

## **NOTICE OF RECALL ELECTION TOWN OF FIRESTONE, COLORADO**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, the Town of Firestone, Colorado, will conduct a Recall Election. Voting will take place by mail ballot, with ballots mailed by the Town Clerk to all registered electors of the Town beginning March 30, 2026. The walk-in location where eligible electors may register to vote, update their voter registration address, deliver a mail ballot, or apply for a replacement ballot is the Town Clerk's office at the address listed below. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (excluding holidays) and on Election Day, April 21, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **The Designated Election Official for the Town is:**

Miriam Granados Luna, CMC, Town Clerk

Town of Firestone

9550 Park Avenue

Firestone, CO 80504

Phone: 303-531-6264

### **24-Hour Ballot Drop Boxes**

Firestone Town Hall, 9550 Park Avenue

Southwest Weld County Services Complex, 4209 County Road 24½

Your completed mail ballot must be received by the Town Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 (Election Day). Ballots may be returned by mail in the provided return envelope or deposited in one of the 24-hour ballot drop boxes listed above. Domestic ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day cannot be counted.

At the election, the eligible electors of the Town will vote on the following recall questions and successor candidate. The election will determine whether the officers listed below shall be recalled from office and, if recalled, who shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

### **Statement of Grounds for the Recall of Trustee Lorna Morton**

The officer named herein, Lorna Morton, has failed in their fiduciary responsibilities to the residents of the Town of Firestone and neglected their duty to work collaboratively with the Town's partners and stakeholders. Specifically, the officer has:

1. Failed to uphold fiduciary obligations -by not acting in the best interests of the Town's residents and instead permitting decisions that undermine fiscal accountability and public trust.
2. Failed to collaborate with partners - by refusing or neglecting to work with regional, county, and state agencies, as well as Firestone's boards and commissions, thereby banning the Town's ability to coordinate services and secure resources.
3. Demonstrated a pattern of neglecting public responsibility - by disregarding the ethical duties of office, weakening community trust, and undermining the transparency expected of elected officials.

### **Trustee Lorna Morton Statement**

This recall effort is the second initiated within five years. Repeated recall attempts place a financial burden on taxpayers and can disrupt the Town's stability, momentum, and long-term direction. These efforts also influence how Firestone is viewed by surrounding communities, developers, and residents who look for signs of consistency and reliability when making investment and planning decisions.

Firestone is at a critical point in its growth. The Town is currently engaged in major decisions that will shape long-term infrastructure, financial planning, and overall quality of life for our residents. Consistent and experienced leadership helps ensure these efforts remain thoughtful, transparent, and aligned with community priorities.

While open dialogue and differing viewpoints are essential to effective governance, recall elections are generally intended to address serious misconduct—not policy disagreements or differences in

perspective. The Recall Committee has not identified specific instances of any misconduct. Leadership disruption during periods of significant planning and investment can slow progress and create uncertainty at a time when stability is essential.

For the past two years, I have had the honor of serving as a Firestone Trustee. During this time, I have fulfilled my fiduciary responsibilities and adhered to the ethical and professional standards required of this office. I also serve as liaison to the Parks, Trails, Recreation, and Open Space Commission, serve on the Town's Finance Committee, and participate in "Chat with a Trustee" sessions to hear directly from residents. I have engaged directly with two of Firestone's utility providers to advocate for the Town's interests and help establish a more constructive path forward.

I respectfully ask residents to consider these facts when evaluating this recall effort and the impact it may have on Firestone's future, and vote **NO** on this recall.

**SHALL LORNA MORTON BE RECALLED FROM THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?**

**YES**  

**NO**  

**Statement of Grounds for the Recall of Trustee Raymond Byrd**

The officer named herein, Raymond Byrd, has failed in their fiduciary responsibilities to the residents of the Town of Firestone and neglected their duty to work collaboratively with the Town's partners and stakeholders. Specifically, the officer has:

1. Failed to uphold fiduciary obligations -by not acting in the best interests of the Town's residents and instead permitting decisions that undermine fiscal accountability and public trust.
2. Failed to collaborate with partners - by refusing or neglecting to work with regional, county, and state agencies, as well as Firestone's boards and commissions, thereby banning the Town's ability to coordinate services and secure resources.
3. Demonstrated a pattern of neglecting public responsibility - by disregarding the ethical duties of office, weakening community trust, and undermining the transparency expected of elected officials.

**Trustee Raymond Byrd Ballot Statement**

I respectfully oppose this recall.

I believe residents deserve facts and context when asked to overturn the result of a lawful election. The recall petition uses broad and generalized language but does not cite specific actions, votes, or decisions. Since being elected to the Firestone Board of Trustees, I have taken seriously the responsibility placed in me by the voters. I have worked to represent residents by asking questions, carefully reviewing staff recommendations, and voting in open public meetings. My focus has consistently been on fiscal responsibility, transparency, and long-term planning for our community.

During my service, I have supported balanced budgets, asked for clarity on major expenditures, and advocated for thoughtful decision-making that protects residents today while planning responsibly for the future. I have participated in regional and statewide meetings, legislative workshops, DRCOG, and collaborative efforts to ensure Firestone remains well positioned as growth continues in Weld County and across the Front Range.

Firestone is at an important point in its growth. The decisions before us will shape infrastructure, financial stability, and quality of life for years to come. I believe steady, experienced leadership helps ensure these decisions are made thoughtfully, transparently, and with the community's long-term interests in mind. Healthy disagreement is a normal part of public service. Trustees are elected to ask questions, weigh

alternatives, and exercise independent judgment on behalf of the residents we serve. Those responsibilities are essential to good governance.

I am proud to serve Firestone and grateful for the opportunity to do so. I encourage residents to review the public record, attend meetings, and make their own informed decision. For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to vote NO on this recall.

**SHALL RAYMOND BYRD BE RECALLED FROM THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?**

**YES**  

**NO**  

**Only one candidate has filed for nomination for two potential positions, should both officers be recalled.**

**Successor Candidate for Trustee**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF TRUSTEE TO SUCCEED THE CURRENT OFFICEHOLDERS SHOULD ONE OR BOTH BE RECALLED OR BECAUSE ONE OR BOTH RESIGNED PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. THE SUCCESSOR CANDIDATE, IF ELECTED, SHALL SERVE THE REST OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE, ENDING IN NOVEMBER 2028.**

(Vote for no more than one)

**Bobby Matthews**  

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