tough economic times. Mr. Carpenter's tireless energy and managerial skills will be a great asset to the council and I strongly urge you to consider his request to fill the current vacant seat.

Sincerely,

Eric Billmeyer
1325 Indian Oaks Pl
Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829

Executive Director
Rocky Mountain Field Institute

July 24, 2009

To: Mayor Drummond and City Council Members

Subject: Council vacancy

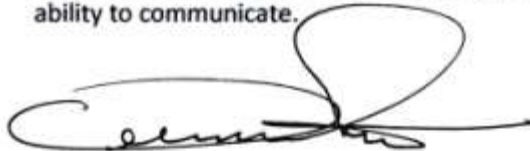
This letter is my total and whole hearted endorsement of Mr. Matt Carpenter to fill the existing Council vacancy.

I've known Mat for several years and while serving as your City Administrator worked with him on numerous occasions and found him to be very interested in the present and future stabilization and progression of this great town we live in.

Matt's contributions past and present far exceed my expectations as a team player as well as his ability to think things out and make right decisions.

The great thing about Matt is that he has no hidden agenda and is only concerned about Manitou, its infrastructure, its people and future growth. I know of no other person who resides in Manitou with more notoriety and I as a resident of Manitou for the past 58 years can say that with certainty.

Do not miss this opportunity of acquiring a new Council member with outstanding credentials with the ability to communicate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verne A. Witham', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Verne A. Witham
130 Deer Path Ave
Manitou Springs CO

Pikes Peak Marathon, Inc.
A Colorado Non-profit Corporation
441 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, CO 80829
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**To: The Honorable Mayor Drummond
& The Manitou Springs City Counsel**

Date: July 29, 2009

Re. Recommendation for Matt Carpenter as City Council Member

I would like to voice my full support of Matt Carpenter as interim City Council Member for the City of Manitou Springs. Matt's in depth experience and knowledge gained in his dealings with the City Council, combined with his outstanding interpersonal skills, strong commitment and amazing attention to detail make him an ideal candidate.

Matt is very passionate in everything he does. His long string of successes, not just in his running career, but also in all his life's goals, demonstrate his ability to define a course of action in which he doggedly pursues, and which eventually leads to an amicable solution. He has an impressive track record of providing the best for those he represents, be it an organization or their individual members.

Specifically, due to the uniqueness of Manitou Springs as a popular town for many events of various types, Matt has an excellent understanding of how these relate to the welfare of the City, its citizens, the merchants and the event organizers. This will allow him the ability to fairly represent the City while thoroughly empathizing with all involved.

In closing, Matt possesses the skills, background and most importantly, the commitment to be an outstanding member of the Manitou Springs City Council.

Sincerely,

Ron Ilgen

President: Pikes Peak Marathon, Inc. and The Triple Crown of Running

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July 24, 2009

Manitou Springs City Council:
606 Manitou Avenue
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Matt Carpenter as a Manitou Springs City Council Member.

In the past 15 years that I have known Matt, I have observed a person very dedicated to Manitou Springs, and the local community in general. As the organizer of the local Barr Trail Mountain Race, he directed that 100 percent of the funds be donated to local schools and organizations. When the Mayors Cup race (to raise funds for our Mineral Springs Foundation) faltered a few years ago, Matt stepped up to resurrect it. Under his guidance, the amount of money raised more than doubled in the first year.

Matt is a high energy, well-organized individual who truly has the best interest of Manitou Springs in his heart. As a resident, I recall his large sign in support of the local school bond issue on his baby jogger as he ran through Manitou Springs daily with his daughter. When Matt has an obligation, you can count on him to complete the task with a passionate commitment, obtaining outstanding results.

Matt is very concerned about the Manitou Springs City financial situation, and I feel you can depend upon him to create some new and novel approaches to solving the situation in a timely manner. Matt tends to think outside the box at times in order to solve a problem; he does not worry about others opinion of him if he feels his solution is correct.

In summary, Matt is an independent thinker who will bring fresh ideas and a huge amount of enthusiasm to the council. I highly recommend Matt Carpenter as a Manitou Springs City Council Member.

Jack Ramsey



July 24, 2009

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in recommendation of Matt Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter has been working with our department on numerous special events. I have observed him at City Council meetings, sometimes providing a comment, other times just listening, and learning the process.

I've had the privilege of knowing Mr. Carpenter through my work as Police Chief for the City of Manitou Springs. Throughout my numerous contacts with Mr. Carpenter, I have been consistently impressed by his professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication to his work, and his dedication to the City of Manitou Springs.

In addition to his professional work ethic, Mr. Carpenter distinguished himself to me through his positive attitude and willingness to assist with any unexpected situations.

I believe Mr. Carpenter would be an exceptional asset to the Manitou Springs City Council. He will offer a different perspective, and make intelligent decisions. I would be glad to work with him on any project. I hope that you will consider him as a candidate for City Council.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "MaryJo Smith".

MaryJo Smith, Police Chief