

June 6, 2025

Subject: ESB Support for the City of Littleton to Join Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)

I am writing on behalf of the Environmental Stewardship Board (ESB) to express our strong support for the City of Littleton (“Littleton”) to join CC4CA and formally express support for the CC4CA Policy Statement. CC4CA is a coalition of local governments advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy in a way that works for towns, cities, and counties. CC4CA’s policy positions reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments across the state, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

CC4CA generally focuses on legislative, regulatory, and administrative action, supporting efforts that advance the general policy principles and the detailed policy position at the end of this letter. CC4CA provides the opportunity for Littleton to join a coalition of 45 local governments across the state.

As a member of CC4CA, Littleton will benefit in numerous ways:

- **Enhance Connectivity State-wide:** Each coalition member has a corresponding CC4CA board representative. Not only does this model position communities to have a voice at the table, but it also provides a platform to get to know elected officials and sustainability staff across the state.
- **Synthesized Engagement Opportunities:** CC4CA provides workshops, briefings, and trainings to its member communities. For example, breaking down the latest science on climate change in Colorado might be important and relevant to local governments. Or, understanding what is happening policy-wise with federal programs that impact municipalities.
- **A Breakdown of Climate Policies:** As a coalition member, Littleton would benefit from CC4CA’s ability to track legislation and regulations that impact local government. For instance, knowing what obligations are in place and how local governments may consider implementing particular rulemakings. Additionally, CC4CA provides additional capacity for Littleton to stay ahead of what comes out of Colorado’s legislative session each year as it relates to climate policy.
- **Have a Meaningful Impact on State Climate Policy:** CC4CA provides its members with a direct way to shape state climate policy. Because of its effectiveness advocating on behalf of local governments at the state legislature, with regulatory bodies like the Air Quality Control Commission, and with state agencies and the Governor’s Office, CC4CA’s members directly influence key legislative and policy decisions. By becoming a coalition member, Littleton can have a significant impact on climate-oriented state policy decisions in a manner that isn’t really possible for individual municipalities and counties.

As an individual jurisdiction in Colorado, it can be incredibly difficult to make a tangible impact on larger climate issues. Many of ESB’s Environmental Stewardship Action Plan items extend

beyond the city's jurisdiction and capacity, requiring a coordinated state effort. CC4CA enables Littleton to be part of this broader effort to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to the critical work at all levels of government.

We urge your favorable consideration to join CC4CA.

Sincerely,

Gretel Pavao, Chair of the Environmental Stewardship Board (ESB)