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## 2019 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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**NAME Debra Parmley**

Candidate for City Council, Ward 3

**Fast Facts:**

- Age: 61
- Occupation: Retired (Accounting/Finance/HR)
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**Questions and Answers**

*(Please provide answers to the following questions. Please limit your answers to 300 words each.)*

1. Tell us about yourself.

I come from a small town in Missouri, it is still small today-Neosho. Both sets of grandparents had farms which our family visited each weekend and spent some summer time learning chores & caring for animals. Every Sunday grandmother fixed good ole fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy dinner with the aunts, uncles and cousins. Then played out on the back 40 in our tree forts. My passions growing up were caring for animals, playing violin from 4th grade thru high school (Concertmistress & all city orchestra) softball (pitcher & shortstop) until 35.

Our family moved to Colorado when I was 12. During the years an opportunity arose while working for Control Data/Ceridian in Englewood back in 1996 to transfer to our Hawaii office. Learned & lived Aloha and watched my nephews grow up for 20 years before moving back to Colorado 3 years ago to retire early.

I have an extensive accounting background in billing, A/R, A/P, payroll, tax filing, G/L, reconciliation, assets, job cost, budgeting, planning, contract administration, finance, developed process improvements for efficiency and accountability, solving problems, system analysis using my programming/technical education in results driven, customer focused environment. I also bring extensive Human Resources experience in recruiting, new hire, benefits, workers compensation, 401K, FMLA, FLSA, COBRA. Seminar and one on one training environments-giving back to help others grow and excel.

I have volunteered in many ways through the years: March of Dimes, Treasurer-HOA Indigo Trails & Fairway Village, Ala Kuola-VIP created by Gov. Linda Lingle to job shadow TRO interviews, processes, court proceedings, SPCA volunteer, teaching about marine animals at Discovery Pool located in Sea Life Park.



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My extensive skills & experience will cut to the chase, ask hard questions and get results, always suggesting better ways of doing things to create transparency and accountability.

## 2. Why are you running for City Council?

The corruption & personal agendas not only found in the city, but in my HOA is what brought me here.

It is time for change and accountability to move this city forward doing the right thing the right way.

Leadership means being a steward to the community and listening to the citizens. You have a voice and I will hear you. A needed change from our existing government regime.

I want to restore trust back into our government and do the job of protecting our city and the citizens welfare.

I have no personal gain, other than wanting to see our city developed responsibly, trust restored, clean quality water, safer streets, economic prosperity, and improving our older neighborhoods. A place where resident's take pride in our hometown city. The community is my agenda. This standard is my passion & my deep conviction.

Some major issues I have heard from ward 3 residents are clean and affordable water, sidewalk to nowhere on Chambers, wanting answers to \$70 million slush fund, traffic, snow plowing, and no more backdoor deals, park by clinic and transparency.

Brighton can do better and I know together we will make that impact.

## 3. What do you hope to accomplish as a City Council member?

First and foremost is implementing water rate decrease using alternative 2 as shown in Stantec rate study for 2020 and review annually before budgeting process. Secondly, addressing the capital projects by prioritizing infrastructure and back on track for 100% completion. Placing projects on dashboard towards transparency and accountability. Ensure infrastructures study and planning go hand in hand with future developments. Ensure city is fiscally responsible and stable.

Focus on a Quality of Life Community:

- Quality Water
- Food sustainability-agriculture
- Arts & entertainment
- Better Sports amenities for kids
- Discount programs for local elderly, military and low income.
- Take advantage of grants available to help aid city-wide projects.

While representing the goals, principles, and ideals voiced by the residents of our community.

4. What are the three most important issues confronting the City of Brighton and how would you address them?

1. WATER-not only clean, but quality standards with fair rate structures.

Short-term:

- 100% backflow reporting with severe penalties for non-compliance. 80% compliance does not assure our residents of water safety.
- Implement water rates as recommended in rate study that addresses tier level change and affects the majority of customer's.
- Enforce consistent number of billing days at 30-31 day intervals.

Long-term:

- Hard water issues-best ways to soften water at reasonable costs-salt free methods and without severely removing important minerals as new developments and technology arise, while meeting any mandatory compliance changes.
- Better ways where energy can be recovered from the rejected brine by running it through turbines to generate electricity that can be used in the plant rather than dumping into Platte River going downstream.

Council must learn, understand then implement effective results.

2. CAPITAL PROJECTS back on track

- Understand project standstill issues. Reassess & prioritize based on foremost necessity, especially infrastructure. Then going forward focus on a responsibly developed city.
- Put all projects with completion percentages, start and end dates on dashboards for public viewing, voicing their concerns, and asking questions.

3. FULL TRANSPARENCY-because trust matters

- Ensure project dashboards are in place on website and/or use a link on SeeClickFix mobile app for public access. Adding additional dashboards as necessary.
- Maintain budget versus actual expenses with explanation from department heads of causes on all overages & sharing with residents.
- Eliminate padding of numbers in budget process. Removing the 'in case we need it' justifications.
- Each department presents item by item cost increases compared to last years budget. Explaining those with greatest increases.
- On-going due diligence-Annual review of water revenue rates and capital expenditures, more detailed justifications behind the budgeting process.



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