



## LOVELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS CENTER

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#### **Loveland Chamber of Commerce Presents Business-Focused City Council Candidate Forum Oct. 13**

*Forum to address candidate viewpoints on issues affecting Loveland's business and economy*

**LOVELAND, Colo. – Sept. 30, 2011** – The Loveland Chamber of Commerce, the driving force of business for Loveland and its Local Legislative Affairs Committee (LLAC) present the 2011 Loveland City Council Candidate Forum, a public event aimed to educate the business community about Loveland city council candidates and their viewpoints on local Loveland business and economic issues. This public forum will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thurs. Oct. 13 at the Loveland City Council Chambers, located at 500 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Moderated by Barbara Koelzer with IRES/ Information & Real Estate Services and chair of the LLAC, this forum will follow a similar structure, and have parallel ground rules and guidelines as established by the League of Women Voters. Questions will be asked by the moderator and each candidate will be given an opportunity to answer each question. Pre-selected questions come from LLAC members, Chamber investors and community members. The LLAC will compare all questions that come in and finalize the list of questions for the forum. Time will be allotted for any questions asked by the audience that evening as well. The Chamber is soliciting questions from investors and the community via email to [2011CityCouncilQuestions@loveland.org](mailto:2011CityCouncilQuestions@loveland.org), via Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LovelandChamber](http://www.facebook.com/LovelandChamber)) and Twitter (@lovelandchamber.)

“In every election, the voice of the business community must be elevated. Business sustainability and growth increase job opportunities across the city and in this economic climate, Loveland cannot afford not to address these issues,” said Brian Willms, president and CEO, Loveland Chamber of Commerce. “Our LLAC is comprised of business members from a variety of industries, all of whom understand the importance of a supportive city council for business success in the community. We encourage anyone with an interest in a successful business community to attend and become more informed before Election Day, Nov. 1.”

In addition to the forum, the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and LLAC have prepared city council candidate questionnaires to help the business community better understand each candidate and how their views would impact issues related to business. These questionnaires are available at the Loveland Chamber, 5400 Stone Creek Circle, and online at [www.loveland.org/2011LocalElections](http://www.loveland.org/2011LocalElections) along with other information including important election dates.

This forum is free to attend and open to the public. No reservations will be accepted and attendance is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, please call the Loveland Chamber at (970) 677-6311 or e-mail [info@loveland.org](mailto:info@loveland.org).

#### **About the Loveland Chamber of Commerce**

Founded in 1902, the Loveland Chamber of Commerce is Northern Colorado's “driving force for business.” Comprised of more than 700 local companies, the Chamber offers a vast array of educational and networking programs to help its investors, both large and small, gain the skills and resources necessary to thrive and prosper in today's economy. As a founding member of the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance (NCLA), the Chamber also serves as an advocate for business, working on behalf of entrepreneurs to lead and influence local, state and federal policy on issues affecting the unique interests of business in Northern Colorado. For more information on the Loveland Chamber, please call (970) 667-6311 or visit [www.loveland.org](http://www.loveland.org).

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