

## Beka Venturella – Written Responses

1. *With housing affordability an ever-increasing challenge across Colorado, rent control has come up in discussions. This is evidenced by this year's proposal at the state legislature. What is your opinion of rent control? Numerous studies show that rent control does not work. Based on this, even though it is proven to not to work, would you support it?*

The effectiveness of rent control may be up for debate, but I do support policies that keep housing affordable. I think instead of formal rent control, looking at rent stabilization policies is a worthwhile endeavor on city council. I want to prioritize policies that will support affordability for new renters and young people moving into Longmont. With the housing affordability crisis we're facing here in Colorado, and in Longmont, rent stabilization policies can help alleviate the rising cost of living and make sure that Longmont can remain a city people can call home.

2. *Just recently there was a bill introduced in the legislature entitled HB23-1171 Just Cause Eviction. If passed it would have prohibited the landlord's ability to "Non – renew" a tenant. A non-renewal is simply the landlord not offering the tenant the ability to renew at the end of a lease term. Notice is given. This bill did not pass. We would like to hear your thoughts on the ability of a landlord to "non-renew"?*

I believe it's important we ensure strong renters rights here in Longmont. As a former landlord I understand the struggle with restricting the ability to manage your property and make it financially viable. However, I do support a renters' right to not be evicted without good cause. HB23-1171 may not have been the ideal solution, but policies that prevent large, corporate landlords from treating tenants unfairly are worth looking at.

3. *Longmont just recently passed Universal recycling. In the past, when property owners tried to start voluntary programs, most tenants/residents did not comply. How do you see the city helping property owners to get their residents to comply with these new rules?*

In order to improve participation, we have to make it easier for people to recycle. Most people want to participate in these programs but can find them inaccessible and inconvenient. I would like to see some more comprehensive outreach programs to inform people that recycling is an option in their communities. Be it clearly available recycling containers or working with city agencies to make the recycling process more streamlined to handle a simpler at-home process.