

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Commerce City Civic Academy is an eight-week-long course wherein engaged Citizens learn about the basics of City government, including community relations, city management and city council, community development, public works, economic development, public safety, parks, recreation, and golf, finance and budgeting, urban renewal, elections, and boards and commissions; and,

WHEREAS, the Civic Academy encourages participants to build meaningful relationships with city staff and leadership, encouraging an open dialogue to improve city services; and,

WHEREAS, the Civic Academy encourages residents to ask tough questions of public servants and listen with an open mind, understanding that government can only improve with active, informed engagement from both citizens and public servants; and,

WHEREAS, any resident of Commerce City, or anyone who works in Commerce City, may apply to participate in and learn more about the Civic Academy by visiting [/www.c3gov.com/Government/Boards-Commissions/Civic-Academy](http://www.c3gov.com/Government/Boards-Commissions/Civic-Academy); and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the outstanding civic engagement of the 2026 Civic Academy cohort, including:

- Alejandro De Leon
- Alex Anaya
- Brandi Valdez
- Colleen Ramos
- Debra Eggleston
- Desiree Martinelli
- Dina Puente
- Joe Frey
- Maria Zubiate
- Michelle Sessions
- Natalie Annette Zigler-Ley
- Nelly Servin
- Steven Vanheusen

Now, therefore, the City Council of Commerce City hereby recognizes the graduating class of the 2026 Commerce City Civic Academy and encourages all residents to be active, engaged, and informed members of the community to help build a Quality Community for a Lifetime.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve J. Douglas', written over a horizontal line.

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor