

Long Range Planning Committee
Membership Recommendations
June 21, 2022

Members Recommended for Renewal

Student Member

Lia Pirazzi

Renewal Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

East Planning Area

Legend High School Feeder Area

Stephanie Van Zante

Renewal Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

East Planning Area

Legend High School Feeder Area

Patti Anderson

Renewal Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

At Large

Michelle Major

Renewal Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Individuals Recommended to Fill Vacancies

North Planning Area

ThunderRidge School Feeder Area

Michael Kemp

Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Statement of Interest

I am interested in serving on this committee because I have two students in the district, and have a skill set and background that may be useful to my community. We are a high growth area and have a lot of potential to become a best in class district with world class facilities that support our students learning and act as community hubs. Our schools are at the center of our communities, they are not only where our students learn, but areas where we gather to celebrate, learn, and host events. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to my community by serving on this committee.

I have been a member of the community for almost two years and grew up in the Ken Caryl Ranch area nearby. I am heavily invested in the success of this community and want to see it thrive in the future for my children to have the same opportunity I do. I also have a brother who is a demographer and so I have some limited exposure to the population forecasting world and access to additional relationships and thought leadership from that perspective.

Qualifications

I have a background in finance and capital planning with my MBA from the University of Denver and experience in capital finance at both Newmont Mining and DaVita Healthcare (two of Colorado's fortune 500's). I also have several years of consulting experience in project and program management including a project to support the capital planning efforts and eventual bond ask of Denver Public Schools. As a follow on engagement I supported improvement efforts with the construction and facilities departments to make more effective use of their bond funding. My direct project experience not only gives me a background in this type of work, but also the relationships within other districts to solicit best practices and thought leadership where Douglas County may need it.

East Planning Area

Ponderosa High School Feeder Area

Elizabeth Craft

Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Statement of Interest:

I grew up in DC and we are now raising our kids in this community. I have a vested interest in what the long-term growth looks like for our family. We currently have 3 kids in 3 public schools in Douglas County (Elementary/Middle School/High school)

Qualifications

I believe that having the longevity of being raised in Douglas County and watching 40 plus years of growth and change in itself brings a unique qualification to this committee. Professionally I have designed and implemented sustainable farming and landscape practices that brings a distinctive eye to growth and what that looks like while maintaining the natural beauty of the county. I am a licensed Real Estate Agent and keep a close eye on the pulse of our community already. I believe having the professional background of Real Estate and farming will bring an exclusive look at our county's long term growth!

North Planning Area

Mountain Vista High School Feeder Area

Brice Kahler

Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Statement of Interest

My wife and I have two young children who are DCSD students, providing the children of our community with a quality education is very important to me. A key component of providing a quality education is the successful allocation of resources, both human and capital, via long range planning. I believe that my skills and experience as a finance executive would be an asset to the LRPC and an effective way to make a positive contribution to our school district and community.

Qualifications

I have over 15 years of finance, planning and strategy experience at the executive level in both large and small companies. My work experience includes long range planning of significant capital projects and the management of capital structures to make those projects achievable. I'm also a member of the Highlands Ranch Community Association Finance Committee, where I work with other committee volunteers to make recommendations to the HRCA board and staff members to continue the Association's long term fiscal health.