



May 21, 2013

Honorable Mayor Sean Ford and Members of City Council
City of Commerce City
7887 E. 60th Avenue
Commerce City, CO 80022

Dear Mayor Ford and Members of City Council:

We understand that the Commerce City staff will be requesting Council's support and approval this summer of the re-appropriation of the Derby Commercial Catalyst Fund . With this approval, new funds will be appropriated and added to any unused funds from 2012 to further the program.

The Derby Review Board members wholeheartedly support the continuation of this effort and desire to see Council continue to assist the Derby revitalization effort through the Commercial Catalyst Fund program.

Established in 2008, and supported by Council since its inception, the program has contributed to the success of local businesses by helping owners make landscaping and exterior improvements to storefronts in the Derby District. This is an important time for the program as the economy gains strength and businesses are looking for ways to enhance their presence and increase traffic. The Derby Master Plan recommends the City support local businesses by establishing an incentive fund to facilitate their making functional and aesthetic property improvements specified in the Derby Design Guidelines. Such improvements will also ultimately attract new private investment which increases revenue for the City. In the five years since its inception, the Commercial Catalyst Fund has paid out over \$143,000 and has contributed to overall building permit capital expenditures for Derby in excess of \$2.9 million.

The members of the Derby Review Board hereby respectfully request your continued support of the Derby Commercial Catalyst Fund program for 2013-2014. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Derby Review Board:
Jessica Osborne, Chair
Carol Maclennan, Vice Chair
Angel Anderson
Anita Mercado
Mary Younger
Council Member Rick Teter