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## **LETTERS**

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## Reasons to back Shaw

Lone Tree has been fortunate to have had mayors with the time and experience to lead our city to where we find ourselves today. It is important that we continue on this path. As you decide who you will support for mayor in the Tuesday, May 7 election, please consider these points.

As a former Lone Tree Council member/mayor pro tem, I am keenly aware of the time required to be Lone Tree's mayor. I consider both Wynne Shaw and Marissa

Harmon to be friends of mine. They are both delightful ladies, and Lone Tree is blessed that they wish to serve our city.

Wynne has served for eight years on the Lone Tree City Council and is currently mayor pro tem. She owned and operated a micrographics business before beginning an extensive career in financial services with Charles Schwab and TIAA. Throughout her time on council, she has consistently shown that she has the time, experience, and dedication to serve Lone Tree exceptionally well. Her hard work on the 58-member Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) has earned her much respect from municipal leaders in the Denver metro area. In fact, she has recently become the new DRCOG board chair. When Wynne speaks people listen

Marissa served on Lone Tree's Planning Commission for one year and now has been on city council for two years. She currently owns and actively works in her Lone Tree hair salon. In addition, she is a wife and a busy mother of two young children. Being Lone Tree's mayor is a full time job.

After Wynne has served as mayor, I would expect to be able to support Marissa without hesitation. Her children will then be older, she may then have more time to devote to leading Lone Tree, and she will have had the opportunity to ac-

quire the depth of knowledge that will earn her the respect of others throughout the region.

Last but not least, if Marissa is elected mayor in May, three of the four city council seats will then be held by new members with no council experience, all led by a very inexperienced mayor. Surely that is not what any of us want as our city deals with challenges and opportunities in the coming years.

I heartily support Wynne Shaw for mayor of Lone Tree in our May 7 election. I hope you will, as well.

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