



## **Gauthiere for Mayor**

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I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Greeley Mayor. I have been privileged to be a resident of and a major facilitator of Greeley's growth for the past 42 years. My mission as Mayor would be to provide leadership and analytical thinking to assure affordability and sustainability of the infrastructure and assets critical to Greeley's future.

I am a Registered Professional Engineer with Degrees in Civil Engineering and Environmental Science. I have 50 years of experience in the water industry and served as the City of Greeley Water Department's Chief of Engineering and Management for 22 years between 1979 and 2001. I have a vast and encyclopedic knowledge of the Greeley Water System and regional water issues.

During my time with the Greeley Water Department, I managed every aspect of the Water Department's operations, from rehabilitation of the high mountain dams, to overseeing the purchase of millions of dollars of water rights. I managed the operations of, and improvements to, the Greeley water supply system including dams, treatment plants, and hundreds of miles of transmission and distribution pipelines. I also planned and administered the Department's budget, including all financial planning and water rates. I took great pride in keeping Greeley's water rates among the most affordable of any City on the Front Range. They are now near the top of that range.

One of my priorities at Greeley Water was acquisition and retention of a highly trained and certified staff of motivated employees to operate and maintain the City's water infrastructure economically and successfully. I assembled a commercial dive team of City Employees to take care of Greeley's underwater assets, thereby saving the City millions of dollars. For many years I served on the Board of Directors of several large irrigation companies including the Greeley Loveland Irrigation Company and the Seven Lakes Reservoir Company. During my time with Greeley Water, I was privileged to work with and learn from Greeley's much revered water pioneer, W.D. Farr.

In 2001, I founded Gauthiere Engineering Inc., which has completed many projects for municipal, commercial, and agricultural water providers.

As Mayor, I would bring to the Citizens of Greeley leadership and an open and responsive government that listens to their concerns. I believe in efficiency and transparency in government since it is the Citizens who foot the bill. I would like to implement a digital library for easy access to documents, that would allow Citizens to see the inner working of City operations without a huge expense on their part. Let the sunshine in, what do you say?

I believe it is time to fix the flooding problem downtown, and all around the City. I could bring some leadership to this, since my first experience as an engineer was on the Gulf Coast of Texas where it is necessary to handle massive storms on a regular basis.

Most of all, I want to continue to provide the Citizens of Greeley the clean mountain drinking water that our forefathers started providing back in 1907 and to do so affordably, so that no Citizen is overly burdened by the cost of water service.

While the present City Council has indicated the City will treat uranium concentration to “non-detect level” in Terry Ranch Water, I would propose a Charter requirement to do so. This would assure that future City administrations and Council would be required by law to honor this commitment.

Greeley is a remarkable community filled with an amazing fabric of people. I met many of them when I was petitioning to get the Charter Amendments on the ballot, to give the Citizens a voice in their water future.

Regarding the Charter Amendments, the existing City Council exploited their opportunity to assign ballot titles by assigning deceptive and incorrect titles to the Citizens’ ballot questions. The City’s claims regarding expensive special elections and a required super majority vote are devious scare tactics meant to disenfranchise Greeley Citizens. As stinky as the City’s ballot titles make them smell, please hold your nose and vote Yes on Ballot Questions 2G and 2H to have a voice in your water future. What you signed for in the petition drive, Amendments 17-9 and 17-10, is what will be in the charter if the ballot questions pass.

My overall goal as Mayor would be to ensure our community’s safety and to promote a positive and healthy environment for families to live in, students to learn in, and businesses to grow in.

I would appreciate your support and your vote!