

Candidate Profile

Candidate: *Bill Brown*

Years in Estes Park: *5-1/2 years - family history back to the 1960s*

Prior Experience - Career Information: *Attorney - 1977 to present. Specialized in business law, tax law and mergers and acquisitions. Former managing partner of 60 attorney law firm in Des Moines, Iowa. Former adjunct professor of law at Drake University and University of Iowa law schools*

Previous Participation on Town Boards or Committees: *Manager of Visit Estes Park Lodging Tax Exploration Task Force; lobbied for passage of 6E increasing lodging tax to pay for workforce housing and child care; Estes Park Housing Authority Board member; Estes Chamber legislative ambassador*

Educational Background: *Juris doctorate from University of Iowa College of Law; L.L.M. degree in Taxation from University of Alabama. Author of numerous professional journal articles on tax law.*

Narrative: *

I am running for a second term on the Estes Park Town Board and I would like to ask for your support. I have a long family history in Estes Park dating back to the early 1960s when my parents became a part of this community. My father helped form the Upper Thompson Sanitation District and he served on the hospital board. My mom was active in the Elizabeth Guild and was a volunteer at the library. As a teenager my first job was at the Kentucky Fried Chicken on Moraine (now Smokin' Dave's BBQ) and in college I drove the truck up Trail Ridge to supply the shop on top of Trail Ridge. I believe we must strike the right balance between the needs of the residents and our local businesses while recognizing that, as the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park's leading industry is tourism. While providing a hospitable place for guests is important, we must nevertheless be a community that prioritizes those who call Estes home. We must also understand that communities are living organisms and communities must adapt to change and be open to smart growth in order to support our local businesses, provide needed services to our residents, and maintain its infrastructure. I am concerned about our aging housing stock and the challenges of affordability for our local workforce. People need to be able to live in the community where they work. That is one of the hallmarks of a strong community.