

To the Salida City Council,

The following organizations and individuals have written letters of support for the Social Host Ordinance they wish to be included when the ordinance is proposed to the city council:

- Chaffee County Sheriff's Office
- Buena Vista Police Department
- Chaffee County Department of Human Services
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Chaffee County
- Chaffee County Public Health
- Partnership for Community Action
- Full Circle Restorative Justice
- The Extraordinary Teen Council
- Solvista Health
- Family and Youth Initiatives
- Sue Ceglowski
- Miki Hodge

Please see the attached letters for further details.

Sincerely,

Salida Police Department
Chaffee County Youth Alliance



Chaffee County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff, John A. Spezze
Undersheriff, Andrew Rohrich

28 May 2024

Salida City Council
Salida, CO

Dear Salida City Council Members:

I am writing you in support of the City of Salida establishing a Social Host Ordinance. Having such an ordinance is vital to the healthy upbringing and safety of our youth. As you know, Chaffee County is a relatively small rural community with little entertainment to offer our youth who do not like to take advantage of all the recreation the mountains offer. This sometimes leads to socially abusing alcohol or recreation drugs with their friends.

We have to accept that our youth will make mistakes as their brains are developing. It is up to all of us adults to steer and guide them towards those proper decisions that are moral and lawful. But, when one of us peers veer away from the rules of society and provide easy access to these intoxicants, there must be ramifications.

The social host ordinance being presented to you for approval gives our law enforcement one more tool to combat those who refuse to follow the rules of society and are all too willing to provide an establishment for juveniles to break the law. The city of Salida has a chance to be a positive trend setter for Chaffee County by adopting this ordinance. We hope that the City of Buena Vista and the Chaffee County Commissioners will follow your lead in the near future. I challenge you to find an educated reason why this would not be a good idea. This is for the health and well being of our children.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Regards,

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Andy Rohrich, Undersheriff
Chaffee County Sheriff's Office



To Whom It May Concern,

May 28, 2024

This letter is to voice the support of the Buena Vista Police Department for the Social Host Ordinance. We plan on trying to get an ordinance like this passed in Buena Vista as well. Underage substance abuse is a concerning matter in our community, and an ordinance like this can act as a tool for law enforcement when dealing with these issues, and as a deterrent to this sort of behavior.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dean Morgan".

Dean Morgan,
Chief of Police



To the Salida City Council,

As the Director of Chaffee County Department of Human Services, I am writing to inform you that Chaffee County DHS fully supports the Social Host Ordinance being proposed by the Chaffee County Youth Alliance and the Salida Police Department. Chaffee County DHS is prepared to provide a youth substance use course to any individuals who may violate the ordinance.

The proactive approach taken by the Social Host Ordinance not only addresses a real gap currently in our legislation, but also demonstrates our commitment to the well-being of our community's youth. It will empower law enforcement officers with a necessary legislative tool to more confidently address situations they encounter, and will address a real issue impacting the families in our community. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Monica Haskell, Director
Chaffee County Department of Human Services

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Boys & Girls Clubs of
Buena Vista Branch
P.O. Box 5148
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Tel 719-395-7014

Jan 15, 2024

Salida City Council,

I am writing to express our wholehearted support, along with the Salida City Police Department, Family & Youth Initiatives, and Chaffee County Department of Human Services, for the proposed Social Host Ordinance aimed at prohibiting adults from hosting underage parties involving substances for youth. We believe that such a measure is crucial for the well-being and safety of our community's youth and will fill an enforcement gap that currently exists in our town.

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Thank you for your dedication to the welfare of our community, and we stand ready to support the successful adoption and implementation of this crucial ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Brian Beaulieu

Executive Director

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County

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Chaffee County Public Health

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April 8, 2024

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Sincerely,

Andrea Carlstrom, Director
Chaffee County Public Health

To the Salida City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the PfCA to show support, along with the Salida City Police Department, Family & Youth Initiatives, and Chaffee County Department of Human Services, for the proposed Social Host Ordinance aimed at prohibiting adults from hosting underage parties involving substances for youth. We believe that such a measure is crucial for the well-being and safety of our community's youth and will fill an enforcement gap that currently exists in our town.

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Sincerely,
Jimmy Sellars
Director of Policy & Programming
Partnership for Community Action



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Sincerely,

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Eric S Lee, Executive Director



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Sincerely, *Extraordinary Teen Council*
[Signatures]
Diana Allen



April 30, 2024

Salida City Council,

I am writing to express Solvista Health's support for the proposed Social Host Ordinance aimed at prohibiting adults from hosting parties involving substances for minors. We believe that such a measure is crucial for the well-being and safety of our community's youth and will fill an enforcement gap that currently exists in our town.

Our community is built on the principles of fostering a safe and nurturing environment for our residents, particularly our youth. The occurrence of parties involving illicit substance use by minors creates substantial risk to the health and future of our youth and the community overall. It should be taken very seriously that such gatherings are often condoned and even hosted by adults and warrants stronger tools for enforcement. The proposed ordinance demonstrates our commitment alongside other local partners to reduce risk factors, enhance protective factors, and promote healthy pro-social activities for the wellbeing of our community's young people.

We hope this ordinance will deter adults from normalizing substance use among minors and amplify the importance of preventing substance use among young people and more broadly in our community. The ordinance serves as a preventive tool to promote responsible behavior and foster a sense of responsibility, discouraging irresponsible behavior that can lead to negative consequences for both individuals and the community overall.

We are committed to working collaboratively with the town and its residents to raise awareness about this issue and help educate the community about the importance of promoting healthy activities and social connection among our youth, instead of condoning potentially destructive behaviors. We wholeheartedly endorse the proposed ordinance and are confident that its implementation will contribute to the continued wellbeing and safety of our community.

Thank you for your dedication to the welfare of our beloved community, and we stand ready to support the health and wellness of all who call it home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Brian Turner'.

Brian Turner, MPH
CEO



Dear Salida City Council,

May 6, 2024

I am writing to express Family and Youth Initiative's wholehearted support, along with the Salida City Police Department, and Chaffee County Department of Human Services, for the proposed Social Host Ordinance aimed at prohibiting adults from hosting underage parties involving substances for youth. We believe that such a measure is crucial for the well-being and safety of our community's youth and will fill an enforcement gap that currently exists in our town.

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Sincerely,

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Andrea Schulz-Ward
Supervisor, Family & Youth Initiatives

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Sincerely,

Sue Ceglowski 3/26/2024

To the Salida City Council,

April 18, 2024

My name is Miki Hodge, I live at 331 E. 1st in Salida. I have been an active community member since I moved here in 2002. I am the founder of Chaffee County Mentors, and co-founder of Family Youth Initiatives (FYI). I also served on the initial board that transitioned the after-school program Kids Campus to a sustainable national Boys & Girls Club charter. I am a business owner; mother of a teen, and my heart is invested in youth and family wellbeing in Salida. I was the initial coordinator for the Communities That Care (CTC) initiative and worked to implement the Health Kids Survey in both Salida and Buena Vista school districts. Alcohol has always been our local youth drug of choice and is not slowing down. I am writing in support of creating a Social Host Ordinance for the city of Salida. Culture matters, how we act, and message liquor and substance use in our community matters. If we do not keep pushing ahead with efforts such as these, we are all to blame when tragedy strikes.

Youth ages 11-14 years see an average of 3 liquor party style ads a day. Our small community is saturated in messaging regarding Happy Hours, 2 for 1's, and marijuana green bud deals of the week. Because we cannot trust the alcohol/ substance use industry to regulate itself and prevent youth exposure to ad campaigns, we must take it upon ourselves to be proactive to create responsible counter messaging and community expectations. Getting upriver of the issue, placing Social Host Ordinance guardrails is a simple, responsible step to keeping our local youth safe and reminding adults that their decisions are critical.

I wholeheartedly endorse the proposed ordinance and am confident that its implementation will contribute to the continued well-being and safety of our community.

Thank you for your time, work, and care of Salida.

Sincerely,

Miki Hodge

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