

Colleen Norton

Subject: FW: Message for the HPB and City Council

Hi, Colleen,

I hope all is going well for you. Would you please disseminate this letter to the Historic Preservation Board and City Council?

Many thanks!
Susan

August 31, 2021

To: The Historic Preservation Board and
The Littleton City Council

Re: Downtown Historic District

Dear Members of the HPB and City Council –

I am writing to support the expansion of the Main Street Historic District to include Alamo Avenue between South Rio Grande and Rapp streets.

The area was part of the townsite established by Richard Little in 1872, and some of the buildings in the proposed district date back to as early as 1884. The area is very similar in character and historic value to the current Main Street Historic District, which has truly been the heart and soul of our community for 20 years.

Loss of any more of the historic buildings along Alamo would be a very real blow to Littleton's historic character and to the tourism that comes from it.

Please approve the expansion of the Main Street Historic District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan M. Thornton

[REDACTED]

Littleton, CO 8012

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Sept. 2, 2021

To the Littleton Historic Preservation Board and City Council,

I first moved to Colorado in 1996 to become Executive Director of Colorado Preservation, Inc. I came to that position after working in historical positions at Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian, Portsmouth's Strawberry Banke, and Alexandria's Gadsby's Tavern. In those positions I saw firsthand how historic districts and attention to historic preservation benefitted communities. During the following five years at Colorado Preservation, Inc. I got to see how communities all over this state were saving historic buildings, creating historic districts, and thriving. CPI's Most Endangered Places Program, which I founded, has shown time and again how attention to historic buildings engenders community pride and often builds a community's economic base. When I left CPI I became the Executive Director of the Mountain-Plains Museums Association and saw how much downtown museums and historic buildings benefitted communities.

Littleton has been my family's downtown in the twenty-five years I have lived in Colorado. We attend special events like the downtown Christmas lighting, go to church in Littleton, and shop/dine on Main Street. We enjoy driving through the downtown and seeing the historic houses along Alamo.

I have seen firsthand how valuable having an historic district can be for a community like Littleton. I would urge you to create a Downtown Historic District.

Sincerely,

Monta Lee Dakin

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From: [CoL City Clerk](#)
To: [Michael Sutherland](#); [Andrea Mimnaugh](#)
Subject: FW: Alamo Street Addition
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:51:16 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, September 07, 2021 12:18 PM
To: CoL City Clerk <CoLCityClerk@littletongov.org>
Subject: Alamo Street Addition

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Littleton Downtown Historic District needs commercial Main Street to be complemented by residential Alamo Street.

This Expansion greatly will benefit the City of Littleton and increase Visitors placing the District higher on their "Go To" List.

There is no better time to move forward in this major endeavor with multiple, lasting Enhancements for Old Littleton.

Carpe Diem!

Sincerely,
Mary Manley


Mary E. Manley,
Littleton Historic, Inc. Member Old Littleton Citizen

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From: [CoL City Clerk](#)
To: [Michael Sutherland](#); [Andrea Mimnaugh](#)
Subject: FW: Downtown Historic District
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 8:43:53 AM

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Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2021 8:07 AM
To: CoL City Clerk <CoLCityClerk@littletongov.org>
Subject: Downtown Historic District

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Littleton City Council and Littleton Historic Preservation Board Members,

Although I live in Lone Tree, I am extremely interested in your potential proposal to expand on your downtown historic district to include several blocks of Alamo Avenue. As a Colorado native from Meeker, Colorado and a citizen of the Metro Denver area since 1991, I have always thoroughly enjoyed the unique historic aspect of Downtown Littleton. You have done such an incredible job preserving the past while incorporating a family/community feel that is unlike anywhere else in Metro Denver.

I was enthused to learn that you are potentially looking to expand the amazing foundation you already have. I know for my family and I, we already go to Historic Littleton at least once a month. This expansion would only attract us further.

With all of the pressure in society of modernization, I firmly believe any chance we have to protect, enhance and appreciate what those did before us should be top of mind where it makes sense. The Downtown Littleton Historic District is one of those special places.

As I think about what a rare iconic area you have, one longtime historic area comes to mind that recently gave in to the pressure of improvement and modernization. I was extremely disappointed when White Fence Farms closed for new urban development. I always thought in some ways it was similar to Downtown Littleton, where you could take your family back in time and enjoy many of the simple, pure things in life.

I sincerely hope you initiate your proposal and am sure there will be controversy and many people apposed to this initiative, but in the end, I sincerely do believe so many more would be in favor of it than apposed.

Thank you for listening!

Mike Parr

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From: [CoL City Clerk](#)
To: [Michael Sutherland](#); [Andrea Mimnaugh](#)
Subject: FW: Expansion of Historic District
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:54:05 AM

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Sent: Monday, September 06, 2021 11:51 PM
To: CoL City Clerk <CoLCityClerk@littletongov.org>
Subject: Expansion of Historic District

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Littleton City Council
Littleton Preservation Board

Re: Expansion of Historic District to include Alamo Street

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a person who has been involved in preserving Littleton's history (and particularly Main Street and its environs) for more than 30 years and as a director of Historic Littleton, Inc., I encourage each member of the City Council to support the expansion of the Historic District to include Alamo Street. The reasons City Council should support the expansion of the Historic District were excellently presented by Gail Keeley in her recent letter to the City Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

Michael G. Massey

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From: [Rick Cronenberger](#)
To: [Kimberly Field](#); [Andrea Mimnaugh](#); [Colleen Norton](#)
Subject: Fw: Expansion of Main Street Historic District
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 7:46:48 AM

Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:29 PM

To: Rick Cronenberger <rcronenberger@littletongov.org>

Subject: Expansion of Main Street Historic District

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Rick, First off I want to thank you for your service on the HPBoard. As a former HP Board Member and a former Littleton City Council Member, I know how much time and effort goes into your position. Littleton is the exceptional community it is because of citizens like yourself.

I will be out-of-town when the HP Board meets on September 13, but I want to urge your support for the expansion of the Main Street Historic District to Alamo Street.

Alamo Street contains some of the best-preserved residential buildings from early Littleton. With its mature trees and variety of housing styles, it gives visitors a unique look into Littleton's past. Alamo is a beautiful street with buildings that complement the buildings on Main Street.

I am one of the volunteer guides for the Historic Littleton walking tours. We average 40-50 people each time we give a tour. Our participants are vocal in their support of the preservation of Littleton's historic buildings. One of the reasons Main Street is thriving now is because its historic buildings have been so well preserved. Alamo's buildings merit preservation, especially now that so many of the residential buildings north of Main Street have been lost.

I hope you will vote to approve this historic district.

Sincerely, Rebecca Kast

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From: [CoL City Clerk](#)
To: [Michael Sutherland](#); [Andrea Mimnaugh](#)
Cc: [Wendy Shea-Tamag](#)
Subject: FW: Letter to the Littleton City Council and Historic Preservation Board
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 12:06:24 PM
Attachments: [To the Littleton Historic Preservation Board and City Council.docx](#)

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Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2021 10:46 AM
To: CoL City Clerk <CoLCityClerk@littletongov.org>
Subject: Letter to the Littleton City Council and Historic Preservation Board

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I have attached a letter from my wife Monta Lee Dakin, who is past Executive Director of Colorado Preservation, Inc. and is also in favor of the proposed Littleton Downtown Historic District.



Steve Friesen

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From: [CoL City Clerk](#)
To: [Michael Sutherland](#); [Andrea Mimnaugh](#)
Subject: FW: Support the Downtown Littleton Historic District
Date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:53:43 AM

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Sent: Saturday, September 04, 2021 11:48 AM
To: CoL City Clerk <CoLCityClerk@littletongov.org>
Subject: Support the Downtown Littleton Historic District

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To members of the Historic Preservation Board and City Council -

I started working at DISH Network near downtown Littleton nearly 20 years ago. One of the benefits of our location was discovering the incredible Denver area jewel of Downtown Littleton.

While working at DISH, we would frequently go to different restaurants on Main Street either for lunch, or a happy hour with a simple walk to downtown.

But more than that, I have found it to be a great place to meet friends and associates from all over the Denver area. I live in Lakewood, and I find Downtown Littleton is central and almost feels like everyone's Main Street and downtown.

And on top of that, Downtown Littleton is one of my "musts" to take family or friends visiting Denver. We wander through the shops, and maybe have a drink or meal along the way.


Even though I haven't worked at DISH for two years now, I still am in downtown Littleton for some reason at least once a month. Part of the charm are the historic buildings, great stores and restaurants and fun events. I fully support expanding this district to include Alamo, and keeping it as special as it currently is.

Thank you for your consideration.

Becky Magnotta, MBA, PCC, PQCC






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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2021 3:35 PM
To: CoL City Clerk
Subject: I SUPPORT THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPOSAL

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To: The Littleton City Council and Historic Preservation Board

Hello!

I'm a resident of Littleton and recently heard about the proposal to create a larger Downtown Littleton Historic District. I am writing to state my support for the proposed downtown historic district.

Littleton's historic Main street is already a wonderful space; with a great variety of businesses, restaurants and bars, storefronts, etc.

However, just having great eateries or businesses is not unique to downtown Littleton. Particularly with the population explosion in the Denver area, there are currently plenty of areas filled with similar "main street" areas filled with similar businesses, restaurants/bars and storefronts. What makes downtown Littleton special in my opinion, is the old town charm and small town character of the downtown area. The historic buildings and/or the maintenance and preservation of the historic architectural feel of the downtown area make Downtown Littleton much more inviting and pleasant location to shop, dine, and even stroll thru as compared with the more modern "soulless" shopping and dining areas like Lone Tree, Belmar, or the Tech Center for example.

I am not an architecture or history buff, but I know that preCOVID there were also periodic architectural/historical walking tours of the downtown Littleton area and although I haven't made it to one yet.....I have always wanted to. I think it's important to preserve as much of the history of the area as possible for our enjoyment AND education.

SO absolutely, I support the preservation of the historic character of downtown Littleton with the expansion of the current Historic Main Street area to include the additional proposed areas in a new Downtown Historic District.

Thank you,

Rachel Weintrob
[REDACTED]

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To Littleton City Council,

We will be visiting family
on October 26 but want to
urge a vote to expand the Main
Street Historic District. The building
west of The Creamery was where
Richard Little and others met for
Council meetings, etc. until we
had a courthouse! Too much
history on Alamo! Please expand
the district.

Marilyn E. Carroll


Littleton CO 80120

Colleen Norton

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Colleen Norton
Subject: Letter for the city council

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Hi, Colleen,

Please forward this letter (below) to the city council. Many thanks!
Susan

To the Littleton City Council:

On October 26, an important proposal will be before you to expand Littleton's Main Street Historic District.

I was part of the Council that approved the current Main Street Historic District. Expanding the district to include Alamo between Rapp and South Rio Grande streets will greatly strengthen the historic district and allow residents and visitors alike to understand that it was part of the original townsite established by Richard Little in 1872.

Buildings along Alamo are similar in historic significance to buildings on Main Street and date back to 1884, including Littleton Creamery (1884), the Sanford House (1900), the Leach House (1889) and the Littleton Post Office.

I hope you will support this important addition to Littleton's historic downtown.

Respectfully,
Susan Thornton
Former Mayor

Susan M. Thornton
Susan Thornton Associates, LLC

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Office 303-798-0844
[REDACTED]

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From: Kimberly Field [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:50 PM
To: CoL City Clerk
Subject: Letter of Support Downtown Historic District

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17 October 2021

To: Littleton City Council

Fr: Kimberly Field, District 4

Re: I support the Downtown Historic District

I am Kim Field and I serve on the Historical Preservation Board, but I am writing you as a 26-year Littleton resident.

When we moved from the Washington Park area in 1995, Littleton's downtown didn't offer much for us. Our friends had no interest in visiting the "boring little suburb" where we had moved. We drove past Main Street, returning to the fun, historic neighborhoods we left behind, to shop, to enjoy outings with friends, and to dine in restaurants.

However, that changed over the years. Friends began suggesting we meet in Littleton. They wanted to try restaurants, meet for a drink, or to simply stroll Main Street, Alamo, and the streets in between. Business colleagues came to enjoy meetings over coffee in a unique little place on Alamo, or unwind with a glass of wine in a cozy spot on a side street. Holiday shopping in downtown Littleton became a tradition with friends from across the Denver metro area.

I asked why they want to come to Littleton. What do they like so much about this town? People tell me that they love that downtown Littleton is *real*. It is *authentic*. It's not fake; no one really likes the fake "town centers" that are just shopping centers in disguise. They love the historic character, the beautiful buildings and the quirky ones too.

I've experienced how downtown has blossomed since the inception of the Main Street Historic District in 1997. I am proud of my city and I love introducing others to what invariably becomes one of their favorite places to be. I encourage you to approve the Downtown Historic District and preserve the special character of our wonderful community.

Thank you,

Kim Field,
[REDACTED]

Littleton, CO

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From: Michael Field [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:27 AM
To: CoL City Clerk
Subject: I support Downtown Historic District

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October 18, 2021

To the Littleton City Council,

I have lived in Littleton for over 26 years. I have always loved the fact that Littleton has a "real" downtown. I particularly like the historic character of our downtown area and want to see this preserved and strengthened.

I also understand the challenges that come with owning and maintaining older and historical buildings, and I appreciate the efforts and dedication of the owners who care for these properties.

Littleton's downtown contributes greatly to the quality of life we value in Littleton. I support the Downtown Historic District.

Thank you,

Michael Field
[REDACTED]

Littleton, CO

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From: Barbara Solodky [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:47 AM
To: CoL City Clerk
Subject: downtown historic district

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I have been a resident of Littleton since 1987 I love littleton's historic buildings and want to see them protected.
Barbara Solodky [REDACTED] littleton co 80120 Thank you for your consideration of this important issue

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From: Karen Mitchell <kmitchell80120@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:46 PM
To: CoL City Clerk
Subject: Preservation of Historic District for Main and Alamo

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Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Littleton for most of my life (my family moved here in 1961) I love Littleton and am interested in preserving the special place where we live. I am writing to encourage you to maintain the expansion of the Main Street Historic District to include Alamo Avenue between S. Rapp St. and S. Rio Grande St. I live in an area of town, called Ridgewood, very close to downtown Littleton.

I know that the city may be under pressure to develop this area commercially, which I think would change the feeling and flavor that we have just begun to appreciate as Littleton has become a popular destination for dining and shopping. I now hear people comparing our downtown to other small towns across the country. You can come, browse, stroll, eat, have a tea or coffee and appreciate an escape from chains and big box stores.

I strongly support the expansion of the Main Street Historic District so that we can enjoy the type of town we have envisioned for years to come.

Thank you,
Karen Mitchell

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Colleen Norton

From: Charles Mitchell <cfmitchell80120@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:43 PM
To: CoL City Clerk
Subject: Downtown Historic District

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To Mayor Valdes and Councilmembers Driscoll, Fey, Melin, Milliman, and Rudnicki
I support the expansion of the Downtown Historic District to include Alamo St from Santa Fe to Rio Grande. We need to keep our historic identity as a century old small town for our children and grandchildren. The core center of Littleton does not need any more development. I support the sales tax increase for our town this election and believe that it will supply enough future revenue to keep our town budget on track.

Charles F. Mitchell 6698 South Hill St. Littleton, Colorado

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October 20, 2021

To: The Littleton City Council

Re: Littleton Downtown Historic District

Dear Members of the Littleton City Council

As a former member of the Historical Preservation Board from 2007 to 2016, current vice president of Historic Littleton, Inc. and a citizen of Littleton since 1994, I am writing in support of the expansion of the Downtown Littleton Historic District to include all buildings on Main Street from Rio Grande to Santa Fe and Alamo Avenue from Prince Street to Rapp Street and side streets in between.

For those of you that are not familiar with Historic Littleton, Inc we are a non-profit dedicated to preserving the historical and architectural heritage of the greater Littleton area through advocacy and education. We currently have approximately 65 members.

An expanded historic district has been talked about for years – to ensure the preservation of Littleton’s unique identity and to recognize the asset for the entire community.

Other benefits of a Littleton Downtown Historic District include

- Protects and revitalizes historic resources with consistent design review and financial incentives for improvements
- Attracts new business owners which increases the economic viability of downtown Littleton
- Attracts visitors
- Protects property values from dramatic changes to current buildings or new development that is not consistent with downtown Littleton’s character
- Strengthens the community – demonstrates community commitment and involvement
- Gives a boost to taxes

Many buildings on Main, Rapp, and Alamo have been recognized with a historic preservation award for their contribution to Littleton's history and sense of place. These awards are presented by the Historical Preservation Board and Historic Littleton, Inc.

Main and Alamo are the core areas of Littleton's history and character – Main for commercial and Alamo for mostly residential and the Littleton Post Office. The expansion of the district to include Alamo would better represent the true area of Littleton's earliest settlement.

The citizen input to the new Comp Plan is very clear that we need to preserve our city character.

I urge you to vote in favor of the expansion of the Downtown Littleton Historic District to include all properties on Main and Alamo.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margi Clute

[REDACTED]

Littleton, CO 80120

Colleen Norton

Subject: FW: Historic Littleton District

From: Linda [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 5:00 PM

To: Patrick Driscoll <pdriscoll@littletongov.org>; Carol Fey <cfey@littletongov.org>; Pamela Grove <pgrove@littletongov.org>; Scott Melin <smelin@littletongov.org>; Kelly Milliman <kmilliman@littletongov.org>; Mark Rudnicki <mrudnicki@littletongov.org>; Jerry Valdes <jvaldes@littletongov.org>

Subject: Historic Littleton District

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Dear Members of Littleton City Council,

As a concerned citizen of Littleton for over 40 years, I would like to voice my strong support to you of the expansion of the Main Street Historic District to include Alamo Avenue between S. Rapp Street and S. Rio Grande Street. Alamo Street is lined with many historic properties that played important parts in Littleton's history. They date back as early as 1884. Properties on Alamo Avenue were part of the original townsite established in 1872. Their historic significance is similar to that of the properties on Main Street. Littleton's Main Street Historic District functions as the heart of Littleton. The expansion of the District to include Alamo Avenue would enhance the vitality of the District and better represent the true area of Littleton's earliest settlement. Adding Alamo Avenue in this local historic district will complete a downtown historic district that was envisioned 30 years ago.

I am urging you to vote in favor of this expansion.

Sincerely,

Linda D. Dorfman

[REDACTED]
Littleton, CO 80120
[REDACTED]

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