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## **Colorado Communities to Push for State, Federal Climate Action**

Louisville, CO – Nine Colorado communities, from large to small and east to west, have banded together to push for more action to tackle climate change at the state and federal levels.

Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) is this state's first consortium to represent municipalities and counties in advocating state and federal actions providing the authorities, tools, and policy frameworks that communities need to reduce heat-trapping emissions enough to meet local climate-protection goals and help stabilize our climate.

The nine local governments serving as the founding members of CC4CA are Boulder County, the City of Fort Collins, the City of Boulder, Eagle County, the City of Golden, Pitkin County, San Miguel County, the City of Aspen, and the Town of Vail. On the day of its launch, the coalition already represents one-ninth of all Coloradans. Other local governments are considering joining the coalition, and those numbers are expected to grow.

Boulder County Commissioner Elise Jones said, "Colorado has so much at risk from extreme weather, drought, and wildfires that we need to do more at every level of government to protect our public health and safety, environment, and quality of life. This new coalition will unite the voices of counties, cities, and towns to bring about the policies and support we need from the state and federal government so we can take care of our local communities and local residents."

Jackie Kozak Thiel, chief sustainability officer for the City of Fort Collins, said, "Fort Collins has some of the nation's most ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals in the country, and we will be more successful as a region with state and federal support. We can make a difference to build resiliency in our communities if we collaborate to align action and policies, as well as share best practices with other jurisdictions and learn from each other."

Boulder Mayor Suzanne Jones said, "The best way for local governments to achieve change at the state and federal levels is to work collectively to promote a shared policy agenda supported by many communities. This type of collaboration provides much greater influence than any of our individual governments would have on our own."

Eagle County Commissioner and board chair Jeanne McQueeney said, “At the local level, we need a better, more effective framework of state and federal climate policies that support our efforts. Our local climate actions should be part of a coordinated, overall approach to climate change.”

CC4CA is guided by a steering committee comprised of representatives of member local governments and administered by the [Rocky Mountain Climate Organization](#), a nonprofit group with 12 years of experience working with Colorado local governments on climate change policy. The coalition has retained [Frontline Public Affairs](#) to represent it before the General Assembly and other state and federal offices, and is reviewing proposals from law firms to represent it before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

The coalition’s website is [www.cc4ca.org](http://www.cc4ca.org).

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