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Dear President King and Councilman Knight,

Last Saturday night, my husband and I attended the “Queen” concert at the Pikes Peak Center. The concert closed out with the epic, “We are the Champions,” was timely for Colorado Springs. When it began, the audience rose to its feet, waving their arms and singing at the top of their lungs. The sense of exuberance was thrilling.

The people of Colorado Springs are ready for ACTION – to move this city forward, bring prosperity and quality of life to its citizens and attract new blood into the community. Everybody needs to get behind the C4C initiative and make it happen. That’s just a start. Maybe you hadn’t noticed, but the place is falling apart. By refusing to take action, you’re driving us deeper and deeper into a hole. We must be bold and optimistic to take the necessary steps to bring ourselves out of this 19th century mentality. By doing nothing, we’re moving backwards.

It’s so obvious; no intellectual argument need be made. Just take a drive and notice the innumerable potholes in our streets and the looming vacancies in the buildings. It’s too quiet out there.

You need to stop hiding behind closed doors and start acting like duly elected representatives. You are part of the process of city government. We do have a mayor who was elected to head up that process. You should cooperate with him as best you can. If you have different ideas (any ideas at all?) you should state them and work toward constructive solutions. One would think you would be honored to be an integral part of a city that is in a position to – and indeed must – provide leadership and inspiration to this entire region. The challenges are numerous and serious. Solutions require all parties working together. Do I really have to say this? What is your point?

We are pulling together a group of small business men and women to serve as watchdog of the City Council. You need to be held accountable to your voters. Maybe we need a recall election because you’re just wet blankets keeping us all from being able to make progress.

We will rock you, boys. Because we are the champions and we don’t have time for losers.

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