

The following information was supplied by the candidates at the Health District's request.

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What's being decided

The Health District is governed by a five-member, publicly elected board. Four candidates are vying for three four-year seats in the May 2 election.

Who can vote

To vote in this election, a person must be an eligible elector in the Health District, someone who is:

- Registered to vote in Colorado; and
- A resident of the district for not less than 30 days, or someone who owns, or whose spouse owns, taxable real or personal property within the district, regardless of whether he or she lives in the district.

Eligible electors must be registered to vote by April 3.

Where to vote

Early voting takes place 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 24 - April 28 at the Health District, 120 Bristlecone Drive.

On May 2, polling places are open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.:

- Health District
120 Bristlecone, Fort Collins
- Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
4501 S. Lemay, Fort Collins
- LaPorte Presbyterian Church
3820 U.S. Highway 287, LaPorte

Need an absentee ballot?

An application for absentee voter ballot is printed at right. You can also download an application from the Health District web site: www.healthdistrict.org.

Applications for absentee ballot must be signed and returned to the Health District by April 21 to receive a ballot by mail, or by April 28 if the ballot will be picked up at the Health District. Return applications to Judy Robison-Bullard, by mail: 120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins, CO, 80524; by fax: 221-7165; or by e-mail (as a scanned attachment) to jrobison@healthdistrict.org.

Candidates forum

The League of Women Voters will moderate a candidates forum from 7 to 8 p.m. April 6 in City Council chambers, 300 LaPorte Ave. The public is invited. It will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 14 and also will be replayed — check www.healthdistrict.org/election for times.

DEAN GOULD

Age: 45.
Occupation: Sales representative for Lincare, a home oxygen and respiratory care supplier.
Education: B.A. in economics, St. John's University, Queens, N.Y.
Family: Children, Taylor, 21; Gage, 10; Kaylee, 8.

Why are you running for the Health District board of directors?

I would like to serve my community and feel that my experience leads me in this direction.



What special skills or qualifications will you bring to the board?

I have worked in the healthcare field for 16 years, primarily in home health care and hospice. This range of experience brings to the Health District a

real world view of the healthcare system and how it impacts the daily lives of our friends, our family and our community as a whole.

What do you hope to accomplish?

What I hope to accomplish is to bring together the services available with patient need and facilitate this process to best benefit our community.

What is the most pressing health-related issue facing our community?

Healthcare is a business and we must be vigilant in maintaining access to services for all, regardless of income or circumstance.

JOE HENDRICKSON

Age: 58.
Occupation: Instructor, special education department at University of Northern Colorado. Retired assistant superintendent for Poudre School District.
Education: B.S.E. in psychology and special education, Emporia State University; M.A. in guidance and counseling, Northeast Missouri State University; Ed.D. in special education administration, University of Northern Colorado.
Family: Wife, Sandra. Children, Heather, 33, and Christian, 30.



Why are you running for the Health District board of directors?

This organization has the opportunity to improve the lives of all the citizens in our community. Through education, prevention and intervention, the

Health District makes a difference for everyone. Having served one term as a Director, I want to insure the initiatives that we are currently undertaking get completed.

What special skills or qualifications will you bring to the board?

My experience working with families throughout the district will help open lines of communication. I have built partnerships with many agencies and organizations in this area that also focus on health related needs of our citizens. I have significant experience in the careful stewardship of the public's fiscal resources.

What do you hope to accomplish?

I want to insure that the district is aware of the community's most pressing needs, and that resources and services are available to all who need them. I am particularly interested in continuing to educate the community about the role of the Health District and the services it offers.

What is the most pressing health-related issue facing our community?

Access to mental health and substance abuse services continues to be an issue. Additionally, the high cost of prescriptions and access to dental services must be addressed. Finally, our recent survey identifies obesity as a growing concern. Prevention and educational efforts must continue.

CELESTE HOLDER KLING

Age: 48.
Occupation: Lawyer, mediator, children's advocate, and adjunct faculty member for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Colorado State University.
Education: A.B. in economics, Davidson College; J.D. University of Kansas School of Law.
Family: Husband, Robert "Bob" Kling. Children, Matt, 22, and Jack, 18.

Why are you running for the Health District board of directors?

I look forward to participating as a thoughtful, reasonable voice in helping to shape Health District policies that extend effective use of resources to improve the quality of health in our community. I support responsible stewardship of public

resources and will contribute time, energy, and creativity to achieve that goal.

What special skills or qualifications will you bring to the board?

I am a problem-solver. I am trained and practice as a lawyer, mediator, and children's advocate. I teach at CSU and have served many community organizations. I have strong analytical skills, care about people, am able to weigh complex information to reach informed, compassionate conclusions, and seek practical solutions.

What do you hope to accomplish?

I plan to study the significant current issues and opportunities facing the Health District, to explore workable solutions (including collaborative efforts with others), and to participate in setting wise priorities and allocating limited financial and human resources to build most effectively upon the current foundation for our community health.

What is the most pressing health-related issue facing our community?

The most pressing health-related challenge facing our community is the difficulty many residents have accessing affordable health care services (including medical, dental, mental health, substance-abuse, wellness-promotion, and prescription services). Lack of health insurance and affordable care is a critical national problem; we must seek local solutions within that larger dynamic.

LEE THIELEN

Age: 58.
Occupation: Public health consultant.
Education: B.S. in foreign service, international economics, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service; Masters in public administration, University of Colorado.
Family: Husband, Ken. Daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Albin Ulle.

Why are you running for the Health District board of directors?

I really have appreciated the good work that the district has performed during my first four-year term on the board. I



enjoy the opportunity to shape the decisions and priorities of the district to respond to the real health issues, based on documented community needs. The Health District is one of the jewels of Larimer

County, providing services and programs that no other agency is able to offer.

What special skills or qualifications will you bring to the board?

I have had over 30 years' experience in public health administration. My years of experience helping run a major state agency, combined with my national work for the last six years, help me understand the issues and controls needed to provide oversight to a health district.

What do you hope to accomplish?

As a board, we need to monitor the progress of existing programs, challenge priorities on a regular basis, and use community information to update our understanding of the needs of the district and the gaps in services. Access to care will continue to be a high priority.

What is the most pressing health-related issue facing our community?

We have thousands of people in Larimer County who are underinsured or uninsured. People who lack health insurance wait too long for services and often suffer from serious health issues that could have been prevented. Access to dental, medical, and mental health services is important.

APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT

Health District of Northern Larimer County
Special District Election
1-8-104(3), C.R.S.

"Under Colorado Law, your absentee ballot application must contain your printed name, signature, residence address, date of birth, and mailing address if you wish to receive the ballot by mail. If you do not provide all of this information, you may not receive an absentee ballot according to the rules established by the secretary of state."

NOTE: One form per person. If you have additional voters in your household who would like a ballot, please copy this form or download a form at www.healthdistrict.org/election.

To the Designated Election Official of the Health District of Northern

Larimer County, I, _____ (print name)

whose date of birth is ____/____/____, am an eligible elector of the

Health District of Northern Larimer County in the County of Larimer, State of Colorado.

My residence address:

My mailing address:

I am applying for an absentee ballot for use by me in voting at the election for Board of Directors to be held on the 2nd day of May, 2006.

(signature)

(print name)

(date)

*Witnessed by:

*Application shall be signed by the applicant. In case of applicant's inability to sign his/her name, the elector's mark shall be witnessed by another person.

Applications will be accepted until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election (April 28, 2006); except that, if the person wishes to receive the absentee ballot by mail, the application shall be filed no later than the close of business on the 11th day before the election (April 21, 2006).

PROCEDURAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail to 120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524, or fax to (970) 221-7165, Attention: Designated Election Official.

If you request an absentee ballot, you may not vote by any other means. The Colorado Absent Voter Law requires that in order for your ballot to be counted, it must be received by 7 p.m. the day of the election (May 2).