

Links to Elise Jones and Deb Gardner statements on No-GMO platform promises:

Elise Jones

Elise will continue her work protecting our air and water supplies from fracking, opposing GMOs on County open space...

http://elisejones.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Jones_invite-5-30-12.pdf

She was supportive of ending GMO use on county open space, and highlighted climate change as the single largest looming issue facing us (and the world) today.

<http://amateurearthling.org/tag/elise-jones/>

None of the three (commissioner candidates) supported the recent unanimous county commission decision to allow limited planting of GMOs on open space. The public, Jones said, "has a right to say" how public lands should be managed.

http://www.dailycamera.com/news/ci_19795728

"Our positions are pretty similar on GMOs, but I recognize that I will have to work with the other commissioners. What we need to do is work with the farmers who are currently under contract, so that we can create stories of successful migrations away from GMOs toward more sustainable ag practices. Those successes will serve us well in future negotiations and publicity efforts. We should create infrastructure at the county level that enables more economical local food production, connecting local producers directly to local distributors and retailers. We also need to look at relaxing some of the restrictions that currently apply to agricultural land in the county — for instance letting farms host weddings or other events on-site — in order to help the farms be more economically viable." <http://www.boulderblueline.org/2012/06/14/boulder-county-commissioner-election-forum/#sthash.9gzZP8S2.dpuf>

She is opposed to GMOs on county open space.

<http://yellowscene.com/2012/10/17/boulder-county-commissioner-district-1/>

Deb Gardner

Deb Gardner, a former state legislator, said that approaches to getting GMOs off open space need to be done in a way that is collaborative and "economically viable" for the farmers.

http://www.dailycamera.com/ci_21812422/deb-gardner-elise-jones-board-county-commissioners

New Boulder County Commissioner Deb Gardner says that while she opposes the planting of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) on county open space, she doesn't plan to be heavy-handed about it.

Instead of changing the county's newly approved cropland policy to ban GMOs as soon as there are enough votes to do so (quite possibly after term-limited Commissioner Will Toor's successor takes over a year from now), Gardner says she'd rather see a collaborative effort.

"We need to put together a transition plan, and everyone needs to be at that table," she told Boulder Weekly. Gardner includes in that list the county's organic and conventional farmers and other players in the food supply chain, as well as community members.

<http://npaper-wehaa.com/boulder-weekly/2012/01/19/#?article=1498324>

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http://www.timescall.com/ci_19795728?source=most_viewed