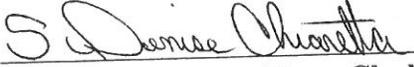


OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE TOWN OF PARACHUTE  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

PRECINCT 25

APRIL 5, 2016

  
S. Denise Chiaretta, Town Clerk  
Town of Parachute

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark an X in black ink in the box to the left of your choice like this:

TRUSTEE

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FOUR

- FRED ANDERSON
- TRAVIS SPROLES
- JUANITA WILLIAMS
- PAMELA JARRETT
- JOHN LOSCHKE
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

RECALL

RECALL QUESTION TRUSTEE

Shall Thomas Rugaard be recalled from the Office of Trustee?

- YES
- NO

Statement of Reason for the Recall

Thomas Rugaard has demonstrated an unwillingness to hear the people, acknowledge what they say, and respond as a responsible representative of the people of Parachute. Thomas Rugaard was one of the Trustees who voted for Ordinance 683 which would allow an unrestricted number of marijuana business establishments in the Town of Parachute. In the subsequent three Town Board of Trustees meetings, citizens were very vocal in their request to be allowed to vote on the issue just as citizens in other nearby towns have. Even when a way was offered to repeal Ordinance 683 and let the people vote on it in the near future, Thomas Rugaard rejected this effort. We maintain Thomas Rugaard should be recalled and replaced with a citizen who desires to listen to and serve the people of the town and make our government more open and transparent.

Statement by Trustee Thomas Rugaard

To Town of Parachute Voters. I am Tom Rugaard, I have been on your Town board for six (6) years. I grew up on a farm outside a small Town in Audubon, IA. I have lived in Parachute since 2003.

The Board of Trustees often have some tough decisions to make. One of those was whether to allow the retail marijuana trade in the Town. Marijuana is legal in Colorado; soon, I am confident, in the whole US. Lifting the ban on stores and/or grow facilities did not make it legal in Town, as it was already legal in the State. All of the points against this industry are cons whether Parachute allows a store or grow facility or not. Marijuana is available to residents now in other communities or illegally on the street.

Having a retail marijuana store or grow facility can help this Town in a many of ways:

1. Help fund this Town as the drilling has pulled out –
  - a. keep our police department
  - b. to help the Town improve,
  - c. fix streets and other Town assets,
  - d. maintain employees for Town services.
2. Help create private sector jobs and other new businesses.
3. Help fund a drug awareness at the schools.
4. Provide a highly regulated product for people who wish to use marijuana.
5. Help keep property values up for property tax revenues that funds our schools and fire district.
6. Bring people to our Town in hopes of other businesses to follow (we need traffic).

I appreciate your support you have given me to serve the Town of Parachute. I hope to continue as your Town Trustee.

Submitted by: Tom Rugaard

Date: February 18, 2016

IF YOU VOTED "NO" ABOVE, THEN STOP. IF YOU VOTED "YES" ON THE RECALL QUESTION ABOVE, THEN VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE BELOW.

NO CANDIDATE RECALL PETITION TURNED IN.

BALLOT CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

**RECALL QUESTION TRUSTEE**

Shall Timothy Olk be recalled from the Office of Trustee?

- YES  
 NO

**Statement of Reason for the Recall**

Timothy Olk has demonstrated an unwillingness to hear the people, acknowledge what they say, and respond as a responsible representative of the people of Parachute. Timothy Olk was one of the Trustees who voted for Ordinance 683 which would allow an unrestricted number of marijuana business establishments in the Town of Parachute. In the subsequent three Town Board of Trustees meetings, citizens were very vocal in their request to be allowed to vote on the issue just as citizens in other nearby towns have. Even when a way was offered to repeal Ordinance 683 and let the people vote on it in the near future, Timothy Olk rejected this effort. We maintain Timothy Olk should be recalled and replaced with a citizen who desires to listen to and serve the people of the town and make our town government more open and transparent.

**Statement by Trustee Timothy Olk**

Parachute is shaping up to be a wonderful place to live. I would like to see it become a great place to live and work, as too many drive 30+ minutes for work now. The oil and gas industry is not coming back for a while and we need to diversify our economy by bringing in other businesses. The current Town Board of Trustees is working on making that a reality. I will continue to work to help Parachute grow and bring in new jobs.

Jobs have been a large priority for me and the rest of the Board; bringing in new business that hire local people benefit everyone. Too many local businesses have closed their doors over the last several years and were not replaced by other small businesses. We need to work on attracting people from outside of Parachute into Town to spend their dollars through businesses and things to do. This will help the economy grow and raise property values. If we persist in standing stagnant and refuse to progress with the times, we are bound to see the Town wither and die.

Submitted by: Tim Olk

Date: February 17, 2016

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**LONNIE STANLEY**

- YES  
 NO

**RECALL QUESTION MAYOR**

Shall Roy McClung be recalled from the Office of Mayor?

- YES  
 NO

**Statement of Reason for the Recall**

Roy McClung has demonstrated an unwillingness to hear the people, acknowledge what they say, and respond as a responsible representative of the people of Parachute. Mayor McClung has repeatedly failed to comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, which requires open public meetings and public notice of such meetings. Mayor McClung has stated repeatedly his support for Ordinance 683 which would allow an unlimited number of marijuana businesses. In the three Town Board meetings following the adoption of Ordinance 683, citizens were very vocal in their request to be allowed to vote on the issue. A legal method for allowing a vote by citizens in the near future was suggested, but Mayor McClung refused to bring it up for discussion. On several occasions, Mayor McClung has closed down comments from citizens and failed to provide a way for citizens to speak if they needed more than three minutes to state their views. Mayor McClung should be replaced with a citizen who desires to listen to and serve the people of the Town in this position and make the actions of our Town government more open and transparent.

**Statement by Mayor McClung**

I have served as Mayor for the Town of Parachute for six (6) years (2006-2010 and 2014 – present). During my time in office, the Town has managed to build a new I-70 interchange; secure over \$2.0 million in grants; build a new Town Hall; and provide activities for local residents which include Oktoberfest and other social events. While not everyone may agree with my ideals or beliefs, I have always been open to listening to Town residents regarding their ideas or concerns for the Town and have always acted in the best interest of the Town. The public record will reflect this. I have worked to build relationships with other agencies (Garfield County, CDOT, DOLA, State of Colorado, CMC, etc.) that will benefit our community. My experience comes from serving my community for nearly 15 years as well as serving on the Colorado Municipal League executive committee.

This recall is simply an effort by a group of citizens that does not agree with a single decision of the Town; did not take the time to familiarize themselves with Town procedures; did not participate at any level regarding Town issues; and does not understand the dire economic situation we are presently faced with. Rather than try to work with the elected officials, this group has put forth effort to slander them, undermine them, and remove them from office. This effort has caused the Town to spend excessive amounts of money in legal fees. The players have driven away prospective businesses, have boycotted local businesses, and further degraded our local economy by creating a hostile business environment.

My goal is to grow Parachute's economy; attract new and diverse businesses; provide recreational opportunities; create a stable economy; provide a friendly business and family environment; and make Parachute truly a Safe Place to Land.

Submitted by: Roy McClung

Date: February 18, 2016

**IF YOU VOTED "NO" ABOVE, THEN STOP. IF YOU VOTED "YES" ON THE RECALL QUESTIONS ABOVE, THEN VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE BELOW.**

**MAYOR**

**JUDITH R. HAYWARD**

- YES  
 NO