

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF YOLANDA AVILA'S
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to formally recognize Yolanda Avila for her outstanding service to the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Avila was elected to the Colorado Springs City Council in April 2017 and re-elected in April 2021 as a Councilmember representing District 4; and

WHEREAS, prior to her tenure on City Council, Councilmember Avila graduated from Colorado College in 1985 with a BA in International Political Economy. In 1990, she began work as a criminal defense investigator in Orange County, CA. She also worked as a field supervisor and mentor to the local university students; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Avila served on numerous Boards and Commissions to include Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, and the Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Avila was heavily involved at Colorado Springs Utilities and served as the Vice Chair of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board; and

WHEREAS, while on City Council, Councilmember Avila helped improve the quality of life for residents of District 4. She advocated for infrastructure in her district that resulted in improved roads, bridges, sidewalks, and ADA ramp construction. She was also involved with the South Academy Boulevard Reconstruction and Circle Drive Bridges Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, one of the most impactful projects Councilmember Avila completed while on City Council was her leadership and involvement with the renovation of Panorama Park. This award-winning park set the standard for community involvement and will be an amenity for District 4 residents for many generations to come.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Yolanda spent eight years working tirelessly to make Colorado Springs a better place. Her humor and candor will be missed on the dais and in the community.

WHEREAS, City Hall is also saying goodbye to the best boy in the world, Puma. He was always a welcome sight and brought joy to everyone who interacted with him. We will miss playing fetch with him while he is off duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council, staff, and leadership would like to honor Councilmember Yolanda for her service to the City of Colorado Springs

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 8th day of April, 2025.

Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk