## **2013 Election Edition**

# **Englewood** Citizen

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## City Clerk announces details on November 5 Election

Englewood's City Clerk is working closely with the Arapahoe County Election Office on the November 5, 2013 Coordinated Election. This election will be a mail ballot election and there will also be four Vote Service and Polling Centers to assist voters.

### **Vote Service & Polling Centers**

Beginning Tuesday, October 15 through Election Day, four **Arapahoe County Vote Service** and Polling Centers will be in operation (in Aurora, Byers, Centennial, and Littleton). Contact the Arapahoe County Election Office at 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com for locations and hours of Voter Service and Polling Centers.

The Voter Service and Polling Centers will offer a variety of services. Voters can:

- register to vote;
- update their voter registration;

- request a new mail-in ballot;
- request a replacement mail-in ballot;
- drop off their completed mail-in ballot; and
- vote on an accessible voting machine.

The Englewood Civic Center will serve as a ballot drop-off center. Arapahoe County voters can drop off their completed mail-in ballots at the Civic Center (3rd floor City Clerk's Office - 1000 Englewood Parkway) from October 15 through Election Day from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, November 2, and from 7 am to 7 pm on Election Day.

### **Englewood's Ballot**

The ballot for Englewood voters will include City Council and Municipal Judge candidates and two questions (one referred by City Council; one citizeninitiated question). Your ballot may also include State or County questions and candidates, and ballot measures for other districts, such as a school district or special district. (Continued on page 2.)

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This special edition of the *Englewood* Citizen newsletter offers specifics on Englewood's portion of the ballot for the November 5, 2013 Election.

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### City of Englewood

1000 Englewood Parkway Englewood, CO 80110 303-762-2300

### www.englewoodgov.org



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### Election results at www.arapahoevotes.com

Arapahoe County will post the vote counts for Englewood's candidates and ballot questions (along with all other Arapahoe County elections) on www.arapahoevotes.com beginning shortly after 7 pm on Election Day.

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### **Mail-in Ballots**

Arapahoe County will send the ballots through the U.S. mail beginning Tuesday, October 15. Completed ballots can be returned via mail, or they can be dropped off at any Arapahoe County Vote Service and Polling Center or at any ballot drop-off site (see list of nearby drop-off sites on page 8).

#### **Election Website**

The Arapahoe County Election website, www.arapahoevotes.com is a good resource for additional

information on the 2013 Election. The website offers:

- voter registration forms;
- voter status; and
- general voting information.

The arapahoevotes.com website will also post vote counts as they come in for all Arapahoe County races and ballot questions (including Englewood) beginning shortly after 7 pm on Election Day.

For more information on the 2013 Election, visit www. arapahoevotes.com.

# Candidate Profiles

Englewood's candidates were offered an opportunity to submit a candidate profile for this edition of the *Englewood Citizen* newsletter. The candidates are listed below and their profiles are printed verbatim on the following pages.

Please keep in mind that your ballot may also include candidates and questions related to County, State, school, or special districts.

## **Englewood Ballot Questions**

Englewood's 2013 ballot will include two ballot questions: one referred by the City of Englewood regarding recreational marijuana and one brought forth as a citizen initiative regarding designation of park property.

The exact wording of the ballot questions is included below. Please keep in mind that your ballot may also include candidates and questions related to County, State, school districts, and special districts.

### **Ballot Question 2B**

Shall the Englewood Municipal Code of the City of Englewood, Colorado ban the retail sale of recreational marijuana, ban recreational marijuana cultivation facilities, ban recreational marijuana manufacturing facilities, and ban recreational marijuana testing facilities; while not restricting personal use and growth of marijuana as allowed under the Colorado Constitution, nor shall it affect Englewood's currently licensed medical marijuana businesses, primary care-givers, patients and Code provisions relating thereto?

No

### **Ballot Question 300**

Shall the Englewood Municipal Code of the City of Englewood, Colorado be amended to include official designation of Park property within the City of Englewood in order to protect the people of Englewood and their right to vote on the sale of Park property by: dedicate as "Park" any property identified on 2006 Englewood Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a Park including but not limited to: Baker, Barde, Bates-Logan, Bellview, Centennial, Clarkson, Cushing, Depot, Duncan, Emerson, Hosanna, Jason, Miller Fields, Romans and Rotolo?

Yes	No

## City of Englewood Candidates

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Linda Olson

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#### Municipal Judge

(Vote for one) [four-year term] Vincent R. Atencio

PLEASE NOTE: The profiles for the candidates running unopposed are included on the page to the right. This does not reflect the order of the positions on the ballot; the placement was strictly for the purposes of newsletter layout.

### **Candidate Profile**

## **Municipal Judge**

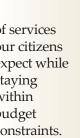
- Lifelong resident of City of Englewood, attended Englewood schools, graduated Englewood High School 1968
- Undergraduate, Brown University
- Law school, University of Denver
- Married 41 years to Debra, no children
- I have served on the board of directors for InterFaith Community Services, serving as treasurer, and on the board of directors for the original **Englewood Historical Society**
- My hobbies include all outdoor sports including hiking, skiing, camping and mountain biking. I am also interested in archaeology.

### Vincent R. Atencio **Municipal Judge Candidate**

I have served as the presiding judge in the Englewood Municipal Court since January, 1998. Prior to becoming the presiding judge I was an associate judge for eleven years. I consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Englewood as municipal judge. We have a unique situation since I am the only fully elected judge in Colorado.

I enjoy my job because it is both challenging and rewarding. As a lifelong Englewood resident I believe that I have an understanding of the city and the issues we face. During the difficult budget times for the city we have worked hard to maintain the level

of services our citizens expect while staying within budget constraints.



I am very proud of the way our staff has performed through these difficult times.

My highest priority continues to be that all persons are given their due process rights while being treated with respect and dignity. I am looking forward to continuing to provide the citizens of Englewood with the best municipal court in the state.

### **Candidate Profile**

What a ride these past four years have been! A little over four years ago I entered the race as the candidate who possessed a strong Business and Management Background. I was considered at the time an outsider by many but with the desires of my district to go in a different direction allowed me the honor and privilege to be elected and serve our wonderful

In the past four years I have done all I can to represent the desires of my constituents and not that of my own or any special interest or individual. I am still that hard working guy that strives to work hard for all the residents of Englewood!

citizens!

## City Council | District 4

Rick Gillit City Council Candidate: District 4

In my first term, the financial status of our city went from dire to a much stronger fiscal situation! This took lots of hard work and yes, even some spirited conversations to get there! But we did it!

We now have a positive forecast of new businesses, housing projects, and Planned Urban Developments that were only dreamed of four years ago. The Flood Middle School project is under way, the Martin Plastics property is near breaking ground. Our District

is getting a new Sprouts Grocery store and we have

two new King Soopers in our city.

The reason I wanted to run again is that there is so much more in the works and a lot of work that needs to be done! I would be honored to serve this great city again. Thank You!



### **Candidate Profiles**

## City Council | District 2

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Rita Russell
City Council Candidate: District 2

I grew up in Englewood, graduated from Englewood High School, attended Colorado State University and then married Dan Russell, my husband of 43 years, who is a U.S. Air Force Veteran. We have two children and four wonderful grandchildren. I also am a retired small business owner who has the practical and proven experience necessary to make tough and decisive decisions.

I have volunteered extensively in my local church and in Para church organizations. My work on leadership training and development, as well as curriculum development, will be an invaluable asset in my service to the City of Englewood.

I am not a politician, but I decided to get involved because I believe our city council has been making decisions that are eroding our basic rights as citizens and destroying our city's economic welfare. We need to stop ignoring our citizen initiatives and start protecting their rights according to our Charter.

Rita will work diligently to:

## Restore the confidence of our citizens and business owners

- Respecting their right to be heard
- Representing their interests on Council

### **Promote Responsible Growth**

- Partnering with existing businesses
- Pursuing new commercial and retail development

### **Pursue Fiscal Conservatism**

- Voting for a "real" balanced budget
- Voting to cut spending rather than increase taxes

I give my commitment to be a "Servant" to the public, to uphold the City Charter and to represent the needs of the citizens of Englewood.

Rita4Council@gmail.com; 720-466-3860

## City Council | District 2

### **Candidate Profiles**





It has been an honor to serve as District 2 Council Member during some of the toughest economic times Englewood has seen. Thankfully, through hard work, we are emerging from the great recession as resilient and a place to live and invest. I want to see this continue with forward thinking that supports Englewood as a positive, vibrant, and sustainable community.

My husband and I made
District 2 home 27 years ago,
raising 3 children here. As a
DU faculty member, I direct the
Learning Communities and Civic
Engagement department and
Pioneer Leadership Program. My
passion for Englewood developed
through City commission
volunteer opportunities.
Serving on Council has further
strengthened me to make
informed, thoughtful decisions for
Englewood.

### **My Council Accomplishments:**

- \* Constant voice for responsible development at Kent Place
- \* Worked to retain ART-RTD Shuttle funding
- \* Strong voice for neighborhood stability in Medical District
- \* Worked for Post Office historic preservation

- \* Supported Craig Hospital as significant employer, ensuring a \$90 million internal renovation
- \* Maintained fiscal restraint producing responsible annual budget reserves
- \* Supported multiple developments bringing nearly \$335 million into city
- \* Approved grants netting nearly \$2 million for safety, infrastructure and parks
- \* Board service: Water and Sewer, KEB, Business Improvement District, Tri-Cities Planning, Swedish/City Committee

### **My Future Priorities:**

- \* Continue responsible economic development
- \* Secure quality of life amenities: fire, police, infrastructure, and schools
- \* Promote civic engagement as City of Service

It is a privilege to represent you. I ask for your vote to continue making Englewood a **positive**, **vibrant**, **sustainable community**.

Contact: olson4district2@gmail.com #303-789-4799

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Scott Gorsky
City Council Candidate: At-Large

Being elected to Englewood City Council will allow me to continue my long standing commitment to serving my community. For more than ten years my wife Chelsea and I have lived in Englewood, building a home with our daughter Trinity. While serving on the Englewood School Board for the last 8 years, most recently as President, I've shown my talent for building consensus and the determination to tackle difficult issues. Additionally, my collaborative work with City boards and commissions demonstrates my ability to serve as a competent and informed City Councilmember.

### **Achievements:**

- Instrumental in securing voter approval of the only successful Colorado school bond and mill levy ballot issue of 2011
- Oversaw continuous growth in student enrollment
- Elevated the District's State rating
- Instituted a public dialogue forum at Board meetings
- Maintained one of the most financially healthy districts in the Metro area, in the face of severe cutbacks in State funding

#### Goals:

- Maintain quality infrastructure, and a safe, clean and attractive Englewood
- Promote economic development
- Sustain responsible annual and long term budgets and reserves
- Continued support for education, including after school programs & adult education
- Promote arts and cultural programming
- Encourage home ownership options

### Vision:

- Encourage open and constructive citizen dialogue
- Promote our community's assets to the benefit of our citizens and businesses
- Planning and enriching the course of our City's future
- While we partner with private & public entities, Englewood's strength lies in its independence and complete range of city services

"I would sincerely appreciate your vote."

scottgorsky@gmail.com 720-295-3130

## City Council | At-Large

## **Candidate Profiles**





Steven R. Yates announces his bid for the Englewood City Council At Large Seat.

A Colorado native, Steven has lived in Englewood for the past 25 years and is raising his two teenage sons with his wife, Mindy of 18 years. Steven is also a successful business owner who has first hand experience in starting and running multiple businesses.

Steven has been involved with city issues for the past 6 years on a range of topics from Property Rights. Personal Rights and Community Development.

Why Steven is making a bid for Councilmen At Large.

Recently City Council took actions on a subject where the vote of the people is required by Charter. The City Attorney used a preliminary hearing Opinion from a case that is not finished to justify not taking it to a vote of the People. The majority of Council went along with it.

How will Steven Yates conduct himself as your At Large Councilmen?

- Listen to and understand Your concerns.
- Always protect Your rights.
- Follow Our City Charter.
- Keep Taxes as low as possible.
- Keep Englewood independent.
- Insure Transparency in our City Government.
- Remove obstacles keeping our business district from Succeeding.
- Protect Englewood's Assets for Future Generations.
- Always show respect for the People.

He wants to hear from you.

Steven R. Yates,

Email: Steve@YatesEnglewood.com,

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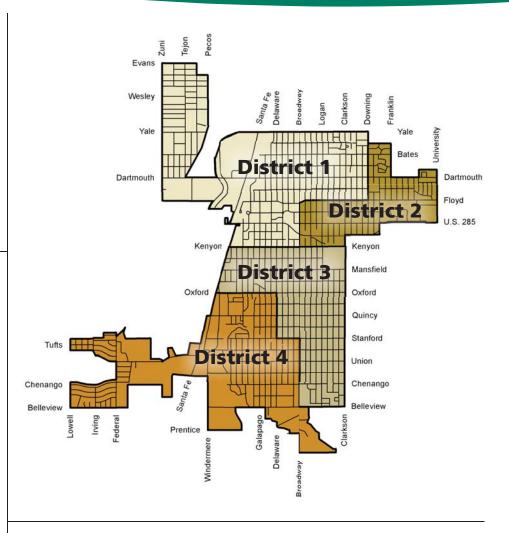
# City Council District Map

Englewood's seven-member City Council includes one representative for each of Englewood's four Council Districts and three who represent the City of Englewood at large. The Council Members serve four-year staggered terms. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are chosen by the City Council from among their members in accordance with the City Charter.

## Nearby ballot drop-off sites

- Englewood Civic Center
   3rd Floor City Clerk's Office
   1000 Englewood Parkway
- Arapahoe County
   Administration Building
   Clerk & Recorder
   5334 S. Prince St. in Littleton
   (24-hour ballot box available.)
- Arapahoe County Voting Facility 5251 S. Federal Blvd. in Littleton (24-hour ballot box available.)
- Littleton City Clerk's Office 2255 W. Berry Avenue
- Sheridan City Hall City Clerk's Office 4101 S. Federal Blvd.

For a complete list of ballot drop-off sites and hours, visit www.arapahoevotes.com.



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