

**Declaration in Solidarity with the Victims and Survivors
of the Club Q Shooting in Colorado Springs
and with LGBTQ+ Communities Around the World**

December 1, 2022

On the night of Saturday, November 19, five fellow Coloradans were murdered at Club Q in Colorado Springs in a heinous act of gun violence and hatred. The people of Boulder know all too well the horror when a person in possession of a weapon of mass murder enters a public place and suddenly and mercilessly kills community members who are engaging in everyday activities. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families, to the people of Colorado Springs, and to LGBTQ+ communities around the world.

The names of the five people who were murdered at Club Q are Daniel Aston, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, and Raymond Green Vance. We remember their lives, we mourn their deaths, and we grieve with their friends and families who have suffered such deep, unimaginable losses. Twenty-two others were injured at Club Q that night. We recognize that the road ahead for the survivors will be difficult, and our wish for them is that they may begin the process of healing. We empathize with the people of the City of Colorado Springs as they grapple with collective community trauma. And we stand with LGBTQ+ people across Colorado, throughout the United States, and all around the world who far too often face hatred, condemnation, assault, and death because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

As a society, we have a moral obligation to work together to create a welcoming place for everyone. Our LGBTQ+ community members should not bear this burden alone. It is incumbent on each and every one of us --no matter our own identities --to join together to protect and support people who face exclusion, discrimination, and inequity because of who they are. If we do not all stand together, then we ourselves are complicit in hatred and violence.

Therefore, we, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado, declare our solidarity with those killed and injured at Club Q on November 19, 2022, with the City of Colorado Springs, and with all LGBTQ+ people, wherever they may live.

For those in our own community who are in need of additional support, Queer Asterisk (queerasterisk.com) is able to help direct people to resources. Students, faculty, and staff at CU Boulder can also reach out to the Pride Office for support and resources, by emailing pride@colorado.edu.



Aaron Brockett, Mayor

