



**Vail Town Council Election – A watershed of change in Town Hall.**

# *Letters to Vail*

**VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**An Election is Coming**

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This coming November 4<sup>th</sup>, seats on the Town Council—those of mayor Kim Langmaid, and council members, Kevin Foley, Jen Mason and Jonathan Stauffer—will be up for election. Three of those incumbents are term-limited from running for re-election; only Jonathan Stauffer can stand for re-election. That means there will be at least three new faces on the Town Council come November.

While Vail’s “election season” does not get underway in earnest for at least several months, the VHA is already in action, working to ensure that there is the best possible selection of candidates available to fill the four seats that will be open on the Town Council in the fall election.

While the VHA does not endorse specific candidates, we are reaching out to community leaders to assess their priorities and articulate the community’s agenda. We are engaged with assembling the resources and information necessary to assess

the candidates, encourage voter participation and provide awareness about the issues. As has been proven time and time again, community engagement and knowledge about issues is fundamental to effective government.

This is part of the VHA's mission to provide clear and concise discussions of matters affecting the Vail community in the belief that an informed citizenry will enhance the quality of life for all. And, even before the election, there will be watershed issues facing Vail this year as affordable housing, sustainability, and the civic center development are just a few of the issues that will be on the table in 2023. On just the civic center development, the Town Council intends to have plans and a budget for redevelopment of the Dobson Ice Arena ready by November. Already a request for proposals has been issued, and it is anticipated that a design contract will be issued shortly. Also, by November, the Town intends to have plans in place for the future location of the Town's municipal offices. And the Council has begun the process of looking at what will be the components of the full development. This will be just part of the long-anticipated sustainability study.

All of these matters will be carefully reviewed by the VHA. And, as always, we will not be hesitant about expressing our views. At times, our voice is not welcomed, but the VHA has never shied away from issues because they were controversial, whether it be about the Vail lifestyle, its environment, both natural and man-made, its sustainability, or its economy. The VHA has always strived to be a voice for what is best for the community.

If you would like to be part of this endeavor, we invite you to join the VHA. There are various ways to become involved from membership to paid-subscriptions to our publications. By joining with VHA, you can add your voice to sustain what is good about our community and to shine a spotlight on important issues that sometimes bubble beneath the surface.

In the meantime, stay tuned as VHA continues to explore important issues.

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