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We know how well that appeasement of Hitler worked out.

The situation in the Ukraine is very similar. Vladimir Putin is known to long for the glory days of the Soviet Union and a desire to rebuild a Soviet empire. Putin's rhetoric about Russian speakers in the Ukraine parallels Hitler's on German speakers in the Sudetenland. The Western Alliance must do everything it can to enable the Ukrainians to turn back Putin's aggression and drive the Russian military back to Russia.

Note that Russia is already causing problems in Moldova with Russian troops in the Transnistria region, on the border with the Ukraine. Russian agitators there are already stirring up trouble and calling for either secession or to become part of Russia. Putin's desires do not end with the Ukraine.

The only long-term solution is a definitive defeat of the Russian military and Putin's ambitions. The West must provide all aid including military equipment, ammunition, medical supplies, food, and yes, cash to assist the Ukraine. Failure here cannot be an option.

We must also note that Xi Jinping in China is watching the situation in the Ukraine and the response by the West. Weakness by the West that allows Putin to succeed in grabbing territory from the Ukraine, even in the form of a negotiated settlement, would embolden Xi to take Taiwan by force. If we want less war and aggression, the West, including the United States, must have a complete

and total victory over Putin's and Russian aggression in the Ukraine.

*Robert White, Highlands Ranch*

## Shaw is best choice

I first met Wynne Shaw more than 10 years ago, when we were both volunteers in a local women's political club. I quickly became so impressed with her leadership and organizational skills, and her admirable understanding of how government works at the local, state, and national level, that I became one of many who encouraged her to run for a Lone Tree City Council seat, and in May 2016 Wynne was sworn in as the new District 1 city council member, a position she has held now for the past eight years. Although my neighborhood is not in her council district, since beginning her council service, Wynne has always been immediately responsive to all questions or concerns my neighbors and I have had, always giving us a better understanding of both the power and the limitations that our city has in any given situation. There is no one more responsive, conscientious, honest, ethical, hardworking, dedicated, and level-headed than Wynne Shaw.

Because of the leadership by Wynne and others and our outstanding city staff, it's my opinion that there is no better place to live in Colorado than in Lone Tree — and we all want our city to remain the shining jewel of the south metro area that it currently is. But like some residents in surrounding municipalities, I, too, worry that future financial challenges from flattening sales tax and other revenues and increasing expenses may impact our high-quality city services, and that increasing region-

al crime and transportation issues may affect our safety and well-being in future years.

Therefore, now more than ever, Lone Tree needs a mayor who: 1) possesses a considerable depth of local and regional knowledge and experience and a strong financial background, 2) will be both creative and innovative in working collaboratively with staff and council to find new sources of revenue, 3) has a proven track record of successfully collaborating and solving issues with leaders throughout the Denver metro area, and 4) has continued willingness to devote the many, many hours required each week to effectively serve our city and our residents. That person is Wynne Shaw.

To learn more about Wynne Shaw, please visit: [cityoflonetree.com/departments/city-clerk/elections/2024-city-council-candidates](http://cityoflonetree.com/departments/city-clerk/elections/2024-city-council-candidates)

When our ballots arrive in our mailboxes in mid-April, I urge you to join me and many others whom Wynne Shaw has served over many years by voting for her to be our next mayor of Lone Tree.

*Jeanette Newville, Lone Tree*