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The editors of this formerly well regarded neighborhood publication have asked me write a monthly column. I think that is because you cannot cancel your subscription. Do you REALLY know the truth and consequences of your elected officials? This column will end any future political ambitions that I might have had. I will reveal for the first time the facts behind the myths about your Ward 4 Council Member. When I decided to run for Council I hired a professional campaign team. At my first meeting I said to them I don't need a lot of money just enough for some leaflets. I have great ideas! The responding laughter and guffaws went on for a good 10 minutes. Fifty thousand dollars later I have the wisdom of Winston Churchill and the looks of Jim Caviezel in my brochures. Yes pictures like the ones where the camera people are holding white umbrellas around me "for better lighting". However I did decline the optional \$200 makeup session.

I am a proud resident of Heather Ridge. If you ever want to talk to me without the glamour we live in that house on the 18th tee with all the solar panels. You will have to yell at me because I probably won't be wearing my hearing aid. Here we go. Turn 65 in two months. Clearly feeling the pull of senior crankiness. I just don't understand how anybody could logically disagree with my opinions. I argue with TV newscasters who, I have been informed, cannot hear me. I own several handguns but am not a gun nut. There is no need for anybody but law enforcement or the military to possess fully automatic weapons. I do not hunt, probably because I grew up in LA. I am a moderate Republican.

I have quickly learned that the big issues are crime, traffic and development. I got a baptism of fire with 3 projects involving vacant property. I am active on *NextDoor* and have a website that you can Google. I believe in evolution to the extent in the near future humans will develop pouches to hold their electronics devices. Shockingly I leave my phone downstairs at night. So during the day please never hesitate to call me on my cell 720-320-0808. Warning: you will not get a call back if you call me names but if it makes you feel better go ahead and call anyway.

Here is a teaser for next month I will reveal why I am not popular with some of my fellow Council Members.

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