

# APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SALIDA COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

DATE February 11, 2024	
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APPLYING FOR:  Board of Adjustment  City Council  Historic Preservation Commission  Planning Commission  PROST	Salida/Chaffee County Airport Board Public Art Commission Tree Board Sustainability Committee Other
Please fill out the following information this position. (Attach resume or extra subsection of the position of	•,
I currently work in the service industry here in Southwest Conservation Corp. I'm also currer grant review committee as well as a future me (pending ballot survey results). While in Salida City Treasurer position during this past election Prior to my move to Salida in 2021, I was invo	Salida and have previous experience working with the only volunteering with the CCCF as a member of the ember of the CHA's Ballot Initiative Committee at I had the experience of running a campaign for the on cycle.  Solved in youth development in Denver. My job a Director at the Schlessman YMCA, quickly followed over at Wyatt Academy.

#### PERSONAL AND JOB RELATED INTERESTS:

#### Personal:

- Camping, hiking, trail running, rafting, and all the other outdoor recreation Salida has to offer (except skiing... this Florida girl doesn't quite understand the draw to winter sports)
- Maintaining a grounded sense of self through meditation, reading, yoga, relearning the violin, and playing in different rec leagues in Salida and BV Job Related:
- Attending (and coming prepared to) city council meetings and work sessions, planning commission meetings, What's Up Salida, and other city events

#### REASONS FOR APPLYING:

Ultimately I have one reason as to why I'm applying to be on council: I care deeply about the future of Salida.

Please see my attached Letter of Interest for more information.

Thank you for applying, Salida City Council

Please return the completed application to:

City of Salida 448 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 112 Salida, CO 81201 or email to: Clerk@cityofsalida.com Dear Mayor Dan Shore, Councilman Justin Critelli, Councilwoman Suzanne Fontana, Councilwoman Dominique Naccarato, Councilwoman Alisa Pappenfort, and Councilman Aaron Stephens,

My name is Wayles Martin and I am writing this letter in order to express my interest in the Salida, Ward 3 Council-member position that was vacated by Harald Kasper's resignation on February 6, 2024. I have held residency in Ward 3 for over 2 years and am currently under contract with the Chaffee Housing Trust to purchase a home in Ward 3.

My previous experience running for City Treasurer, in this past election cycle, only increased my interest in Salida's city government; a passion that is apparent in my consistent attendance at various city meetings, and ongoing relationship building with diverse leaders within our community. By actively engaging in community events, I have come to have an understanding of what I believe most directly impacts Salida in a positive way: allowing for all Ward 3 constituents to not only feel heard, but also, and more importantly, accurately represented.

As a current member of the workforce, I would represent a portion of our community that is under represented on council. For an economy that relies so heavily on tourists, the city must recognize the necessity of prioritizing the service industry workers who make it happen. For this population to have a voice on council would mean that the perspective of those in the lower/middle-class would have a voice in decision-making matters.

If appointed, I do understand that I would be representing my entire ward, and not just those in my demographic. To do this I would engage with all of the residents in Ward 3. I would make myself available. I would listen to opposing views and, through civil conversation, come to understand differing points of view. Communication is critical in any relationship, but especially when it comes to acting as a representative of the people. I will work hard to make sure information is easily available, and transparent.

My goal for Salida is to remain focused on three things: the needs of our local workforce, maintaining a vibrant economy, and insuring sustainability in growth and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Wayles Martin Ward 3

# Wayles N. Martin

Salida, CO 81201 | (239) 898-5149 | waylesmartin@gmail.com

#### Education

Stetson University- Deland, FL

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with Minors in both Religious Studies and Political Science

University of Colorado - Denver, CO

Colorado Teacher Certification, ASPIRE Program

# Employment Experience

#### Line Cook / Production Manager

April 2021 - Present

Graduated: 2016

Completed: 2020

Sweetie's Sandwich Shop / The Biker & The Baker – Salida, CO

- Prepared sandwiches and brunch items for customers with integrity
- Facilitated multiple events for employees to participate in to establish a positive work environment
- Assisted the owners in creating and implementing a start-up called "Hey, Sweetie!" in which I currently act as a Production Manager, having created systems of efficiency for production and employee training

Teacher July 2019 – January 2021

Fourth Grade at Wyatt Academy - Denver, CO

- Observed and evaluated students' academic performance, behavior, social development and physical health
- Enhanced student learning by optimizing wide range of instructional approaches and innovative classroom activities
- Evaluated and revised lesson plans and course content to facilitate and moderate classroom discussions and student centered learning
- Kept students on-task with proactive behavior modification and positive reinforcement strategies
- Chosen to be on interview committee for those applying for Lead Teacher position

#### **Teach for America**

February 2019 - January 2021

AmeriCorps Member – Sub-region, CO

- Member of a highly selective non-profit organization serving students in low income areas
- Participated in intensive summer training program to develop the skills and knowledge needed to achieve significant gains in student achievement. Simultaneously taught in summer school program run by Teach for America for students under the supervision of a faculty of experienced teachers
- Engaged in professional development specific to my teaching license area

Site Director September 2017 – May 2019

YMCA of Metropolitan Denver – Denver, CO

- Responsibilities encompassed planning, supervising, and implementing curriculum for the school age program and summer day camp; including but not limited to confirming field trips, payment methods, and bussing spreadsheets
- Supervised and trained 10 staff members. They also received support through our weekly staff meetings that focused on the strengths of our team as well as where we could improve
- Communicated accounts receivable information, behavioral issues, and weekly schedules to parents
- Implemented a risk management program to ensure the safety and well being of all children at all times
- Maintained accurate documentation related to medical information of students

#### References

Rob GartzmanAnna AllegrettiMerrell BerginSweetie's Sandwich ShopDHSArk Valley Voice303-903-4620505-690-0721303-601-1785

# **Wayles for Council Appointment**

# Robin n <robinnejame@gmail.com>

Wed 2/28/2024 4:57 PM

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin who is seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3. Wayles currently works in the service industry, has experience teaching, and previously worked with the Southwest Conservation Corp., making her a well-rounded candidate that can speak to three of our city's biggest concerns: workforce housing, education and childcare, and sustainability. This kind of experience would certainly be an asset to the City of Salida. Her dedication to our community is seen in her ongoing commitment to attending city council work sessions and regular meetings. It is evident in her public comments that Wayles is thoughtful, prepared, and solution-oriented. This is exactly what makes Wayles an ideal candidate for Council. Her willingness to show up and listen, and not always speak, demonstrates her leadership skills. Furthermore, Wayles has actually run for local public office, displaying her passion, determination, and absolute will to become a public servant. Wayles is kind and approachable which is essential for constituents and councilmembers alike. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for Salida.

Full disclosure, I am presently not living in City limits, but I do own three properties in city limits and will be voting in this November's election in city limits, as my house in town will be complete. Having Wayles on Council impacts me now as a property owner and will impact me when I am back in town. I hope that you will not discount my voice because of where I am presently residing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robin NeJame

# Support for Wayles Martin to fill Council vacancy

# M B <mberginco@gmail.com>

Sun 2/11/2024 12:03 PM

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Cc:Sara Law <sara.law@cityofsalida.com>

Mayor Shore and Council Members:

Last week, the City was presented with both a challenge and a unique opportunity.

The loss of Harald Kasper's fourteen years of experience, calm, professionalism, and wisdom comes at a time when the City faces new economic realities as well as reemerging divisiveness. Fortunately, Wayles Martin has once again risen to this challenge. I urge you to appoint her, as she is, far and away, the best qualified candidate to represent Ward 3.

Ever since last summer when she ran (and almost won) the race for City Treasurer, Martin has continued the role of a model constituent. She is a picture of the "Ten Habits of Good Citizens". In the words of author Richard Haas, she is "Informed..Gets Involved..Open to Compromise and above all, "Promotes the Common Good" --- to name just a few criteria from his "Bill of Obligations".

She has attended nearly every Council regular meeting, multiple work sessions and spoken often and widely in public comment. She is a poised, well-prepared public speaker, positive in outlook and one who adds alternatives, value and solutions to Council discussions. Martin is also the perfect understudy, having quietly done detailed homework for the last six months. No candidate is better prepared to hit the ground running and she will enhance the public's perception of, and trust in the work of the Council.

As a retired city elected, I have worked with the majority of the Council and city staff and understand what it takes to sustain our high-performance team -- one that works well internally as well as serving a diverse public. With a major in psychology and work experience in education, nonprofits and hospitality, it's clear that Wayles Martin is keen for public service and has a gift for understanding people, helping with their needs and knowing how to communicate at multiple levels.

Having listened to her speak to the Council, I am confident that she will be thoughtful, holistic in approach, considerate of fellow Council members but a contributor of original thinking, and in the end, ready to support the consensus.

While representing a demographic that is currently missing on the Council, she is not a single-issue person. Education, childcare, economic vitality, sustainability and the need for seniors to age in place are areas she also seeks to enhance. After years of persistence, Martin is a first-time home buyer who is committed to Salida. She has a long runway and is ready for takeoff.

Wayles Martin is, in a small way, Salida's own Leonard Bernstein, who 80 years ago, stepped up at the last moment to the podium of the New York Philharmonic, assuming a

leading role, without a formal rehearsal. Council will be fortunate indeed to seize this unique opportunity, welcome fresh thinking and engage the younger generation and those who follow, to help drive our success.

Merrell Bergin

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# T.W. Winston <ribsnwhiskey@gmail.com>

Sun 3/3/2024 8:50 AM

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3. Wayles currently works in the service industry, has experience teaching, and previously worked with the Southwest Conservation Corp., making her a well-rounded candidate that can speak to three of our city's biggest concerns: workforce housing, education and childcare, and sustainability. Her dedication to the betterment of our community is seen in her ongoing commitment to attending all city council work sessions and regular meetings. Wayles is always encouraging others to join her at these meetings and is eager to share the latest city updates with those unable to attend. It is evident in her public comments that Wayles is thoughtful, prepared, and solution-oriented. Her willingness to show up and listen, and not always speak, demonstrates her leadership skills. Wayles is approachable and easy to work with, which is essential for constituents and councilmembers alike. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida.

Thank you for your consideration. Best Regards, T.W. Winston aka Chief ribsnwhiskey@gmail.com

# **City Council Appointment**

# Cathie Correy < correydesign 101@gmail.com>

Tue 3/5/2024 5:46 PM

To:Sara Law <sara.law@cityofsalida.com>;waylesmartin@gmail.com <waylesmartin@gmail.com>

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Wayles Martin, who is seeking an appointment to the City Council for Ward 3. I firmly believe that Wayles' diverse background makes her the ideal candidate to tackle some of Salida's most pressing issues, including workforce housing, education, childcare, and sustainability. Wayles has demonstrated her commitment to the community by attending all city council work sessions and regular meetings and encouraging others to do the same. She is a proven leader who listens more than she speaks and is always approachable and easy to work with. In her public comments, Wayles has shown herself knowledgeable, thoughtful, and focused on finding solutions. She is a well-rounded candidate who has worked in the service industry, taught, and served with the Southwest Conservation Corp. Her dedication to the betterment of our community is evident in her actions, and I believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida. I would like you to consider Wayles Martin for this important appointment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Cathie Correy

# **Wayles Martin**

#### Gayle Anne Dudley <qadudley@live.com>

Fri 3/8/2024 2:28 PM

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I know that you will be choosing a replacement for Harold Kasper, and I would like to recommend that you consider Wayles Martin to fill his spot. Harold has been a positive force in this amazing community, and I know that Wayles will do the same. I have known Wayles both socially and at her business for quite some time. She is truly a knowledgeable and concerned citizen, with a desire to make a difference. I know she would be an excellent addition to our already FAB city council. Thank you for your consideration.

Gayle Anne Dudley 719-221-0651 Salida, Co.

# Elizabeth Jensen <elizabeth.jensen44@gmail.com>

Mon 2/26/2024 3:00 PM

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#### Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3. Wayles currently works in the service industry, has experience teaching, and previously worked with the Southwest Conservation Corp., making her a well-rounded candidate that can speak to three of our city's biggest concerns: workforce housing, education and childcare, and sustainability. Her dedication to the betterment of our community is seen in her ongoing commitment to attending all city council work sessions and regular meetings. Wayles is always encouraging others to join her at these meetings and is eager to share the latest city updates with those unable to attend. It is evident in her public comments that Wayles is thoughtful, prepared, and solution-oriented. Her willingness to show up and listen, and not always speak, demonstrates her leadership skills. Wayles is approachable and easy to work with, which is essential for constituents and councilmembers alike. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida.

Thank you for your consideration. Liz Jensen

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Elizabeth Jensen (831) 515-9342

"Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."- Einstein

# Kiersten King < kierstenking 91@gmail.com >

Sat 3/2/2024 9:35 AM

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Dear Council Members and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3. Wayles currently works in the service industry, has experience teaching, and previously worked with the Southwest Conservation Corp., making her a well-rounded candidate that can speak to three of our city's biggest concerns: workforce housing, education and childcare, and sustainability. Her dedication to the betterment of our community is seen in her ongoing commitment to attending all city council work sessions and regular meetings. Wayles is always encouraging others to join her at these meetings and is eager to share the latest city updates with those unable to attend. It is evident in her public comments that Wayles is thoughtful, prepared, and solution-oriented. Her willingness to show up and listen, and not always speak, demonstrates her leadership skills. Wayles is approachable and easy to work with, which is essential for constituents and council members alike. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida.

Thank you for your consideration. Kiersten King

#### Ward 3

# Angela Mokate <angelamokate@gmail.com>

Tue 3/5/2024 11:39 AM

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Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3. I believe Wayles' education, work history and community involvement all show signs of her outstanding character as well as her commitment to better her community. I have had the pleasure of working with Wayles and can speak to the caliber of person she is as well as her work ethic. Wayles will always show up and put the work in. She has the grace to listen to all sides and opinions but isn't afraid to speak up. I believe her dedication to the betterment of our community is seen in her ongoing commitment to attending all city council work sessions and regular meetings. Wayles is always encouraging others to get involved whether it's attending meetings, supporting others in the community or joining committees. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida.

Thank you for your consideration." Angela Mokate

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# Angela Mokate

(719) 398-1836 Work cell (719) 395-0101- Office angelamokate@gmail.com

Salida Digs - Search for Homes, New Builds, Fixers and Land

# **Wayles Martin**

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Tue 2/13/2024 10:59 AM

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Salida Council Members,

I am writing in support of Wayles Martin to fill the two year vacant position for Ward 3.

Wayles has a strong interest in public service and community issues. They have shown their dedication to the community and great interest in learning more and becoming more involved at council meetings in the past several months.

Wales has such a positive approach towards working on community issues and would be an excellent addition to the Council.

I'll look forward to hearing more from her as a leader in our community!

Sincerely, Shannon Nelson Salida, Colorado

Sent from my iPhone

# Stephanie Thomas <stephaniethomas0130@gmail.com>

Fri 3/1/2024 8:48 PM

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#### Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3. Wayles currently works in the service industry, has experience teaching, and previously worked with the Southwest Conservation Corp., making her a well-rounded candidate that can speak to three of our city's biggest concerns: workforce housing, education and childcare, and sustainability. Her dedication to the betterment of our community is seen in her ongoing commitment to attending all city council work sessions and regular meetings. Wayles is always encouraging others to join her at these meetings and is eager to share the latest city updates with those unable to attend. It is evident in her public comments that Wayles is thoughtful, prepared, and solution-oriented. Her willingness to show up and listen, and not always speak, demonstrates her leadership skills. Wayles is approachable and easy to work with, which is essential for constituents and councilmembers alike. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida.

Thank you for your consideration.

~ Stephanie Thomas ~

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Sincerely,

Attila Agoston

Salida Resident

# Support for Wayles Martin for City Councilor

#### dan bush <danielrbush@gmail.com>

Mon 3/4/2024 10:35 AM

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#### Dear Councilmembers and Mayor,

I'm sending this email in support of Wayles Martin seeking City Council appointment for Ward 3 subsequent to Harald Kasper's resignation. I got to know Ms. Martin a bit when she was campaigning for Treasurer and I think she would be an excellent representative for Ward 3. Ms. Martin is a well-rounded candidate who is very knowledgeable about some of Salida's biggest concerns including workforce housing, childcare, and sustainability. In fact, as a member of the Planning Commission, i know Wayles has spoken at various meetings regarding housing in particular, and her ongoing commitment to attending and contributing to public forums is admirable. She currently works in the service industry, has experience teaching, and previously worked with the Southwest Conservation Corp, which i think contribute to a broad-based understanding of the issues in our town and considering those issues from different points of view, particularly valuable as a councilperson. It is evident in her public comments that Wayles is thoughtful, prepared, and solution-oriented. Her willingness to show up and listen, and not always speak, demonstrates her leadership skills. I strongly believe that appointing Wayles Martin to City Council would be the best possible choice for the future of Salida.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Bush