

July 6, 2015

Economic Development Commission
Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade
1625 Broadway Street, Suite 2700
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Commerce City, I want to convey our support for the City's continued inclusion in the Colorado Enterprise Zone program through the recertification process.

Commerce City' Economic Development Division has three main goals:

- Retain existing businesses and help them expand;
- Attract new businesses; and
- Partner with property owners, commercial brokers and developers to market the city to private investors and/or enterprises.

The Enterprise Zone program is an invaluable tool we use to encourage new investment and help accomplish these goals.

While Commerce City has seen a doubling of its population in the past decade, most of the growth has been in green field development areas. Commerce City depends on the Enterprise Zone program's state tax incentives to encourage new investment and job growth in our more economically distressed areas. In 2014, there were 46 certification requests for state income tax credits from companies located within our city.

An enterprise zone designation of the identified census tract, block group and block areas will support our economic development efforts. We ask you to support our application for recertification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sean Ford
City of Commerce City