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Out Boulder's Longmont LGBTQ Town Hall

BOULDER COUNTY, CO. – In the last several months Out Boulder's Executive Director Mardi Moore has made intentional efforts to ensure Out Boulder is providing services, programs and support to all of Boulder County Moore, whose family has lived in Boulder and Weld Counties since the late 1890s, began reaching out to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) members of the Longmont community asking the simple question, "What should Out Boulder be providing in the way of services, programs and support in the Longmont Area?"

A common refrain is "Longmont is not Boulder and our needs are different". That being heard by the leadership of Out Boulder, a Longmont - area Town Hall will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm at Las Palmeras Mexican Restaurant at 199 South Main Street.

Out Boulder Board Member Ray Rodriguez, will be co-leading the conversation states, "I'm hopeful that as many members of the Longmont LGBTQ community as possible are in attendance. There is much to do in our community, which is one of the reasons I joined the Out Boulder board. We held a Trans* Town Hall in 2014 and out of that we were able to begin programming right away. I think we've made a great start."

Long-time Longmont resident and Out Boulder Board President Ann Noonan, who will be co-leading the discussion commented, "A few years ago we had events that drew many people together. I know there is a sizable LGBTQ population living in Longmont, and I am happy we don't always have to leave town to gather together for fun and support."

In January, Out Boulder volunteers hit the streets to post flyers about the upcoming event and encountered several business representatives who did not know that "LGBTQ" stood for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer. Clearly there is much work to do. The Town Hall will be a good place for Longmont residents to brainstorm LGBTQ specific activities and programming.

About Out Boulder:

Out Boulder educates, advocates and provides services, programs and support for and on behalf of Boulder County's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities. As a local grassroots organization, Out Boulder is called on every day for help, information, services, or to comment on issues that directly impact the lives of our community.

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