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## **Clear Creek County Commissioners' Statement Regarding Sheriff's Office Transition**

The Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners would like to thank Sheriff Matthew Harris for his service and leadership to Clear Creek County, and deeply appreciates the organizational advancements he has made in the Sheriff's Office. The Board would also like to express its full confidence in Undersheriff Matt Brown. Undersheriff Brown has dedicated his career to serving the people of Clear Creek County, and he brings the full range of experience, leadership, and institutional knowledge needed to continue the course set forward by Sheriff Harris.

Under Colorado law, the Office of Sheriff is an elected position. Because a vacancy occurred mid-term, the Board of County Commissioners has the option to appoint a qualified replacement who will serve until the next general election. To qualify for appointment, an individual must reside in the County; to qualify for election in November 2026, a candidate must reside in Clear Creek County for at least one year prior to the election (i.e., by November 3, 2025).

The Board has not decided to appoint a new Sheriff when Sheriff Harris vacates office, thereby leaving the day-to-day operations and management of the Sheriff's Office in the very capable hands of the Undersheriff. The Board will be working closely with the Sheriff's Office leadership to identify a person who not only meets the legal qualifications for Sheriff, but is also willing to seek election and serve Clear Creek County for years to come.

In the interim, the Board intends to solicit letters of interest for the position of Sheriff from qualified individuals who are residents of the County (or who intend to become residents by November 3, 2025) and who share the Board's vision of continuity, community service, and strong leadership for the future of the Sheriff's Office. By expediently gauging interest in the position, the Board will be better able to support that vision.

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