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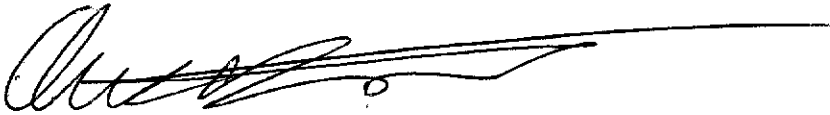
Please accept this letter as a formal statement confirming my eligibility for the appointment for the At-Large City Council vacancy for the city of Commerce City, Colorado. I confirm the following: (1) A citizen of the United States, (2) at least 18 years of age, (3) a resident of Commerce City for 12 months, (4) a registered voter of Commerce City, and (5) not currently serving a criminal sentence, including probation or parole, for a felony of offense comparable to a felony in the military.

Sincerely,
Austin Rollison
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◆ Experience

Original By Greeks

Denver, CO

Title: Manger

Schedule, Manage Inventory, Train and Manage Employees, Manage Communication, Community outreach management.

Kathleen Dodaro Westminster City Council

Westminster, CO

Title: Consultant

Messaging and Strategy Consultation

Phil Covarrubias For Adams County Commissioner

Adams County, CO

Title: Campaign Manger

Messaging, literature design, volunteer coordination, and recruitment, advisory, surrogate speaking, schedule management.

U.S Census Bureau

Adam's County, CO

Title: Field Supervisor

Supervise, quality check, schedule, and manage 30+ employees

Cynthia Sarmiento For HD 30

Adams County, CO

Title: Hourly Consultant

Consulted on Messaging, and General Strategy

Vanguard Field Strategy

Louisiana

Title: Canvasser/Canvass Manger

Built and designed walking plans and canvassed neighborhoods.

Committee for Mark Barrington

CD7 Colorado

Title: Grassroots Campaign Manager

Volunteer coordination, and recruitment, advisory, surrogate speaking, schedule management.

Greg Lopez For Governor

State of Colorado

Title: Volunteer Aid

Event Coordination, volunteer recruitment

Brothers BBQ

6499 Leetsdale dr. Denver CO 80224

Supervisor: William

Title: Assistant Manger

Ensured the quality of product and Customer service as well as basic up keep of the restaurant.

Live Basil Pizza

permanently closed

Title: General Manager

Ensured the quality of product and Customer service as well as basic up keep of the restaurant.

Wendy's

4851 e 60th ave. Commerce City Colorado 80022

Supervisor: Teto

Title: Assistant General Manager

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◆ High School**Lester Arnold High School**

Commerce city, Co

College Degree

Skills.

-excellent customer service

-proficient in Microsoft Office.

-leadership and Public service work in 8 different campaigns and 3 different Non profits

◆ Volunteer Work**Jeb Bush For President**

Phone Bank work and organization

Cynthia Coffman for Governor

Event organization and advisory

Al Jacobson for CO House

Volunteer recruitment

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Dear Mayor Huseman and city council members,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the open position on city council. My passion for helping my community was sparked when I was young. When going to Adams City Highschool, I was told by people that a "boy from Commerce City could not make a true impact on the world." Since then, I was motivated to prove them wrong. I volunteered to help a presidential campaign and quickly worked my way up to running his field office. I have proceeded to work on 23 campaigns, 6 nonprofits, and 4 companies that center around building civic engagement and support for their communities. Of all the communities I have worked in however, there is no community I care more about than the one I have grown up in: Commerce City. Dominic Moreno has inspired me to value Commerce City above all else, as he was the "boy from Commerce City" who was making a true impact on the world as I had set out to do myself. He has been a beacon of hope showing that it does not matter where you come from, but how hard you work. I hope to be that same beacon for others as Moreno was to me.

I believe that my community involvement and passion can be best applied to serving on our city council. The average age of city council is 44 years old, while the average age of Commerce City is only around 30. The addition of a 26-year-old would close a significant blind spot we are facing in representation. If I have the honor of being appointed, I look forward to being able to offer the insight of not only the younger generation that is currently under-represented, but as a resident of the historical Commerce City City. As our City council has worked hard to ensure that the core city and the new northern portion are equally represented, being appointed would make me one of the few members who live south of 96th. I believe that I can provide vital insight and representation to the concerns of southern residents, and be a source of collaborative policy solutions that are needed right now.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my application. I love this city and the people who live in it, and I would like nothing more than an opportunity to help grow and foster this community.

1. Why are you applying to be on the City Council?

I am applying because I want to be a representative to an underrepresented community. The first community I can bring better representation to are our younger residents. The average age of Commerce City is only 30.7 years old. I believe our city council will benefit from the insight of someone who is close to the age of our younger residents. The second underrepresented community that I can bring greater representation to is the residents of Historic Commerce City. Appointing someone who lives in that part of the city would show a commitment to hearing their concerns as the city works to balance the growth between its north and south side.

2. How is your experience and background relevant to being on the City Council?

I started working in public outreach and public policy when I was in middle school. I have dedicated much of my time, interests, and professional work to understanding the needs of my community and finding ways to best address them. After a lifetime of going to school, working, and living in Commerce City, I see our needs clearly. With my knowledge and verifiable commitment to the city, I believe I can be an asset to the others on council.

3. What are your thoughts on the relationship between the Historic City and the Northern Range?

The city council has shown genuine commitment to balancing the needs of both regions. However, I understand why the residents of Historic Commerce City are concerned with having unequal representation, as 6 of 8 council members live north of 96th. As someone who lives south of 96th, I can be a force in working with the rest of the council to build collaboration-based solutions to balancing growth.

4. What do you believe to be the three most pressing challenges or concerns in the Commerce City community

Community Safety

Commerce City has long had an issue with community safety. We are only a fraction of the way through 2022, and Commerce City has seen 7 homicides. In all of 2021 Commerce City only saw 5. Additionally, we have seen a near doubling of aggravated assaults since 2019. Now is the time where we need to rely on and strengthen our police. However, the Commerce City Police department is not as equipped as it should be, as evidenced by it having the lowest rating (according to police scorecard) in the metro area. I think this is due to a few factors.

- Lack of Officers
 - Although in 2020 Commerce City added 21 officers, the city still only has 1.6 officers per 1000 residents. This is below the average of our neighboring cities: Thornton (1.7) Brighton (1.8) Aurora (1.8).
- Officer Retention.
 - According to many officers I have spoken to, they are concerned about the turnover in the department, and have frankly told me that it is hard to “keep officers with the department.” I would like there to be an investigation on how to boost retention, so Officers can focus more on training and enforcing the law as opposed to constantly recruiting.

Energy and Water Development

Commerce City must be committed to responsible growth. Commerce City must ensure that our energy and our water rates remain competitive. Westminster saw the effect of the increasing cost of water. It is important that our council stay open to new sources of energy.

Growth

The Denver Metro Area is seeing exponential growth. The fastest growing city in the state is Thornton to our west, and there is also a quickly growing population center to our north, Brighton. We must be aggressive to compete with these quickly growing cities, or else we will lose countless revenue dollars to them over the next decade. A place to start may be to address a common complaint heard around the city: the lack of places to shop and to eat. One of the biggest issues with this is that most large shopping establishments and eateries are setting up a perimeter around new and pre-existing locations. They then refuse to add new locations in these vicinities. Brighton and Thornton have grown so quickly because those cities are open to granting new applications, and are open to revitalizing older or unused portions of the city for new businesses. This has also led to many of the requested businesses already having locations that include Northern Commerce City in their radius. Commerce City must be more aggressive by working to build and attract new businesses in the city as to create a strong sphere of influence for ourselves.

5. What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City right now?

Economic development - We have an opportunity to become a beacon for the rest of the Denver Metro Area. We can be a leader in attainable housing and job creation in the state.

Land Development- With great growth comes the need for more development. We can ensure that responsible growth is paired with evenly distributed development of attainable housing and new businesses across our north and south sides.

Community- Our city has a diverse and thriving community. We should continue to engage the community by partnering with our police, community organizations, and more to ensure that our entire community feels they have a helping hand.

6. What concerns, if any, do you have about serving on the City Council

I do not have any concerns.

7. What does Quality Community for a Lifetime mean to you

Quality community for a lifetime means that no matter what stage of life you are in there is quality support from your community to reach your goals and dreams.

8. What local government or non-profit boards or commissions have you served on?

While I have not served on any local government or non-profit boards or commissions, I have 12 years of public policy and community outreach experience.

9. Have you participated in the Commerce City Civics Academy?

No I have not.

10. How long have you resided in Commerce City

Most of my Life (Around 20 years)

11. What is your favorite place in Commerce City

My favorite place is Pioneer Park. I love to see the wide array of services available at this location. I remember as a kid waiting for Paradise Island to finish construction, and watching many baseball games on the many fields.