

City of Commerce City
Attn: City Council
7887 E. 60th Avenue
Commerce City, CO 80022

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RE: Statement of Eligibility for appointment

Dear Mayor, City Councilmen, and Councilwomen,

I, Robyn Smith, am writing to confirm my Eligibility for considerations of appointment to the At-Large Council Vacancy:

- Be a citizen of the United States; Born in Denver, CO
- Be at least 18 years of age; Born May 13, 1986
- Be a resident of Commerce City for 12 months immediately preceding the appointment; July 2012
- Be a registered a voter of the city; Adams County, CO
- 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.

I believe that I would be a good councilmember because I have dedicated my entire adult life to the service to others. First in service to my country, in service in the Navy, and then in service to my community as a first responder in the heart of Commerce City. I see serving on the city council as another avenue to serve the community. My time in the Navy taught me invaluable lessons in diversity and getting along with people from different backgrounds and differing opinions. I know from experience, that not everyone will agree all the time, and it's important to remember that the world is best served when people come to the table with ideas from all different view points and backgrounds, and make the decision that is best for the community we have chosen to serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. For any questions or clarification of any eligibility requirements, please contact me at (303) 304-0331 or Smith.RobynLynn@gmail.com

Best Regards,



Robyn L. Smith

1. Why are you applying to be on the city council?

I moved to Commerce City when I was 8 years old. My formative years were spent here and have shaped who I am as a person. I remember where we came from, and I have seen so many positive changes. I also know that there is still work that needs to be accomplished. I work intimately with the community as a paramedic in Commerce City (on both the South and North sides) and I see on a consistent basis the needs of the residents. I would love to be a voice for them as someone who knows what they're going through, not just as someone who spends a few hours here and there just talking to them.

2. How is your experience and background relevant to being on the city council?

As a first responder working in the heart of the city, I have a unique perspective and can see firsthand into the lives and wellbeing of the citizens within our community. My skill set allows me to connect with people from all areas of Commerce City and all walks of life. From the brand-new homes and businesses in the North, to the basements that house entire families, to the homeless camps along Sand Creek. My level of care does not change no matter the cross streets I find myself at. I am also a United States Navy veteran. I spent 7 years as an Air Traffic Controller and work well as a member of a team. Completing objectives that push the group toward accomplishing the mission energizes me and knowing how it impacts my own community drives me to overcome obstacles.

3. What are your thoughts on the relationship between the historic city and the northern range?

When the Northern range first came to be, there were some that wanted to change the name of Commerce City to something other than Commerce City. Obviously, that did not happen but it was a bit of a sore spot for some of the folks who have lived here for a long time. To those that remember the ordeal, they don't think about the North side, there is no relationship other than to recall the failed effort. Other people in the Southern part of the city feel like they have been forgotten about. With all of the new building going on they feel like improvement projects for the heart of the city are on hold and the resources are being taken by new development. As an example, the new Bison Ridge Recreation Center is beautiful, but a lot of the classes that were originally at Eagle Point were moved up north and there is some contention that opportunities were lost in the south in favor of giving them to the northern residents. Gentrification may not have been the intention, however the planning worked out that way. I personally believe that our two communities are our greatest asset, and we need to be able to grow for the future without forgetting about our history and where we came from. This is another reason why I am applying to be on the council.

4. What do you believe to be the three most pressing challenges or concerns in the Commerce City Community.

Ever Growing Homeless Population - With Denver going through and pushing the transient community out of Denver City limits, they have migrated to Commerce City. Figuring out a way to balance the public health and safety for the current residents and the transient population.

Lack of retail or dining options - There has been tremendous growth in the dining facilities up North, but down south there has not been much in the way of new dining options. I think a survey of available space for dining and retail options needs to be done so we are able to see what we are working with and where we can add.

Current City Employees and the Status Quo - I was speaking with a gentleman who had a great vision to open a small coffee shop on Parkway Dr, but got extremely discouraged when going to file paperwork and get the business running. He talked about how the people in the offices were so used to small town life, that when more, or larger, projects came in they were overwhelmed and didn't know how to handle the influx of work. He has since put the coffee shop on hold, but hopes to someday have a coffee shop here in the city.

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

Land use and Development - We have a unique opportunity in Commerce City. We are able to build new homes and business up North, but we also have the opportunity to revitalize South Commerce City. The Stapleton area is a great example of how to revitalize, while staying true to the heart of our history.

Location - We are in a great spot as far as highway usage, 270 runs right through the heart of the city and 76 gives access to 470 both of which are great options to get to the airport. We need to capitalize on that location and add places for people to stop and grab a bite to eat on their way out to the airport.

Industry; Pride in our History - We come from a long line of hard workers. Commerce City has some great industries within its boundaries. Our residents are able to find work close by their homes and are able to provide for their families. As Commerce City expands, there are more opportunities for companies to move in and make this their home. It is not uncommon for our neighbors to be up at the crack of dawn and home when the sun goes down. There are dedicated employees down every street. Our resiliency is what has kept Commerce City thriving for as long as it has.

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

The only concern that comes to mind is that I have not served on City Council before. There is a time and place to start, and for me this is it. I am committed to putting in extra effort to get up to speed as quickly as possible.

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

Quality Community for a lifetime means that we are planning and growing a city for people to settle into, to plant roots in and have generations of their family living here. A community where we are able to work and raise a family without concerns for safety or lack of working options.

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

While I have never served on a board, I have been a volunteer with multiple organizations. I have been the Paramedic on call for multiple 9News Health fairs, volunteered with the USO, been involved with several veteran run programs to assist with other veterans or active duty service members.

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

I have not, but I would welcome the opportunity to do so.

10. How long have you resided in Commerce City?

My family moved to Commerce City in 1992, I moved away in 2005 to serve my country in the United States Navy, and returned in 2012.

11. What is your favorite place in Commerce City?

Growing up here, there are a lot of places I reminisce about, like behind Fire Station 1 where my best friend and I smoked our first stolen cigarette. I would say my favorite memories are from Fairfax park where they used to hold the fireworks display on the Fourth of July. The whole community would come out for the event. I remember vividly community camaraderie as we all ate ice cream and popcorn on blankets under the fireworks. As an adult, my favorite place is the dog park at 102nd and Havana. My job comes with a lot of stressors, so being able to go outside and take my dogs to run around, off leash, is important for my mental health and for my dogs to get their exercise. I also enjoy the restaurants that do call Commerce City home. Most Saturday mornings you can find me and my family (sometimes my crew) at Stephanie's Coffee Shop right next to Best Yet Flowers.

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SKILLS

Experienced professional with over 4 years of EMS experience and 7 years of military experience at both operational and supervisory levels.

EXPERIENCE

Northglenn Ambulance, Commerce City, CO — *Paramedic*

October 2015 - PRESENT

- Lead and coordinate medical emergency response calls
- Renders Appropriate care as needed for ALS and BLS patients
- Managed patients with a variety of presentations including respiratory, cardiac, seizures, altered mental state, substance abuse, and trauma.
- Interpreted limited histories and used physical examinations to identify potential underlying critical issues.
- Maintained positive working relationships with other emergency personnel
- Provide prompt and accurate documentation immediately every call.

Frontier Airlines, Denver CO — *Operations Agent*

October 2012 - September 2015

- Pre-planning Frontier Weight & Balance Payload/Upload Worksheets for Ramp as well as assisting in various Weight and Balance duties needed for the Central Load Planning needs of the Denver hub and outstations

United States Navy — *Air Traffic Control, Air Operations Supervisor*

September 2005 - July 2012

- USS Abraham Lincoln CVN 72, USN Supervised Air Operations personnel as well as aided the Air Operations Officer with scheduling of Airspace and dissemination of secret and classified material. Precision Approach Landing System (PALS) final controller; responsible for the control of aircraft on final approach to ensure optimum alignment at night and during adverse weather conditions. Fully qualified on all Carrier Air Traffic Control Integrated Ships Information Systems (ISIS).
- Naval Air Station Meridian, MS, USN Provided and supervised air traffic control for civilian and military aircraft operating the Class "D" airspace belonging to McCain and Joe Williams airfield at a joint NAVY/FAA facility.

Provided for the safe and expeditious flow of air traffic within my control jurisdiction. Ensured new controllers were being properly trained and on schedule. Radar supervisor; fully qualified on all radar positions and responsible for five air traffic controllers. Tower supervisor; fully qualified on all tower positions and responsible for seven air traffic controllers. Flight planning supervisor; ensured that all flight plans that were filed were correctly formatted and accurate. Prepared Notices To Airmen (NOTAMS) for publication online. Contributed to the safe, orderly and expeditious completion of over 140,000 operations, 7,000 ground controlled approach's and over 30 new controller and supervisor qualifications at two high tempo strike fighter pilot training airfields. Senior Operations Duty Officer; Entrusted with the supervision of all matters pertaining to the daily management of two airfields, as well as the scheduling and de-confliction of a 24-sailor watch rotation at one of the Navy's busiest airfields.

EDUCATION

St. Anthony Institute of Emergency Medical Training, Lakewood, CO —
Certificate in Paramedicine

January 2018 - September 2018

Front Range Community College, Westminster, CO — *Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education*