**MAKING CHANGE WITHOUT CHANGE**

## LOCAL LEADERSHIP ON ANY SCHEDULE AND BUDGET

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YOUR OPTIONS BASED ON YOUR TIME BUDGET

**30 min/week or less**

1. **Subscribe to social media and newsletters**
	1. [Larimer County Newsletter](https://www.larimer.org/lcconnection): An easy way to stay up-to-date on county news and events.
	2. [News](http://www.fcgov.com/news/) Do you want to know the latest news in the City of Fort Collins? This is the place to look!
	3. [City Events Calendar](http://www.fcgov.com/events/) The complete list of all City-sponsored events
	4. [Community Events Calendar](http://www.visitfortcollins.com/) Looking for something to do in Fort Collins? Look here!
	5. [CityView](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7cZylpMlgCLyl112UngEHBixfz61Tbdt)
	6. [Subscriptions](http://www.fcgov.com/subscriptions/)
		1. Get updates on the programs and projects you're most interested in.
2. **Give Your Feedback**
	1. [Communications and Public Involvement Office](https://www.fcgov.com/communications/) A variety of City projects and programs are always looking for public input. It takes just a few minutes to share your opinion!
3. **Call your elected official** [**(see contact info)**](#3mda5a9uk5l2)
	1. ProTip: be solution-oriented if you’re calling with a problem!

**1-3 hours/week**

1. **Volunteer (city resources)**
	1. [General Volunteer Page](https://www.fcgov.com/volunteer/)
	2. [Engage Volunteer Portal](https://engage.fcgov.com/)
2. **Culture in the City**
	1. [#MyFoCo](https://twitter.com/search?src=typd&q=%23myfoco)
	2. [Art in Public Places](http://www.fcgov.com/artspublic/)
		1. Art in Public Places is intended to encourage and enhance artistic expression and appreciation and to add value to the Fort Collins community through acquiring and exhibiting art throughout the city.
	3. [Fort Collins Museum of Discovery](http://fcmod.org/)
		1. The museum creates meaningful opportunities to learn, reflect and have fun through hands-on and collections-based explorations in science and culture.
	4. [Fort Collins Natural Areas](https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/)
		1. Fort Collins is home to 49 natural areas and over 100 miles of trail for you to explore and treasure.
	5. [The Lincoln Center](http://www.lctix.com/)
		1. The Lincoln Center is one of Colorado’s largest and most diverse presenters of professional theatre, dance, music, visual arts and children’s programs.
	6. [City of Fort Collins Recreation](http://www.fcgov.com/recreation/)
		1. The Recreation Department is your community resource for staying active and connected in the Fort Collins community.
	7. [The Gardens on Spring Creek](http://www.fcgov.com/gardens/)
		1. The Gardens on Spring Creek is the community botanic garden of Fort Collins. All are invited to visit the display gardens, take a gardening class, enjoy special events and . . . Take Root. Grow. Flourish.
3. **Attend a meeting**
	1. [Larimer County Citizen Meetings](https://www.larimer.org/bocc/commissioners-meetings/citizen-meetings): Our county commissioners hold regular town hall meetings. These are easy to drop-in and are a small time commitment.
	2. [County Commissioner Meetings](https://www.larimer.org/bocc/commissioners-meetings): Beyond the citizen meetings, there are open meetings for land use and administrative/legal which citizens can attend for the first half hour.
	3. [City Council Info and Meetings](https://www.larimer.org/bocc/commissioners-meetings)

**Long-term commitment**

* Boards and commissions
	+ [Matrix for City Boards and Commissions](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KYw6qqSXE9U9ojYRYKg9DiRq_UjVT0h2sSPPbv1zCfU/edit#gid=314581813) (see timeline for application, time commitment, etc)
	+ General City [Boards and Commissions](http://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/boards.php)
* Boards and Commissions give Fort Collins residents the opportunity to have a key role in advising City Council and City staff on various projects.
	+ [Larimer County Advisory Boards](https://www.larimer.org/boards)
* [OurCity Engagement Platform](https://ourcity.fcgov.com/) Projects featured here are typically large, longer term (at least 3 to 6 months), may go before Council, and have a clear role for public input.
* [Budgeting for Outcomes](https://www.fcgov.com/bfo/)

**LEADERSHIP GROUPS/CLASSES**

* [CityWorks 101](https://www.fcgov.com/cityworks/)
* [Summer in the City](https://www.fcgov.com/cityworks/summerinthecity) (youth version of CityWorks)
* [Larimer County 101](https://www.larimer.org/LC101) This program is similar to the CityWorks class. There will be a class in spring 2020 you can participate in. They meet weekly over a few months. Applications are not currently open.
* [Leadership Fort Collins](https://fortcollinschamber.com/program/leadership-fort-collins/) (applications open each fall)
* [Leadership Northern Colorado](http://www.leadershipnortherncolorado.com/) (applications open each fall)
* [Family Leadership Training Institute](http://fltiofcolorado.colostate.edu/)

Community organizations in Fort Collins area

* + [Fort Collins for Progress](https://focoprogress.org/)
	+ [Fort Collins Community Action Network](https://www.facebook.com/FortCollinsCAN/)

**RUN FOR OFFICE RESOURCES**

* [Runforoffice.org](http://runforoffice.org/)
* [Vote Run Lead](http://voterunlead.wpengine.com/resources/)
* [Colorado Dems](https://www.coloradodems.org/want-to-run/)
* [Candidate Boot Camp](https://candidatebootcamp.com/how-to-run-for-political-office-2018/)
* [Emerge Denver](https://emergeco.ngpvanhost.com/)
* [Emily’s List](https://www.emilyslist.org/)
* [50/50](http://www.colorado5050.org/category/fort-collins/)
* [Kristina Wilfore](https://www.linkedin.com/in/kwilfore/) is the founder and [Karakuyun Strategies](https://karakoyunstrategies.com/), an international consultancy which works to increase the participation of citizens—and especially women—in politics

**ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTACT INFORMATION**

* [Larimer County](https://www.larimer.org/elected-officials)
* [Northern Colorado State Reps](https://www.fcgov.com/citymanager/congress-representatives.php)
* [City Council](https://www.fcgov.com/council/)
	+ But what district am I in? [Find out here](https://www.fcgov.com/cityclerk/district-boundaries.php)