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Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, KRDO NewsRadio and KRDO NewsChannel 13
Host Colorado Springs Mayoral Candidate Forum on Affordable Homeownership

Colorado Springs, CO (Feb. 21, 2023)—On Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity, KRDO NewsRadio and KRDO NewsChannel 13 will host a forum for the Colorado Springs mayoral candidates to discuss affordable homeownership, which voters have identified as one of their top three priorities. The event takes place from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Ent Center for the Arts, 5225 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Candidates will have the opportunity to answer moderated questions and offer their solutions to this critical issue.

Registration and parking are free, but tickets must be reserved in advance, as seats are limited. ASL interpreters will be onstage with the candidates. Anyone unable to attend in person can tune in to live broadcasts on KRDO NewsRadio and KRDO.com, courtesy of Gold Hill Mesa.

All 12 mayoral candidates have confirmed their participation in the forum. To provide each of them with sufficient time to respond to questions, the event will be broken into two panels of six candidates each, with an intermission in between.

The candidates, listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot, are as follows:

- Sallie Clark
- Kallen Reece Rodebaugh
- John “Tig” Tiegen
- Yemi Mobolade
- Christopher Mitchell
- Lawrence Joseph Martinez
- Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.
Kris Lewis, the executive director/CEO of Pikes Peak Habitat, will serve as event host. She will welcome audiences, explain the forum and provide concluding remarks.

The panel will be moderated by Andrew Rogers and Bart Bedsole. Rogers is KRDO NewsRadio program director and morning news anchor. Bedsole is KRDO NewsChannel 13 anchor.

The event begins with an opportunity to meet and greet candidates in the Ent Center lobby from 5:30-6:15 p.m. During this time, attendees can also visit a table in the lobby to write questions for the candidates. Pikes Peak Habitat staff will select questions to present onstage; due to time constraints, not all questions will be asked.

The first panel of six candidates is scheduled from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by a 15-minute intermission. The second panel takes place from 7:45-8:45 p.m. The final 15 minutes of the event is slated for closing remarks and photos onstage.

Media are welcome at the event but must reserve tickets in advance. They also are requested to contact Monique Bos by Tuesday, Feb. 21, to verify credentials and make arrangements for filming requirements and technical support.

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**About Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity**

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter in El Paso County. We construct permanent, affordable homes in partnership with the community and prospective homebuyers, who purchase their homes with affordable mortgages. In addition, our home repair program works with seniors, veterans and other cost-burdened homeowners in El Paso County, who “pay it forward” by serving their communities. Pikes Peak Habitat has been an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International since 1986 and has partnered with more than 200 families in El Paso County. For more information, visit [http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org](http://www.pikespeakhabitat.org) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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