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Press Release

In mid-November, Julia Rush, the Board President of the OUR Center, sent an email to the District Attorney's Office about communications Ms. Rush had with Longmont City Council Members Joan Peck and Polly Christensen. Specifically, Ms. Rush expressed concerns these council members may have threatened to interfere with OUR Center's funding unless OUR Center agreed not to seek Boulder County funding for coordinated entry programs.

The District Attorney's Office opened an inquiry into the issues raised by Ms. Rush. The District Attorney's Office takes allegations of public corruption or misconduct by public officials very seriously. Thus, the District Attorney's Office conducted an extremely thorough and diligent review of all materials available to this office.

Over the last two months, the District Attorney's Office interviewed Ms. Rush, OUR Center Executive Director Marc Cowell, Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement Executive Director Joseph Zanovitch, Councilmember Peck, Councilmember Christensen, Councilmember Tim Waters, Longmont City Manager Harold Dominguez, Longmont Community Services Director Karen Roney, and Kevin Mulshine of HMS Developments. Each of these individuals submitted to voluntary interviews. The DA's Office also examined public documents, watched recordings of Longmont City Council sessions, and reviewed hundreds of emails. Additionally, the District Attorney recognizes that the OUR Center withdrew its application for the Boulder County funding in question—for reasons unrelated to, and independent from, communications with members of City Council. The inquiry by the District Attorney's Office is now complete.

The District Attorney's Office handles only criminal matters. And in all criminal matters, charges may be filed only if there is a reasonable likelihood of conviction at trial. Based on a thorough review, we conclude that the District Attorney's Office would be unable to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Councilmember Peck or Councilmember Christensen engaged in criminal conduct. Thus, no criminal charges will be filed against them.

In her email, Ms. Rush raised concerns regarding possible conflicts of interest, the use of personal emails for Council business, and transparency. The conclusion of the District Attorney's Office—based on criminal law standards—does not limit administrative or civil actions to address those issues.