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February 21, 2024

Mayor Dan Shore
City Council Members
448 E First Street
Salida, Co. 81201

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank every member of the City Council and the Mayor for their support of your Veteran community, along with many members of the business and special interested individuals in the recent decision of leaving “F” Street open in 2024.

While this will enable the Veteran organizations to hold historical parade(s) down “F” street this year, without the barrier issues, it will also avail others within the community to the likes of parking downtown for shorter walking distances and ADA support for those with disabilities, plus emergency responders concerns. It will also give others that promote parades and events to use (with proper permitting) to hold activities that have a “history” in Salida.

With this vote, you have acknowledged those needs of many members of the community. The decision by Mayor Shore, requesting a new committee with community individuals (business and other types of community leaders), to do a full evaluation of all options that could be considered for 2025 when deciding about closing “F” Street. This evaluation will be a community response and suggestions where all needs are brought forth and discussed in a fruitful way. This selected group should be able to demonstrate to the council those individual impact, and concern for various options presented in early 2025 for council to consider.

Using a group in this manner shows a sound understanding of what the people of Salida want, and can be evaluated, along with the study of the impact of city tax revenues in 2024 vs other years where "F" street was closed, including the COVID years.

Involvement of the community and the people that each of you represent should be of the highest consideration in your plans going forward with the closure of "F" Street.

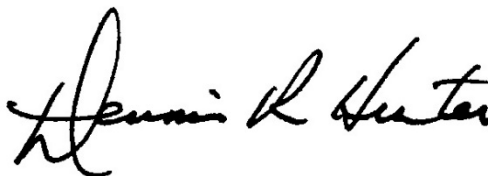
Again, thank you again for your support and acknowledgement of community needs and as for the Veterans we SALUTE YOU!

Respectfully,

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Leisl Hammond

Commander Salida Post #64

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Hunter". The script is cursive and fluid.

Dennis Hunter

Past Commander Salida Post #64

Colorado District #12 Commander