

# FIELD NOTES - March 2024



# We Stand on the Shoulders of Giants

*#WomensHistoryMonth*



**WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



People can't make good decisions unless they understand how the resources of the community come together, how they get allocated.

**JOSIE HEATH**

FMR. BOULDER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER, CIVIC LEADER,  
PHILANTHROPIST





# March 2024

## #togetherwethrive

### This Week's Bold Boulder

## Community Engagements

March 11 - 17, 2024

11-13 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES  
CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE  
Mon - Wed | Washington, DC

14 PEOPLES' CROSSING - HONORING  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRIBAL NATIONS  
Thursday | 1:30 pm | 500 30th Street

14 BOULDER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MTG  
Topics: Boards & Commission Appointments  
Thursday | 6:00 pm | VIRTUAL

15 LOCAL LAB NEW PLAY FESTIVAL  
Friday | 8:00 pm | Dairy Arts Center



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## Community Engagements

March 18 - 25, 2024

21 BOULDER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Topics: Boulder Creek Flood Mitigation, zoning  
Thursday | 6:00 pm | VIRTUAL

22 3RD ANNUAL BOULDER STRONG  
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE  
Friday | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | eTown Hall

23 BOULDER COUNTY DEMS ASSEMBLY  
Saturday | 7:15 am | In Person

25 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN COLORADO  
WEBINAR \*\*TAISHYA IS A PANELIST\*\*  
Monday | 11:30 am | Virtual | Free Reg Required



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We are

**BOULDER  
STRONG**

Always  
In Our  
Hearts

### 3rd Annual Day of Remembrance

On March 22, 2021, Boulder lost 10 beloved community members in a mass shooting.

“March 22 is a day to pause, come together and acknowledge the collective loss, trauma and healing we have experienced as a community. It is a day to honor the victims and support all those whose lives were forever altered on that day,” said City of Boulder Mayor Aaron Brockett. “It is also a day to reflect on the resilience and strength our community has demonstrated in the three years that have passed since that tragic afternoon.”

We are committed to keeping our beloved community members memories in our hearts and minds. Thank you to their families, friends, county staff, district attorneys office, and everyone working on justice and continuing to heal from this tragic loss.





## Empowered Women Celebration / Celebración Mujeres Empoderadas

Thank you to the Latino Chamber of Commerce Boulder County for hosting the inaugural Empowered Women Group Celebration. This event shined a light on the many accomplishments of Latina women in our community. Business leaders representing construction, art, education, healthcare, and more here honored. This celebration honors these achievements but also emphasized the importance of supporting women-owned businesses!



## Regional Minimum Wage Conversations Continue

The Cities of Boulder, Longmont, Lafayette, Louisville and Erie are collectively exploring an increase to the local minimum wage. Thank you to the Colorado Restaurant Association and city staff for co-hosting this critical conversation about the Regional Minimum Wage effort! We all agree that everyone should have access to a quality life. We all agree to continue to work together to do just that. Let us deepen understanding and trust as we find meaningful solutions.



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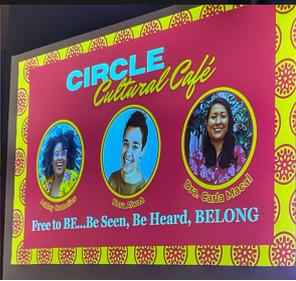


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Walk into a  
room like  
your  
ancestors  
opened the  
door.

**CARLA MESTAS**  
FOUNDER & ED, CIRCLE



## What's NLC?

The National League of Cities is comprised of city, town and village leaders. NLC works with 2,700+ cities across the nation to advocate for, and protect the interests of, cities, towns and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership and driving innovative solutions. The City of Boulder is an NLC member and is even featured in the *NLC Municipal Action Guide: Advancing Racial Equity in Your City 2023 (below)*!

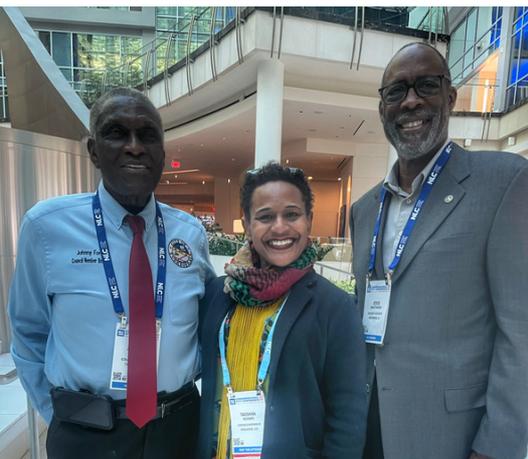


## What is CCC?

The annual NLC Congressional City Conference brought together more than 3,000 locally elected leaders in Washington, DC. My conference experience began with the first timers luncheon where I met NLC staff and fellow local electeds. I also participated in the National Black Local Elected Officials constituent group. As the only non-white city councilmember, I was honored to meet new and veteran Black local electeds. #representationmatters



I also joined a meeting for the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Council which works on wildfires, forever chemicals, electrification, waste management, and the growing tension between water and energy. Connecting with national experts from organizations like the Brookings Institute is another plus! Together, we discussed the urgent call to balance people and planet.



# Deepening Local and Federal Cooperation

Through NLC's Federal Agency Office Hours, I had an opportunity to connect with several federal agencies. These one-on-one meetings allowed me to learn more about and discuss federal programs and funding opportunities our community.



## Conference Lessons Learned

- Together is better! Attending the conference with my fellow councilmembers made the experience much more meaningful and relevant. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet other local electeds in Boulder County, the Front Range, and the entire state.
- Climate Resilience for All means different things for different people, places, and situations. We are in the same storm with different yet interconnected boats. Intergovernmental collaboration is more important than ever.
- State-level deconstruction of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts creates more challenges as programs, policies, or initiatives are cancelled or defunded. Local and federal government must fill the gap until the will of the people is heard.
- Though housing and affordability are top of mind to many in our community, we can never overlook the role of critical infrastructure. This includes highways, bridges and tunnels, railways, utilities and buildings. Hearts out to Baltimore!



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Transform  
poison  
into  
power.

**NORA ALWAH**  
THERAPIST, EDUCATOR



# Boulder International Film Festival for the WIN!

The Boulder International Film Festival brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Boulder for a four-day celebration of the art of cinema.

This year, I not only got to attend the opening party and watch exceptional films, I also got to close out the festival ONSTAGE serving as the talk back speaker for the film *Wade in the Water: A Journey into Black Surfing and Aquatic Culture* (2024). The film reclaims the 1,000-year-old tradition of Black surfing. Braiding historical accounts with modern-day testimonials, the film dismantles the racial barriers of conventional surf culture, delves into the overlooked history of Black surfing's legacy, and honors its current movement—inspiring the next generation of Black surfers.

Thank you Mariah for facilitating our discussion about our African aquatic culture and heritage that extends to [@cityofboulder!](https://www.cityofboulder.gov) Lifting up too [@blackinmarinescience](https://www.instagram.com/blackinmarinescience), [@outdoorfuture](https://www.instagram.com/outdoorfuture), [@coparkswildlife](https://www.instagram.com/coparkswildlife), [@bocoopenspace](https://www.instagram.com/bocoopenspace), [@bmc\\_snow](https://www.instagram.com/bmc_snow), [@vibetribeadventures](https://www.instagram.com/vibetribeadventures), [@saltedrootssurf](https://www.instagram.com/saltedrootssurf), [@next100co](https://www.instagram.com/next100co). Thank you to our community who keeps showing up! Let's continue to learn, unlearn, relearn, and activate together!



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20 years



# Upcoming Events in April 2024

April 6th Boulder Farmers Market

April 5-13 Boulder Arts Week

April 9-12 Conference on World Affairs  
CU-Boulder

April 14 Taste of Pearl

April 22-27 Boulder Earth Week Summit

April 28 Tulip Fairy and Elf Festival



# Let's stay Connected!



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