

In a region where the spirit of the Old West still lingers, these women are breaking new ground alongside some of their counterparts. Silverthorne's Town Council are majority women, including their mayor. Summit County's Board of County Commissioners are majority women, and the Town of Breckenridge just swore in its first female mayor. The majority of the Town of Silt's Planning and Zoning Commission are also women. These faces are the architects of change, navigating the complexities of public service with a blend of compassion and pragmatism. Their stories are woven with the threads of perseverance and progress, each chapter a testament to their unrelenting dedication to the people they serve.



**Rachel Tuyn**  
**Dillon Town Councilor**

*Economic Development Director for NWCCOG*

**What inspired you to run for Dillon Town Council?** I wake up every day, look out my window which looks out onto the Ten-Mile Range above Lake Dillon, and feel extremely grateful that I get to live in such a beautiful place. I've lived in Summit County for 29 years: 2 years in Wildernest, 21 years in Summit Cove, and 7 years in the Town of Dillon. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be part of the team tasked with guiding the town forward in a positive direction. Dillon is in a very exciting time

right now, with many opportunities currently before the council. We need to make thoughtful, informed decisions to preserve Dillon as the unique gem that it is.

**How long have you been on Dillon Town Council?** I was sworn in on April 9, so a little over one month.

**What is your vision for Dillon as a Council Member?** We need to embrace the fact that Dillon is on the brink of development/redevelopment given several privately-owned parcels of land in the town core becoming available to private development. We as council members are tasked with balancing these development opportunities with protecting Dillon's unique small-town character. I plan on listening to town residents (both full-time and part-time) and consulting the many plans currently in place for which a great deal of community input and engagement has gone into when making decisions.



**Jonah Glassman**  
**Silverthorne Town Councilor**

*Medicare SHIP & Volunteer Coordinator for NWCCOG*

**What inspired you to run for Silverthorne Town Council?** Sometimes a door opens, and you walk through it! I spent the last 9 years in community engagement roles, running food pantries at the Family Intercultural Resources Center and NWCCOG's Area Agency on Aging Medicare SHIP program.

These opportunities have given me a unique perspective of our community and the opportunity to share different perspectives at the local government level. From one-on-one meetings with community members, public presentations, and developing relationships with partner agencies, I love how my work at NWCCOG is so complimentary to my role on council.

**How long have you been on Silverthorne Town Council?** I was appointed in July 2023 and was reelected to my seat on April 2, 2024.

**What is your vision for Silverthorne as an elected official?** I plan to continue to support all efforts towards affordable housing and help find solutions for our growing issues with traffic and parking. My favorite thing about Silverthorne is our focus to bring the community together and celebrate our locals. Our First Friday's events, community art space, community murals all bring us together to celebrate one another and the diverse cultures who live here. Our quite motto is 'locals first, tourists welcome' we strive to highlight local businesses, artists, and community members. We currently are working on a project to make a walkable downtown area near the Bluebird Food Hall and the Indigo Hotel and be more known for community rather than outlet shopping. It is a balance of community/town wants, and the developers needs/wants. If you're coming through Silverthorne, come check out a First Friday event, the Art Spot, or a show at the SilCO Theatre Company!



**Dana Wood**  
**Silt Planning and Zoning Commissioner**  
*Mobility Manager for NWCCOG*

**What inspired you to become a Silt Planning and Zoning Commissioner?** I moved to Silt in October 2023, but have lived in Garfield County since 2011. I have been active with nonprofits and volunteering in communities throughout the Colorado River Valley for 12 years. I have always been passionate about community change and being able to use my voice on a local platform to make a positive impact. I was on Rifle Planning and Zoning and Rifle City Council from 2015-2017 and really enjoyed my time in local government while I lived in the community. I knew I wanted to get involved when I moved to Silt

and was encouraged by Silt's Mayor Pro-Tem to apply for the open spot. Silt is at a pivotal time of growth and there are several exciting projects happening. I want to be a part of those decisions that will benefit the community in the long-term.

**How long have you been on Silt Planning and Zoning?** I was appointed in October 2023 as an alternate.

**What is your vision for Silt as a Commissioner?** My vision is that we keep up with the needs and wants of the community while sticking to our small-town charm and what is in our comprehensive plan. I would love to see a grocery store, more restaurants, and affordable housing units for purchase. I would also like to lift up the rich community supported agricultural resources and opportunities that we have in Silt, making them more accessible to under resourced populations. There are more businesses starting up in town, including an outdoor events/food truck space that will be right on the Colorado River. They will also have music (when open to the public), water recreation support such as food, and games. I hope this becomes a brick-and-mortar events center soon because it would be an incredible asset for the Town!



**Becky Walter**  
**Summit Countywide Planning Commissioner**  
*Finance Director for NWCCOG*

**What inspired you to run for Summit County Planning and Zoning Commission?** I have recently become more interested in why Summit County is the way it is. After living in Summit County for 13 years, I'd like to be more involved with the future growth plans of the County. I heard about Blueprint Summit

(part of Summit's Comprehensive Plan update) as a citizen, went to an open house, and was very fascinated by the topics. I spoke with one of the County Commissioners and she said I would be a great fit, so I decided to apply. I interviewed for both the Upper Blue and Countywide Planning Commissions and ended up being nominated to Countywide! I want to make my community a better and more peaceful place to live and learn more about who makes decisions on our key issues.

**How long have you been on Summit County Planning and Zoning Commission?** My first meeting was in May 2024!

**What is your vision for Summit County as an appointed official?** My number one priority is making sure that we balance our county's growth, tourism, and other needs with infrastructure and quality of life for those that live here. I'm a frequent trail user and have been involved in the community both as an employee and a volunteer for nonprofits for 13 years. I want to be part of creating a sustainable and safe community while learning about constraints and opportunities within the county's comprehensive plan. More locally, we have an increasing workforce population in Blue River, and I would love to see some micro transit initiatives here to increase access to town. I am also very inspired by friends and women my age that are also involved in local government. Without community, we would not be a desirable place to live.