

Letter of Interest

Dear Commerce City Council,

Much blessings to all my 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, read and write as well as actively engaged in our district, local and state government projects & organizations. I am currently serving in our City Cultural Council, and most recently selected to be part of an information focus group. In addition I am part of the Latino Engagement Taskforce (LET) w/Cultivando & Commerce City Police Dept, since 2015, an organization that works on building a relationship between the Latino Community and our local government, which due to our demographics plays an important role in our city.

Considering our National political atmosphere we must create an avenue of inclusiveness, proper communication, education and awareness. This is one of the ways I can contribute to our current City Council. 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/ Luz E. Molina
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1.)Why are you applying to be on the City Council?

I feel public service is my calling. As a victim of a life changing & grave crime at Joyeria Alondra in 2012 (a local latino business), this impacted me and prompted me to get even more involved in my LOCAL community. Diversity is not only color and race but economic status and gender. Although THIS is not what I envisioned for me, 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.

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

I am currently part of the Cultural Council, part of LET (Latino Engagement Taskforce) w/ Cultivando. Graduate of FLTI (Family Leadership Training Institute-CSU), part of a Zoning project for the City of Aurora 2018, currently part of ACAD.

As a community organizer, worked in policy making and initiatives, along with many organizations that serve the community, such as SB251 Driver's Licence Initiative, Understand Budgets and management, Understanding of Commerce city's municipal structure, Recently selected for a Commerce city Focus group,

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. History is so POWERFUL, it can bring PRIDE or SHAME to a community, I lived & went to college in Honolulu Hawaii, which has this country's' MOST historic site, that is Pearl Harbor, History is Written to TEACH us.

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
- Large 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 and seniors

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 the class was full

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, Pioneer Park (Holly Park), Lake by the Reunion Coffee House and most of all my neighborhood.

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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

EXPERIENCE:

- Admn./Finance/Marketing/Project Manager
- Volunteer, Special Events & Outreach Coordinator
- Currently Board member of Commerce City Cultural Council, Adams14 DAAC (District Accountability Advisory Committee) Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD), 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
- Latino Engagement Taskforce (LET) for Commerce City Police Dept./ Cultivando project

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)

- 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 Colorado

References: Gladly Upon Request