

## Lori Young Application for At-Large Seat

### Statement Confirming Eligibility for Appointment

I, Lori Young, hereby confirm the following eligibility requirement for appointment to Commerce City City Council At-Large seat:

- I am a citizen of the United States
- I am 48 years old
- I have been a resident of Commerce City for 14 years as of April 15, 2019
- I am a registered voter of Commerce City
- I am not currently serving a criminal sentence, including probation or parole, for a felony or an offense comparable to a felony in the military.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Young

April 28, 2019

Dear Mayor Sean Ford and Commerce City City Council,

I am thrilled to submit my application for your consideration to fill the vacant At-Large seat.

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

I have been a resident of Commerce City for 14 years. Over the years, I've had the privilege of experiencing many aspects of our community. The more I come to know our city's residents, leaders and history, the more honored I am to live here. We have tremendous opportunities – especially in our challenges – to continue to grow and thrive as well as honor the legacy left by generations before us and maximize the partnerships we have in front of us.

I see a community of resources; people, financial, generational, environmental, structural, and economical. When leveraged effectively, our resources can bring about powerful results. Our opportunity as city leaders lies in our demonstration to find our common ground and harness our resources toward solutions for our challenges and maximizing our strengths.

I believe that my experience, knowledge, passions and strengths will bring a unique perspective to the council and our opportunity to lead our community well.

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

As the Development Director for Community Uplift Partnership for four years, I have worked directly with community members, community leaders, business leaders and residents in Commerce City. Here are few examples:

- Families living in economic poverty at the mobile food pantry and the Hope Resource Center. I started a community group with a group of women we met at the Hope Resource Center. We provided opportunities for the women to give back to their community for the purpose of strengthening their relationships with their neighbors. Strong neighbors build strong quality communities.
- Local business and community leaders to procure resources for expansion of CUP's opportunities to directly impact the families living below the financial guidelines for poverty. Some of these partnerships include Oakwood Homes, Landing Place Church, AeroField Services, Denver Scrap Metal Recycling, Denver Botanic Gardens, State House of Representative, State Senator, Adams County Sherriff, 9News, Boyers Coffee, and Adams County Commissioners, Commerce City Chamber of Commerce, Commerce City Rotary – just to name a few.
- Adams 14 school district and Lester Arnold High School to bring job training classes and hands on job training opportunities to students in the district.

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

Building a cooperative allegiance is one of our city's biggest opportunities for Commerce City to thrive. Each section of our city has valuable demographic, financial, historical and generational resources to provide solutions to our communities' most pressing challenges. Think stone soup, only yummiier.

Our City Council has the honor of setting the example to find reach a common ground in the things we are all passionate about, and working towards creative and powerful solutions to the unique opportunities presented to us.

**4. What do you believe are the three most pressing challenges or concerns in the Commerce City Community?**

- Education
- Poverty
- Oil & Gas is both a challenge and an opportunity. We are required to consider the environmental aspects and it's effects on our residents. I am aware of the depth of passion on this side of the debate. *\*see note below*

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

- Economic development not only as a necessary means to continue to grow our community and maintain a thriving economy for our residents, but also as a means to bring opportunities to provide sound, life changing solutions to poverty.
- Education - challenges are opportunities in disguise, kind of like a superhero
- Oil & Gas is both a challenge and an opportunity. We are required to also consider the economic aspects and it's effect on our residents as well. *\*This is a very complicated issue and one that should be handled with tremendous responsibility toward being well informed on both sides of the issue.*

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

**My biggest concern is the time commitment. As a divorced mom of two active school aged boys, I will need to make some difficult choices to put my family first. I am committed to serve the City of Commerce City to my fullest capacity. I am applying to serve on City Council knowing I possess skills and experiences of tremendous value to City Council. I am also aware being a member of City Council is a privilege and an honor, my presence at council meetings and committee meetings is vital to our fiduciary and judiciary responsibilities.**

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

**Providing excellence in every aspect of our community not just for our lifetime, but for generations to come. We as community leaders have a tremendous responsibility to our community to provide excellence in our judiciary and fiduciary roles by being well informed on every issue presented to us. We are responsible for upholding our value of Quality Community for a Lifetime.**

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

- Employed with Community Uplift Partnership for four years as the Development Director and on the Executive Leadership Team opening Reunion Coffee House**
- Graduate of the Inaugural 2014-2015 Class of Leadership Commerce City as Class President**
- Current Leadership Commerce City Planning Committee Chairman**
- Member of the Commerce City Chamber of Commerce**
- Junior Achievement Volunteer**

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

- No, I have not**

**10. How long have you resided in Commerce City?**

- My family and I have lived in Commerce City for 14 years.**

**11. What is your favorite place in Commerce City?**

- Reunion Park because it's right outside my front door where I can grab a CUP of coffee at Reunion Coffee House and be greeted by the very best apprentice baristas in the whole city.**
- Visiting our schools in Adams 14 in various capacities and meeting the students who will be our city's future business and community leaders. Our schools are led by extraordinary principals and teachers who are dedicated to the education and growth of our children. I will be especially honored to serve them as a member of city council.**

**Thank you for your consideration. I am confident I have the skills, experience and passion necessary to fill the At-Large seat competently. It is my deepest desire to continue to serve our community with the highest quality standards you have come to expect from your leaders.**

**In sincerest gratitude,**

**Lori Young**

**[lori@mslorilyn.com](mailto:lori@mslorilyn.com)**

**720 218-7680**

# LORI YOUNG

17935 East 104<sup>th</sup> Place Unit A, Commerce City, Colorado · (720) 218-7680

[Lori@mslorilyn.com](mailto:Lori@mslorilyn.com) · [LinkedIn Profile](#) · [Lori Young, www.linkedin.com/in/lori-young-3b0859b/](#)

---

## EXPERIENCE

MAY 2015 – DECEMBER 2018

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY UPLIFT PARTNERSHIP**

- Responsible for the development and implementation of fundraising programs and strategy through events and strategic partnerships.
- Create, implement and oversee short- and long- term fund development plans and budgets to support strategic goals.
- Execute comprehensive communications plan to promote community advocacy.
- Cultivate and maintain strategic relationships with business and community leaders.

AUGUST 2010 – APRIL 2015

**REGIONAL OUTREACH TEAM LEAD, MOPS, INTERNATIONAL**

- Development and implementation of Regional Outreach team to open charters to local qualified organizations.
- Responsible for cultivating and maintaining partnerships with organization leaders.
- Maintain a steady growth in charters through team trainings and strategy development.

2000 – 2008

**SENIOR MORTGAGE SPECIALIST, COLORADO COMMUNITY MORTGAGE, RBC MORTGAGE**

## EDUCATION

MAY 1995

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

## SKILLS

- Financial experience and skills including budgets
- Team and project management
- Maximizing key partnerships
- Strategy development and implementation
- Public speaking and communications
- Community advocacy and networking