

Project Zero Recognition

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Subject: **Recognition of the communities that identified zero unsheltered homelessness during the 2026 Point in Time Count.**

Board of County Commissioners' Business Meeting

May 26, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Douglas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) would like to recognize the communities across Douglas County that achieved the Project Zero benchmark and reported zero unsheltered homelessness during the 2026 Winter Point in Time (PIT) Count conducted on the night of January 26, 2026.

II. REQUEST

The request is to recognize the communities within Douglas County that achieved the Project Zero benchmark during the Winter PIT Count conducted on the night of January 26, 2026.

III. BACKGROUND

The PIT is a federally mandated annual census conducted by local Continuums of Care (COCs) to count sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in late January. This count provides a snapshot of homelessness, including demographics and subpopulation data, which helps the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocate funding and monitor trends over time. The PIT Count also helps local communities measure progress toward reducing homelessness and identify gaps in existing systems of care.

Since the Homeless Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team (HEART) began operating in 2022, the PIT Count has been conducted twice per year in collaboration with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, local municipal law enforcement agencies, and nonprofit partnerships. Conducting the count across different seasons provides valuable insight into changing trends and needs within the community.

The ongoing efforts the HEART, in collaboration with law enforcement and community partners across Douglas County, helps ensure every person experiencing homelessness can connect with housing resources and supportive services.

Project Zero established a benchmark to honor those communities which achieved the distinction of identifying zero unhoused people during the PIT. The communities achieving this distinction during the 2026 Winter PIT conducted on January 26, 2026, are as follows:

- City of Castle Pines
- Franktown
- Highlands Ranch
- Larkspur
- City of Lone Tree
- Meridian Village
- Pinery
- Roxborough
- Sedalia
- Sterling Ranch
- Stonegate

IV. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommend that the BCC recognize the communities within Douglas County that achieved the Project Zero benchmark during the Winter PIT Count conducted on the night of January 26, 2026.