2017 Year in Review

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Dear friends,

For many, 2017 was a tough year. We have seen federal protections and regulations swept away; tragic accidents across Colorado and the country; and oil and gas operators boldly proposing more large-scale oil and gas development near neighborhoods. BUT I have hope. It has been my honor and privilege to work with impacted Colorado communities over the last two years, and these Coloradans are making a difference.

In 2017, impacted Coloradansboldly stepped up and made their voices heard in their communities and across the state. Since we launched, two years ago, LOGIC has worked with over 20 communities and has 16 member and supporter groups from Greeley to Battlement Mesa. We are Coloradans together, and we are changing the conversation on oil and gas in Colorado.

Over the past year, LOGIC worked closely with Broomfield residents to pass a ballot measure that requires Broomfield to protect health, safety, and welfare first when it comes to oil and gas. LOGIC worked with neighbors at Triple Creek in Greeley to capture on live video what it’s like to live with a large-scale oil and gas operation within 1,000 ft. of homes, and we made sure that Colorado decision makers heard from these residents. And LOGIC made sure that Colorado legislators heard from over 200 impacted residents in committee hearings during the 2017 legislative session.

Impacted Coloradans are being heard across our state and they are making a difference when it comes to oil and gas policies in Colorado! I hope as you read about the work and stories of impacted Coloradans who have stepped up to lead in 2017, you will be inspired to continue to help us build on our work in 2018.

Thank you for all that you do!

Sara Loflin, Executive Director.

Our mission is to unite Coloradans living near current oil and gas operations and other concerned citizens to pass smarter policies that prioritize health, safety, and protection of our natural resources.

Oil and gas development does not belong in or near neighborhoods. LOGIC was founded by a group of impacted Coloradans and community groups working to build a coordinated voice to bring about proactive and pragmatic policy solutions. We do this by:

• Engaging and educating Coloradans, helping to organize in their neighborhoods;
• Cultivating grass roots leaders;
• And by working to bring about oil and gas policies that put neighborhoods, public health, safety, and the environment first.
What you have helped to build:

**State Legislature:**
Neighborhood drilling is a problem in Colorado. It burdens Colorado neighborhoods with serious health and safety risks by attempting to force large-scale industrial activity in the center of neighborhoods; and in some cases, it forces Colorado neighborhood homeowners to become working interest owners with operational liability in oil and gas companies with minimal compensation. In 2017, LOGIC actively supported several pieces of legislation, to help these neighborhoods and communities - turning out over 200 people to testify throughout the course of the session. LOGIC ensured that legislators worked with impacted citizens in introducing common sense legislation such as school setbacks, mineral pooling notifications, and pipelines mapping.

**Martinez:**
The *Martinez v. COGCC* case, in which the Colorado Court of Appeals ruled that the COGCC was not adhering to its mandate that it foster oil and gas development “in a manner that does not adversely effect health, safety, and welfare,” came out in March of this year. In April, LOGIC launched a campaign pushing that the Governor and the COGCC not appeal the decision, but rather begin making rules and changes to legislation that prioritize the protection of health, safety, and welfare when it comes to oil and gas. Over 2,000 Coloradans, 40 local elected officials, and 11 legislators signed onto the letter. Adams County and the City and County of Broomfield issued their own letters regarding the appeal. While Attorney General Cynthia Coffman ultimately asserted that it was her right to file the appeal on behalf of the COGCC; at the eleventh hour, Governor Hickenlooper announced that he had asked the COGCC not to appeal the decision. The case is now awaiting a decision from the Supreme Court.

**COGCC Rule Making:**
The evacuation of a high school football game in Greeley, the tragedies in Firestone and Mead, the thousands of complaints made to the COGCC regarding noise and odor are a clear wake up call that we need new and updated rules to address oil and gas development and its infrastructure in Colorado. In 2017 LOGIC filed for party status on the “pipelines rule making” and has also filed a petition for a COGCC rule making on school setbacks.

**CDPHE AQCC Rule Making:**
LOGIC helped Colorado take a big step forward this year in protecting our air. Oil and gas operations are the second largest contributor to ozone emissions in Colorado, and our state is out of compliance with even EPA standards. In November, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission finalized its rules requiring oil and gas wells be inspected once per year for methane and VOC leaks and that oil and gas operators install zero-emitting pneumatic devices on their well sites. LOGIC turned out nearly 30 impacted community members to testify in favor of more regular inspections and best available technologies in reducing oil and gas site emissions. LOGIC also had over 500 Coloradans sign onto a letter in support of the new regulations to the AQCC.

**2017 Elections**
This year, oil and gas was a major issue in municipal elections. In Broomfield, LOGIC worked with impacted residents to propose and pass an amendment to their city charter state the city would use its authority to prevent oil and gas development and policies from adversely effecting health, safety, and welfare of Broomfield residents. In addition, LOGIC sent out and received response from nearly a dozen local government candidates regarding their positions on oil and gas development.
Neighbor to Neighbor: bringing neighborhoods together

**Triple Creek, Greeley**

LOGIC has supported the Neighbors Affected by Triple Creek from the beginning and in their lawsuit against the COGCC for failing to require best management practices.

In June, LOGIC launched “Live From Triple Creek” and collaborated with groups like EarthWorks, ProgressNow, and Living with Oil and Gas (a Project of the Western Organization of Resource Councils). Our goal was to document the experience of living within 1,000 feet of this large, industrial oil and gas site. The project provided months of real time video footage of living next to an oil and gas site.

**Adams County**

In Adams County, residents have been pushing to ensure stronger regulations and that the public has a chance to weigh in on oil and gas sites. The IVEY site would bring as many as 52 wells to a site surrounded by neighborhoods and schools.

LOGIC pushed Adams County and Thornton for continued updates to their oil and gas regulations, including a push for pipelines and setbacks from existing wells. The tragedy in Firestone has brought about a stronger sense of urgency in these communities, and both local governments will be updating their regulations over this summer.

**Broomfield**

At the beginning of this year, Broomfield residents faced as many as 139 new oil and gas wells near homes and along residential roads.

LOGIC has helped to provide support to our community groups in Broomfield. We helped to turnout thousands of Broomfield residents to city council meetings to connecting residents with their state representatives at the State Capitol. LOGIC helped to bring about the successful 301 Ballot Measure in Broomfield to ensure that their city makes decision on oil and gas in an manner that does not adversely effect health, safety, and welfare.

**Boulder County**

Crestone has announced plans to initiate a comprehensive drilling plan (CDP) process for 216 new wells in Boulder County. Residents in the drilling plan area are coming together to ensure that these sites are either stopped or keep large-scale rigs away from their homes, and LOGIC is helping to make that happen.

In June, LOGIC helped these residents to host a community meeting in Longmont with local residents, attorney Matt Sura, and with Boulder County. We will continue to support these residents of the CDP area throughout the process.
For me personally, 2017 was dominated by oil and gas issues in Broomfield and Colorado. I became more involved than ever. I guess, that's a natural reaction when drilling comes knocking on your door.

The Broomfield City Council signed an agreement with Extraction Oil and Gas Inc. to drill 84 wells in north Broomfield. The Livingston Pad will hold 19 wells and will be situated 1,320 feet from the closest home in our neighborhood. With all of the well pad explosions and fires this year, residents are very concerned. And they have a right to be.

But I have hope. This spring, Broomfield residents came together to propose and pass an amendment to our City Charter that reads:

With regard to oil and gas development near the City’s populated areas and within the City’s boundaries, such powers shall include but not be limited to plenary authority to regulate all aspects of oil and gas development, including land use and all necessary police powers. As such, Broomfield shall condition oil and gas development permits to require oil and gas development to only occur in a manner that does not adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of Broomfield’s residents in their workplaces, their homes, their schools, and public parks in order to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare and to safeguard the environment and wildlife resources.

It was a resounding victory for our residents and we wouldn’t have been successful without the help of LOGIC. LOGIC helped us organize the campaign, raise funds, and the legal resources we needed. Many residents offered their talents and expertise to promote this initiative. LOGIC held us together and provided resources and support as we needed them. The entire State has its eyes on Broomfield and what we have done here.

We are now trying to figure out how the Charter amendment will be implemented. That’s a whole new chapter to this story.

-Judy Kelly, LOGIC Board Member

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Coming together in 2018

Neighbor-to-Neighbor

In 2018, LOGIC will continue to build its neighbor-to-neighbor program and lend assistance to community groups as they face the burdens and risks of nearby oil and gas development. We will continue to provide information and organizing resources to help communities share resources and work toward common goals regarding oil and gas sites. In 2018, we will:

• Broaden our reach into other impacted communities
• Grow our network by advancing our online communications hub including new resources for neighborhoods as they fight to keep their neighborhoods from becoming industrial zones.
• Continue to provide regular meetings and educational opportunities and build a resources hub.

Engagement and cultivation

LOGIC is working to cultivate new leaders across the state and to bring impacted Coloradans together. LOGIC will continue to ensure that impacted Coloradans are front and center when it comes to making oil and gas policy decision in 2018. LOGIC will

• Work to provide training opportunities for impacted and concerned citizens to pair oil and gas processes with advocacy and leadership development training.
• Continue to cultivate new leaders to testify at public hearings, publish and submit earned and social media pieces and hold events to engage their own neighborhoods.
• Educate Colorado leaders and decision makers about living with oil and gas development.
• Work to inform the public of the positions of current candidates for state and local office on oil and gas.

Advocacy

LOGIC has successfully established a citizen voice at the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and at the State Legislature. LOGIC will work in 2018 to push for rule making and legislation that truly prioritizes the health, safety, and welfare of Colorado citizens.
LOGIC Board of Directors
The LOGIC board includes impacted Coloradans and experienced community leaders dedicated to elevating the voices of impacted Coloradans.

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