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Letter of Interest

Dear Commerce City Council,

Much blessings to all my newly and current elected officials. I write this letter with the utmost respect and admiration to all for the challenging, yet rewarding work and contributions you have made in serving our city. Thank you for your public service.

I meet all the eligibility requirements and would like to express my interest in the most recent vacancy for Commerce City Council. I am Bilingual in English/Spanish both read and write. I am actively engaged in our district, city, and state, government projects & organizations as well as have strong Local, National & International relationships. I do not work nor have ever worked for any government body. I represent only the community.

In my most recent run for council, I was humbled to see over 2000 voters showed their support for a regular, single mother from the South of commerce city. I have never seen anyone like me on this council. To my suprise, I was the 3rd runner up in my race following the 2 now elected officials. The Community has also brought their voice to council expressing who they would like to represent them. In addition I was also endorsed by DALF, AFSCME, UFCW, Working Families, Conservation Colorado, Adams County Commissioners Eva Henry, Emma Pinter, Steve Odorisio, as well as former Commerce City councilmember now Senator Dominick Moreno, former State Representative Joe Salazar, Current State Representatives Kyle Mullica & Yadira Caraveo, Congressman Ed Perlmutter and many more.

As a city, we must create an avenue of inclusiveness, proper communication, education and awareness. This is only one of the ways I can contribute to our current City Council. I have also built strong and positive relationships with local, county, state & federal representatives throughout the years. I understand it takes a village and I would love to see our entire city better united, as together we have incredible potential to become a great example and inspiration for other cities like ours. We never stop learning, even as adults, I thank our current and former councilmembers as well, for encouraging me to "get involved" and "show up". I want to be involved and I am showing up. Please consider me as your next board member of Commerce City Council.

Thank you, Attentively, s/
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1. Why are you applying to be on the City Council? I feel public service is my calling. I have always been involved, and so I recently ran for a Council At-Large Seat. I received the third highest votes in my race, and the fourth highest votes overall (limited resources didn't hurt my proven support). I have always served my community, but as a victim of a life changing and grave crime at Joyeria Alondra in 2012 (a local Latino business), I was so deeply impacted that it prompted me to get even more involved in my local community. Diversity is not only color and race but economic status and gender, something we must address in order to move forward. Although running for office is not what I envisioned for myself, I can humbly say that over the years I have been encouraged to run for office by many people. I genuinely love my community and the unique diverse culture we embody and I am fully prepared and ready to serve.

2. How is your experience and background relevant to being on the City Council? I am currently a board member of the Commerce City Cultural Council; a member of LET (Latino Engagement Taskforce) w/ Cultivando; a graduate of FLTI (Family Leadership Training Institute-CSU), an advisor for the zoning project for the City of Aurora 2018, and currently a part of ACAD. As a community organizer, I have worked in policy making and initiatives, along with many organizations that serve the community, such as SB252, the Driver's Licence Initiative. I understand budgets and management, and have an understanding of Commerce City's municipal structure, recently served for a Commerce City Focus Group., I was also recently elected as the Co-Chair for Adams 14 DAAC and Chair-Person for the Unified Improvement Plan.

3. What are your thoughts on the relationship between the Historic City and the Northern Range? I have friends on both parts of the city and it would be great to see us more united in bringing people together to understand that we are one city. I believe with the right leadership, we can overcome the unique challenges of our city to create relationships that can empower our people to work together to make us a great city. My campaign slogan is "The wealth of our community in its people." It is something I really believe and stand by.

4. What do you believe to be the three most pressing challenges or concerns in the Commerce City community? -Education, Health & Safety -Homelessness & Gentrification -True Affordable & Permanent Housing

5. What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City right now? -Growth & Economic Development, including Agricultural & Technology opportunities -Integration & Inclusiveness -Enlarge the Bilingual Demographic to empower our communities through education

6. What concerns, if any, do you have about serving on the City Council? NONE

7. What does Quality Community for a Lifetime mean to you? Not an economically disadvantaged and unhealthy life, a QUALITY life for EVERYONE especially children, seniors and dissabled

8 . What local government or non-profit boards or commissions have you served on? Adams 14 District DAAC, (District Accountability Advisory Committee), Commerce City Cultural Council, ACAD - Aurora Cultural Arts District

9. Have you participated in the Commerce City Civics Academy? I applied, but I was told that the class was full due to a limited number of available spaces.

10. How long have you resided in Commerce City? 30 years

11. What is your favorite place in Commerce City I have many favorites, the Rocky Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, Joyeria Alondra, La Chispa, Dion's, Las Margs, Pioneer Park (Holly Park), Lake by the Reunion Coffee House and most of all my neighborhood Adams Heights.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bilingual read and write English/Spanish with the ability to translate
- Grassroots Institute of Fundraising & Training for people of Color .(GIFT) City of Denver
- Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI) -CSU Extension
- Computer skills Incl: Mic. Office, Windows 7, Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point, Quickbooks, 10 key, Multi-line phone as well as Social Media outlets.
- A Team player as well as skilled at learning new concepts quickly while working well under pressure and with others
- Humanitarian, Verbal & Friendly, Passionate, and Dedicated to the mission/s and work that I believe in
- Helped organize 2019 Climate Strike week, "Demand for Clean Air Action", Commerce City. w/ 350 Colorado
- Testified for SB-181 @ State Capitol, COGCC, EPA, Adams County, City Councils of Aurora, Commerce City, Thornton.
- Political At-Large Candidate 2019 for Commerce city. Endorsed by DALF, AFCME, UCFW, Working Families Party, Conservation Colorado, Colorado Rising, 350 Colorado, Logic Action, Emerge, Working families party, Senator Dominick Moreno, Adams County Commissioners Eva Henry, Emma Pinter, Steve Odorisio, Congressman Ed Perlmutter, State Rep. Kyle Mullica, Yadira Caraveo, Jonathan Singer, Aurora Councilwoman Crystal Murillo, Northglenn Councilwoman Jenny Willard, and many more.
- Member of Commerce City Oil & Gas focus group 2019.
- Familiar with Roberts Rules of order.

EXPERIENCE:

- Admn./Finance/Marketing/Project Manager
- Volunteer, Special Events & Outreach Coordinator
- Currently a Board member of Commerce City Cultural Council, Adams14 DAAC Co-Chair (District Accountability Advisory Committee) Aurora Cultural Arts District (Volunteer), Family Leadership Training Institute -FLTI Project-NEDM
- Partnership w/Ballet Folklorico de Mexico Amalia V. Hernandez- Dance USA - Dir. Elissa Fulk
- Fundraising & Public Relations, Community Organizer, Policy & Initiative SB251, SB281
- Latino Engagement Taskforce (LET) for Commerce City Police Dept./ Cultivando project
- Political Candidate
- SOS Board member training

09/18-Present ***KO Roofing Inc. (Family Business)***

Thornton, Colorado

Office Admn./Rep (*work from home*)

- Office management
- Pull Permits & Licencing for commercial projects
- light bookkeeping & collections
- handle insurance claims & sales

Supervisor/Owner: Raymundo Molina (720) 300-2200

02/07- Present ***Joyeria Alondra Western Wear***

Commerce City, Colorado

Management./Wholesales Rep.(P/T & work from home) Family

- Work closely with owners in marketing decisions and company future Goals
- Serve and work with farmer community & local business owners, tack accessories & Notary Public
- Customer Service, Sales Representative, Social Media
- Handle various bookkeeping & marketing duties

Supervisor/Owner: Jeremy Saenz, (303) 287-8055

4/07-2016 **A&C Accounting Services (Family Business)**

Federal Heights, Colorado

Accounting Assistant/Office Admn./Sales Rep. (P/T & Work from home)

- Accounting, Income Taxes, Bookkeeping
- Manage 20-30 monthly Accounts in the Latino Community throughout Northern Colorado
- Translations, Office administration
- Client Support & Sales Representative

Supervisor/Owner: Art Aguayo (303) 455-0108

12/03- 01/07 **Rape Assistance & Awareness Program (RAAP) now the BENCH**

Denver, Colorado

Executive Administrative Assistant /Special Events & Outreach Coordinator

- Management Support, Direct Mailing coordinator
- Liaison for the Latino Community, Media, Outreach, Development
- Fundraising, Grants, Sponsorships solicitations
- Canvassing, Volunteer Recruiting thru outreach
- Trained as a Crisis Line Advocate for RAAP (now the BENCH)
- Assisted Directors/Board Members with special community projects
- 2005/2006 Organized & Coordinated Special Event "Corazon Lastimado"/Healing the wounded heart art show
- 2006 Helped coordinate event "Vagina Monologues" during Rape Awareness Week

Reason for leaving: Lack of Funding

Supervisor/s: Kevin Higgins E.D., Shelley Hammil, D.D, (303) 329-9922

2000-2002 **Village on Green Apts. @ Rotella**

Leasing Agent

- Apartment leasing Agent
- Walk-Thrus, Re-Keys, Purchasing
- Sales & Rentals, Contracts
- Liaison for Spanish speaking residents as well as Interpret

Thornton, Colorado

Supervisor: Art Aguayo: Reason for leaving: Company closed

5/93-9/98 **Paradise Cruises Ltd./Star of Honolulu**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Accounting Clerk/HR Assistant/Tour Escort Supervisor

- Tasks Included Billings & Collections for Accounting Dept.
- HR Tasks Incl. New Hire Orientations, Training, News Letter Editor
- Supervisor/Trainer, Greeted & Escorted clients to Ships as well as Cruise Director for Spanish & Japanese speaking Tourists

Reason for leaving: Moved back to the Mainland

Supervisor: Elaine Hammond Treasurer (808) 983-7740

EDUCATION:

1993	Skyview High School	H.S. Diploma	Thornton, Colorado
94-97	Kapiolani Community College	Bus. Management/ Communications	Honolulu, Hawaii
2006	GIFT Program Internship (Grassroots Institute of Fundraising & Training for People of Color)		Denver, Colorado
2015-16	Family Leadership Training Institute - CSU Extension	Certificate	
2016	State of Colorado Non-Profit Board Member Training	Certificate	
2018	CPR Certified	Adams 14 District	Adams County
2019	Emerge Graduate		Colorado

References: Gladly Upon Request