



## City Council

September 17, 2024  
Packet Addendum #1

**From:** [Joshua Cooperman](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Hannah Miller](#); [Rob Zuccaro](#)  
**Subject:** Item 8C on Tuesday's City Council agenda still inequitably treats advisory boards' input.  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:37:08 AM

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Dear Louisville City Councillors,

Tomorrow evening you are scheduled to discuss potential amendments to the City's building codes under agenda item 8C. Although City staff's report for item 8C is somewhat more balanced with regards to advisory boards' input than was City staff's report for item 10D on your agenda from 6 August, City staff's report still inequitably treats advisory boards' input in the following ways.

- Hannah Miller, the City's sustainability manager and staff liaison for LSAB, is not included as a presenting staff member while Chad Root, the City's chief building official and staff liaison for BCBOA, is included as a presenting staff member. (I have not cced Chad Root because I do not have his email address, but please forward my email.) I trust that Hannah Miller was consulted, but I do not understand why she was not included as a presenting staff member.
- City staff's report states only BCBOA's position at the conclusion of its discussion of each of the three areas of consideration for amendment. Later, City staff's report restates BCBOA's position and summarizes LSAB's memorandum. This summary misrepresents LSAB's position on these three areas of consideration.
- City staff's report concludes by stating that "staff would work with the BCBOA on drafting the ordinance for Council consideration". Why would City staff not also work with LSAB on drafting amendments to the City's building code? City staff have sought input from LSAB on all recent building code adoptions. Moreover, City staff should principally work with the expert consultants hired to advise on the City's building codes.
- The meeting packet includes BCBOA's recommended building code amendments and BCBOA's May meeting minutes but only includes LSAB's memorandum on building code amendments. Why would City staff include relevant meeting minutes from one advisory board but not from another advisory board?

If City Council proceeds with its discussion of potential amendments to the City's building codes, then I expect City Council to redress these inequities from the dais.

Thank you for reading and considering my comments.

Best,  
Josh

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**From:** [Tawnya Somauroo](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Flock cameras and privacy concerns  
**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2024 4:14:05 PM

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**To:** [Genny Kline](#); [Meredyth Muth](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 917 Rex - Landmark and Restoration Grant Request  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 10:19:16 AM  
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Hi Genny,

Here is a public comment for the 917 Rex landmark hearing on tomorrow's agenda.

**Rob Zuccaro, AICP**  
Community Development Director  
303-335-4590  
[rzuccaro@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:rzuccaro@louisvilleco.gov)



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**From:** Planning <[planning@Louisvilleco.gov](mailto:planning@Louisvilleco.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2024 3:19 PM  
**To:** Rob Zuccaro <[rzuccaro@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:rzuccaro@louisvilleco.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: 917 Rex - Landmark and Restoration Grant Request

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**From:** Peter Blair  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2024 11:54 AM  
**To:** Planning <[planning@Louisvilleco.gov](mailto:planning@Louisvilleco.gov)>  
**Subject:** 917 Rex - Landmark and Restoration Grant Request

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing in support of the request for the Landmark and Preservation and Restoration Grant at 917 Rex St.

From my understanding, the work to maintain the entire home and its character, admirably achieves the intended goal of historic preservation and of maintaining our town's character. It is deserving of the Landmark and Preservation and Restoration Grant. And perhaps this house can be held as an example of why our historic preservation standards ought to be even higher?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Peter Blair  
Frenchtown, Louisville, CO

**From:** [Kevin Lombardo](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Sept. 17 Meeting Item 8C  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 10:53:47 AM

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Dear City Council,

I understand you will be receiving a presentation at the Sept. 17 City Council meeting regarding the existing 2021 IECC building standards and will be requested to direct City Staff to take some action. I'd like to provide some thoughts and considerations for that review.

First (as I'm sure you're all aware) the 2021 IECC was voted on, adopted, and re-litigated due to the Marshall Fire about 3 years ago now. Over those 3 years we've all heard some really scary things about how it's too expensive, too progressive, not possible, etc. and yet a significant portion of Marshall Fire rebuilds are 2021 and higher, disproving much of that scariness. The fact is that it's not nearly as costly or as difficult as some of the feedback would have you believe. This is largely thanks not only to the substantial workforce that just got training and practice building to these standards during the Marshall Fire rebuilds, but to the torrent of incentives available to homeowners, businesses, and builders. I've included a slightly overwhelming list of resources below to help articulate just how much financial incentive is available because it's sometimes hard to lose sight of the cumulative effect of these programs.

I also want to voice my concern for the impact that Staff's and the Building Code Board of Appeals' (BCBOA) recommendations would have on the success of Louisville's Community Decarbonization Plan, which relies heavily on energy-efficient buildings, electrification, and renewable energy adoption. The greenhouse gas reduction goals from that plan were accepted by City Council as the city's Climate Action Goals. Further, Xcel Energy is pushing for electrification/decarbonization and, thereby, higher-performing buildings that require less energy from the grid (information on their Clean Heat Program can be found [here](#)). If we continue to peel away the requirements of the city's 2021 IECC implementation, we most certainly won't meet these goals. BCBOA's recommendations should be rejected entirely as they allow for the continued use of fossil fuels, which is an unconscionable recommendation in the year 2024 and has climate and occupant health impacts.

The 2024 IECC was finalized in March of this year. We need to stop spending time, money, and effort re-hashing what Louisville should include in its current building standards. If anything, City Council should direct City Staff to figure out how to best implement 2024

IECC and/or consider implementing an even higher building standard (Passive House is probably a stretch, but that would be lovely) and becoming a true leader in high-performance building. Alternatively, please consider the compromises set forth by the Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board (LSAB) Memo as any changes to be made.

Finally, I want to express concern for the continued inequity in how the Advisory Boards' input is being presented to you. Sustainability Staff does not appear to be provided a part of this presentation, LSAB's memo is crammed in the back of the packet (again), and its summarized recommendations are somewhat misrepresented.

Thanks very much for taking the time to read this. As mentioned, here is that list of resources:

- [DRCOG Building Decarbonization Program - \\$199M Grant](#)
- [PACE Incentives](#) - For businesses, up to \$100,000 per applicant, many rebates doubled with City of Louisville rebates
- XCEL Rebates
  - [Upcoming Builder Incentives](#) (Passive House Rocky Mountain Chapter Video)
  - [Home Rebates](#) on Heat Pumps, Heat Pump Water Heaters, Insulation & Air Sealing
  - [Renewable Energy Incentives](#)
- [Federal Rebates & Tax Credits](#)
- [Colorado State Rebates](#)
- [Boulder County Rebates](#)
- [Louisville Rebates](#)
- [Colorado Green Building Guild Builder Training Scholarships](#) - subsidies for builder training to build higher-performing buildings.

Best,

Kevin Lombardo

Louisville Resident

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**From:** [catherineadzigler](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 11:20:02 AM

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My name is Cathy Zigler and I support the healthy drinks in kid's meals ordinance because it's an important step for Louisville 's kids' health!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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**From:** [Arihant Swain](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Consider the Healthy Drinks in Kids Meals Mandate  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 11:26:36 AM

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Hello Esteemed Council Members,

I'm Arihant Swain, a current freshman at Cornell University, who took part in the campaign pushing for the Healthy Drinks Mandate that's now on the docket. Though I'm not able to be there in person, I'd like to express my favor for this mandate through two clear ways:

1. Anecdotally: I've been living in Louisville for as long as I remember, and growing up, I quickly became addicted to the \$3.99 12-pack of off-brand Coca-Cola sold at Safeway (much to the dismay of my parents). This accessibility branches away from just stores and is undoubtedly apparent in restaurants; I urge you to consider the repercussions that easily accessible doses of caffeine and sugar have on the youth.
2. Historically: Cigarettes were normalized until they weren't. Though the health repercussions may not be as serious with sugary drinks, they aren't negligible, especially not for our youth. In my opinion, this step is one that'll genuinely affect hundreds of kids in Louisville.

In short, I hope that you see the positives that this mandate has to offer.

Thanks for your time and earnest consideration,  
Arihant Swain

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**From:** [Levi Wicar](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Support the Healthy Drinks Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 12:59:27 PM

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Hi, my name is Levi Wicar, and I am a Junior at Centaurus High School in Lafayette. I am part of Just Add Water, a youth-led committee that is on a mission to decrease the number of sugary drinks that Boulder County youth consume. Sugary drinks are a plague to society. They significantly increase the odds of developing dangerous medical conditions like obesity and type 2 diabetes, all while delivering no nutrients whatsoever. We decided that we wanted to slow the sale of sugary drinks to children and educate the public on the disastrous health effects they pose. One of the reasons I joined the committee was because of the link between sugary beverages and type 2 diabetes. My father has had diabetes for over 30 years and he has to monitor it everyday. Insulin is expensive, especially for the uninsured. I believe that no one should have to deal with diabetes, and there is evidence that sugary drinks are contributing to this epidemic. I joined this committee because I wanted less people to struggle with diabetes. Our committee aims to pass a sugary drinks ordinance in Louisville that would require restaurants to make a healthy beverage the default option in kids meals. This would not prevent restaurants from serving sugary drinks, but would substantially decrease the amount of sugary drinks that children in Boulder county consume. They would instead drink healthier beverages like milk. As 60% of children's calories from added sugars are delivered by sugary drinks, decreasing the prevalence of sugary drinks will likely decrease child obesity rates. Children today are forming lifelong habits that will influence their health for years to come, so I believe that the government has a responsibility to guide children who don't know this. Parents and children will still have complete freedom to make the decision for themselves, but this law would cause them to think about their actions. This would also require restaurants to offer at least 1 healthy option in their kids meals. Louisville and local restaurants can work together to improve the health of children in Boulder County by decreasing the prevalence of sugary drinks in restaurants. Please consider supporting the Healthy Drinks in Children's Meals ordinance.

Sincerely,

Levi Wicar

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**From:** [Kuhnell, Patrick](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support from Boulder County Board of Health  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 2:31:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Sugary Drinks BOH to Louisville City Council 9.17.2024-Signed.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Leh and Louisville City Council Members,

Please see the attached letter from the Boulder County Board of Health stating their support of the proposed Healthy Drinks in Children's Menu ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Boulder County Board of Health

Patrick Kuhnell, Administrative Assistant  
he/him/his  
Boulder County Public Health  
Administration & Finance  
Office: 303-441-1019  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm



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## Public Health

Board of Health

**Date:** September 17, 2024

**To:** Mayor Chris Leh; Mayor Pro Tem Caleb Dickinson; City Council Member Tim Bierman; City Council Member Judi Kern; City Council Member Deborah Fahey; City Council Member Barbara Hamlington; City Council Member Dietrick Hoefner

**From:** Board President Morgan McMillan; Vice President Landrey Fagan; Board Member Brooke Harrison; Board Member Amber Johnson

**Subject:** Boulder County Board of Health Support for Healthy Drinks in Kids' Meals Ordinance

**Priority:** High

On behalf of the Boulder County Board of Health, we want to thank and acknowledge you for your commitment to making Louisville a healthier place to live, especially for the youngest residents. Your strong dedication to the health of Boulder County community members is greatly appreciated and we urge you to support the passing of the Healthy Drinks in Kids' Meals Ordinance.

The health and well-being of Boulder County residents, especially our children, is a primary concern for the Board of Health. Children who drink just one sugary drink a day are more likely to experience diabetes, heart disease, cavities, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, kidney stones, and depression.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children consume less than 6 teaspoons of added sugars per day, yet the average child-sized restaurant sugary drink contains 8 teaspoons of sugar. The average child eating out the average number of times per week and drinking an average-sized soda consumes around 21 cups of sugar a year in those restaurant sugary drinks alone.

Therefore, we commend the collaborative efforts of the Healthy Louisville Kids coalition, the Just Add Water youth committee, and the restaurant owners who have committed to not offering sugary drinks with their kids' meals for their direct impact on the health of Louisville children. The work of these groups, with the support of the Board of Health, will help the City of Louisville achieve its mission to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of life in the community.

Sincerely,

*Morgan McMillan*  
Morgan McMillan

*Brooke Harrison*  
Brooke Harrison

*Landrey Fagan*  
Landrey Fagan

*Amber Johnson*  
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**From:** [Ken Wilson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Amendments to building codes  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 4:25:02 PM

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The Sustainability Advisory Board's suggestions for modifications to the city staff's suggested amendments to our building code are well-thought-out and constructive. I hope you will adopt them. The Sustainability Board's suggestions would keep us on the path toward reducing future greenhouse emissions while allowing adjustments and waivers when there are supply chain problems. And their suggestions would eliminate onerous monitoring requirements. Allowing retention of existing heating equipment for its life cycle makes sense; requiring replacement equipment and devices installed in new construction to be of the latest efficient electric-powered design also makes sense.

Recent federal and state legislation provides significant rebates and tax reductions for heat pumps, solar panels and other greenhouse-emission-reduction measures. Our city should facilitate citizens to take advantage of these and explore other methods to reduce the cost of the necessary conversion to electricity-based heating and cooling powered by alternative energy sources.

The suggestions made by the Building Code Board of Appeals would severely weaken our ability to reduce greenhouse emissions to benefit our children and grandchildren and erase the progress our council made in recent years. You should ignore these.

Ken Wilson  
261 Short Place

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**From:** [Raghav Lamsal](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Healthy Drinks in Childrens Meals Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:23:44 PM

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Dear members of the Louisville City Council,

My name is Raghav Lamsal, and I'm a junior at Peak to Peak Charter School. I'm also a youth member for the Just Add Water team. As a team we have been working together to collect research from various credible sources on the negative affect of sugary drinks, with a main goal to educate the Louisville Community about the negative health effects of sugar drinks, some of the main subsections include, targeted marketing and negative health effects. We understand that respect and equity are among the core values of the city of Louisville, but if we zoom in and look more closely at these sugary drink companies, be it Coca-Cola or Pepsi, we find that the majority of those that are based in the United States prioritize profit over the health and wellbeing of their customers. According to research, between 2013 and 2018, there was a significant increase in the number of television commercials targeted at Black and Hispanic toddlers, children, and teenagers. With this increased targeted advertisement it correlated to increased sugary drink consumption for youth, but with this came a plethora of detrimental health effects for this minority, from higher risk of weight gain and obesity to heart and kidney disease. We know that Louisville put a strong priority on Youth and their voice, and it would hurt my heart if the young and talented generation of the Louisville Community were affected by these negative health risks because of sugary drinks. This was the main motivation behind our attempt to put Healthy Drinks in Children's Meals ordinance into effect in Louisville. The Healthy Drinks in Children's Meals ordinance, which has been successful in other Colorado communities like Longmont, focuses on assisting children in choosing healthier beverages like water without added sugar, dairy milk, or non-dairy milk substitutes without added sugar. The Healthy Drinks in Children's Meals policy is low effort to incorporate into the city, and it

prioritizes the health of the city's youth and future generations, I ask that you think about it. The benefits of approving this legislation far outweigh any potential drawbacks. The moment has come to stop the rapidly spreading trends of obesity and chronic disease that my generation is dealing with and with this ordinance it helps to ensure that the next generation in Louisville has the chance to grow up healthy, and continue to make a difference in the community.

Thank you for your time,  
Raghav Lamsal

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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Building codes in Louisville  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:36:16 PM

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Louisville City Council –

I am writing to urge you to retain and build the strongest possible building codes in our city. I am “seconding” the compromises proposed by the Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board between the City's current building codes and City staff's suggested amendments (see below).

There is much more that could be done. Much more that must be done. So, I urge the council to at least start with these recommendations. We must address the specter of climate change and the associated problems – especially impacts on food supply – or human suffering will be widespread and severe.

It's as simple as that. We must act.

Martin Ogle  
322 E. Raintree Ct.  
Louisville, CO 80027

- Retain the all-electric space and water heating requirements for alterations and additions if existing equipment is replaced or if additional heating units are installed.
- Only permit natural gas backups for commercial space heating if existing natural gas space heating equipment is being retained to serve this function.
- Maintain furnace efficiency standards but create a simple waiver for cases in which products meeting these standards are not readily available.
- Maintaining commercial door U-value standards but create a simple waiver for cases in which products meeting these standards are not readily available.
- Apply electric vehicle charging standards to any added parking but not to any reconfigured parking.

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Dear Council,

I would like to further qualify what I have said below about Flock cameras. I commend the Police Department for solving two complicated crimes using camera data. I know one of the families that were impacted by the construction theft, and some of the businesses impacted are well-loved by my family. Addressing crime is very important to Louisville residents, and I want to support the Police Department's efforts to make our community safe and secure.

And I also feel strongly about privacy. But it may be true that determining how to balance addressing crime and respecting resident privacy is too complicated a discussion to get through in a council meeting. I am concerned that if the discussion is too hard to get through, the police may lose some of the tools that they have been using.

If that is the case, I am willing to accept that the issue of how Flock camera data gets shared might be best addressed through the State Legislature instead of local Councils.

Best regards,  
Tawnya Somauroo

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**Date:** September 15, 2024 at 4:13:45 PM MDT  
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Louisville resident

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**From:** [John Cowley](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Amendments to City Building Codes  
**Date:** Monday, September 16, 2024 10:50:04 PM

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Date: Sept. 16, 2024  
To: Louisville City Council  
Re: Amendments to City Building Codes

I am writing to strongly encourage you to incorporate the recommendations of Louisville's Sustainability Advisory Board as acceptable compromises for amendments proposed by Staff for consideration on September 17th.

The present Building Codes were adopted in response to the undeniable burdens that climate change is increasingly imposing on the planet and our region. Without climate change, we wouldn't be having this discussion.

If our smart, affluent community is unable to stand firm with emissions-reduction measures, there is little hope for wider efforts to reduce our country's global-warming contributions.

EnergySmart's website states that "Buildings are the country's #1 source of greenhouse gas emissions."

With this in mind, Louisville's City Council this week must navigate between the interests of limiting our carbon footprint and the interests of the business community to minimize their expenses. The smartest path between these is not always obvious.

Part of the problem is that lowering short-term costs in construction can result in long-term carbon emissions that will be "cast in concrete" for the next 20-40 years. Discerning the wisest compromises falls on your leadership.

As one example, to insure the city makes progress in this, the requirement for Compliance Monitoring (requiring submetering) should not be removed. We certainly would not withdraw Building Code inspectors. Remember Ronald Reagan's saying, "Trust but verify"? If the code requirements are to be faithfully met, expectations of compliance verification is essential. It's easy to promise great outcomes. I see it all the time, including with City Resolutions.

You will be subject to pressures that are stronger when coming from the business community than from the environmentally-concerned community. Money talks. Promise of tax receipts talks.

But the planet is becoming dysfunctional. Extreme weather, human deaths from heat, increasing droughts, floods, and climate migrations are happening. These victims of climate change can't compete by promising increases in sales taxes.

Finally, to remove some of the perceived pain to business interests for meeting the stricter codes, the City Council could put in place packages of assistance for compliance: low-cost loans, allocating revenue from EV chargers, support for accessing all rebates, advertising savings from

high-efficiency installations, bulk purchasing of HVAC equipment (as presently done with solar panels), and support from PACE (and others) to apply our community's insights to helping businesses meet these challenges.

Would you consider setting up a one-stop "Commercial Energy Reduction" office to coordinate all this? Enterprises that achieve meaningful emissions reductions could be celebrated broadly with advertisements and accolades, which could be highly valuable for businesses seeking visibility.

It's time for our city government to think outside the box. Rather than buckle under to individual grievances about the burdens of addressing climate change, we must now show originality and ingenuity in doing the tough things we need to. And, yes, it will not be without some costs to quit freely dumping CO2 into our atmosphere, as we've been doing for more than 100 years.

I hope the big picture will factor in your decisions,  
Sincerely,

John Cowley  
303 Fairfield Lane  
Louisville, CO 80027  
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**From:** [Catherine Zigler](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 10:28:50 AM

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My name is Tim Zigler and I support the sugary drink ordinance for kids. Please vote for this to help protect our children from the harmful effects of too much sugar. Thank you.

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**From:** [Stillwell, Rosa](#)  
**To:** [Edstrom, Christina](#); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE FOR TOMORROW!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 10:04:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [Rosa Stillwell Talking Points 9-17-24.docx](#)

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Hello Ms. Hamlington,

My name is Rosa Stillwell and I'm with Christina Edstrom's group. Enclosed is my speech should any conflicts arise.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,

*Rosa Stillwell*

Environmental Health Specialist

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**From:** Edstrom, Christina  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 4:54 PM  
**To:** Amanda Zou Jessica Valleruvalcaba  
; Nolen, Alexandra (Lexi) <[anolen@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:anolen@bouldercounty.gov)>; Stillwell, Rosa  
<[rstillwell@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:rstillwell@bouldercounty.gov)>; Seth Kramer  
**Subject:** UPDATE FOR TOMORROW!

Dear Amanda, Jessica, Lexi, Rosa, and Seth,

Good afternoon! I just got off the phone with Barbara Hamlington, our city council champion and have some updates for you for tomorrow.

Unfortunately, our ordinance is not the first listed on the [agenda](#), so we may get to your speeches later than I'd like. To that end, if you want to arrive by 7 to save some time, that is perfectly fine (the caveat being that I'm not sure if there will be seating by then, though there probably will be).

She also said that if you wanted to send in your speeches as email correspondence now in the unlikely scenario that it gets late enough that you want to leave that that's fine too. If you'd like to do that, you can send your speech to [council@louisvilleco.gov](mailto:council@louisvilleco.gov) and it will go to everyone on council.

Finally, I hoped to have a celebration afterwards, but given that we'll be getting out a little later we'll postpone that. Time and date TBD!

Fingers crossed! Thanks so much for helping to get us over the finish line!!

Warmly,  
Christina  
303-888-1784

**Rosa Stillwell Talking Points**  
**Louisville City Council**  
**September 17, 2024**

- Good evening, Mayor Lehman and councilmembers. My name is Rosa Stillwell and I am here as a mom and as a Boulder County Public Health restaurant inspector. I want to share my perspective on the Healthy Drinks in Children's Meals policy from both perspectives.
- As a mom I work hard to raise healthy kids. And I can tell you that it is really challenging to raise healthy kids in our current environment. Children are bombarded by advertisements for sugary drinks, making it an uphill battle for them to make healthy choices.
- My children are mostly adults now, however when they were little and we went out to eat, it made it so easy when my children's choices were milk or water, and we didn't have to argue about soda or chocolate milk. When I had to a battle my kids about their drink at the restaurant, it ruined the experience of eating out for all of us. I truly appreciate the restaurants that offer healthy options.
- As a public health food inspector, we check the restaurant's menu as part of our regular inspection. In Lafayette and Longmont where there are similar ordinances, we also look at the children's menu to see what beverages are offered. In my experience, restaurants have not had a hard time shifting to offering healthy drinks on their kids' menus.
- Our goal at Boulder County Public Health is to work in partnership with restaurants and with the community. We want restaurants to be successful and we want our kids to be healthy. This ordinance makes it possible for both of those things to happen.
- I respectfully ask that you support the Healthy Drinks in Children's Meals policy.

**From:** [H M](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [H M](#)  
**Subject:** Don't weaken our building codes, keep them strong for our future  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 9:49:04 AM

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Dear City Council Members,

Progress for Louisville means that we need building codes that support and require an electrified and decarbonized future for tomorrow's air quality reading, future generations, and our planet.

Please hold to the ICC standards and do not vote to weaken or delay green building standards for Louisville.

Here is a link to a Forbes article with information and statistics on building codes and how important they are for business and communities as a powerful yet underused climate tool.  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/energyinnovation/2020/12/02/a-powerful-yet-underused-climate-tool-building-codes/>

"...data has proven [methane leakage](#) from gas is a bigger problem than previously thought, electric building components are now far cleaner than gas.

We also now know how [dangerous it is to burn fossil fuels indoors](#), especially for children and those with underlying respiratory conditions."

Also, please reinstate all the city solar roof projects back into the 2025-6 General Fund capital budgets. My neighborhood roofs are full of solar panels, our city buildings should follow suit.

Voting to weaken our green building codes and defund city roof solar projects is a huge step backward for our children, community and environment. Please champion decarbonization, we can't afford not to.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Helen Moshak  
Louisville Resident

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**From:** [Jennifer Wieczorek](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Please support healthy beverages in kids meals ordinance  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:51:07 AM

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Hello-

As a parent I think this ordinance is extremely supportive of families and our children's health. Marketing to our children is out of control and so effective in their young and impressionable brains. Companies like sugar drink companies emotionally manipulate our children to choose a beverage that when consumed in excess increases the risk of cavities, type two diabetes and heart disease. Families often go out to eat to have a nice meal together and children don't have the agency to consider long term health impacts. Removing the marketing helps parents maintain privacy in their children's lives and supports us with not having arguments about what to drink when out to a meal. Our lives are busy and we rely on restaurants for nutrition. Restaurants can do better by removing the marketing and supporting parents with making choices for their families. Thank you for your consideration of supporting a healthy drinks in kids meal ordinance.

A Mom in Colorado who cares about ALL children's health-  
Jennifer Moreland

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**From:** [Hulbert, Amelia](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Healthy Drinks in Kid's Meals  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 1:05:30 PM

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Dear Louisville City Council,

My name is Amelia Hulbert, and I work on Boulder County Public Health's Healthy Eating/Active Living team. I am thrilled at your consideration of a Healthy Drinks in Kid's Meal ordinance. I was involved in the Lafayette campaign back in 2016 and have seen Christina Edstrom's hard work on the Longmont campaign. I know you all are well versed in the benefits of an ordinance like this on kids' health and how this doesn't take away choice but actually expands it and support parents in helping their children drink healthier options while dining out.

I'd like to focus on how this ordinance promotes health equity and sustainability, two of your priorities. This ordinance will promote health equity for the community by ensuring that all Louisville restaurants with kid's meals, including lower-cost chains, serve a healthy default beverage like water or unflavored milk with kid's meals. This uniform coverage will mean that all kids who are dining at any Louisville restaurant, regardless of household income or geographic location, with a kid's meal will have a healthier default beverage option. This means that kids from all income levels will have access to the same healthier food environment. We know this ordinance is supported by the Louisville restaurant community, and not just locally owned restaurants. Many Louisville restaurants, including chains, have voluntarily signed a pledge to not serve sugary drinks on their kid's meals.

This ordinance also supports sustainability goals. Sugary drinks are incredibly water intensive to make. [According to experts](#), "bottling a meager liter of soda uses 442 to 618 liters of fresh water. Furthermore, large amounts of water are required to grow crops such as corn and sugarcane for the sweeteners commonly used in sugary drinks. This is a huge investment of precious natural resources for beverages that do not contribute to our overall nutrition, do not make us feel full, and are not making us healthier. There is also immense plastic waste with bottling sugary drinks.

I look forward to your final discussion of this ordinance. Please pass a Healthy Drinks in Kid's Meal policy in Louisville to support Louisville's children!

I welcome any questions,

Amelia Hulbert  
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**From:** [Ralph Tavino](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** RESOLUTION NO. 44 - SUPPORT OF RTD'S BALLOT MEASURE  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 3:09:37 PM

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I see this agenda item in tonight's Council meeting. I urge you to reject this resolution. RTD has mishandled our tax dollars for many years, most notably with 20 years of our community's contribution to FasTracks. Louisville has paid into that project since its inception, and has seen no benefits (unless you consider the new "Flatiron Flyer" paint jobs on buses a benefit).

RTD does not deserve any additional support from our community. Paying the normal RTD tax is reasonable enough, given that we are served by the district to some extent. However, RTD's request that we show support for TABOR relief in the upcoming election is insulting arrogance on their part.

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