

Long Range Planning Committee Membership Recommendations June 18th, 2024

Voting Members Recommended for Renewal

North Planning Area

John Freeman

Renewal Term: June 2024-June 2027

Catherine Lees

Renewal Term: June 2024-June 2027

Charter

Rudy Lukez

Renewal Term: June 2024-June 2027

Voting Members Recommended to Fill Vacancies

East Planning Area

Serena L. Hendon

Term: June 2024-June 2027

North Planning Area

Shelley Becker

Term: June 2024-June 2027

Christa Gilstrap

Term: June 2024-June 2027

West Planning Area

Levi Shroder

Term: June 2024-June 2027

New Members - Statements of Interest and Qualifications

Serena L. Hendon

I am interested because my son has gone to DCSD for 8 years now. I have seen the challenges that DCSD is currently facing. I would like to try to provide a better physical environment for the future generations and I believe my skill set can provide valuable input in that regard.

I have two engineering degrees from Colorado State University and have been a licensed professional engineer in the State of Colorado since 1999 (CO PE No. 33818). As an engineer, I worked for both private and governmental entities. My experience includes working on the planning, design, and construction of various projects within the realms of residential, commercial, industrial, and local/state/federal governmental throughout five different states for almost twenty years before transitioning to law. In 2012, I earned my law degree at night while continuing to work as an engineer. Since then, my law practice has focused mainly on construction issues including, but not limited to, permitting, contracting, design, financing, construction, and defects while representing owners, developers, contractors, engineers, and architects throughout Colorado and Wyoming. (CO Bar 45028, WYO Bar 7-5590). I am familiar with governmental budgeting and financing through both my engineering and legal experience.

Shelley Becker

As a longtime resident of Douglas County and two adult children graduated from DCSD, I want to be involved and serve on the LRPC to contribute and add value to the future of the district by engaging in strategic planning, community feedback and engaging on the ever changing landscape of public education and facility needs and assessments.

I have direct experience as a chief financial officer for public school districts which includes oversight and responsibility for operational needs. I have been a part of enrollment and demographic information and studies, assessing capital and facility needs, creation of master capital plans and more.

Christa Gilstrap

The master capital and boundary analysis interest me.

I'm involved in the SACs at multiple schools at all three levels, I served on the MBEC in 2022 and 2023, I also ran the 5A/B campaign during both the '22,'23 elections.

Levi Shroder

As a resident of Douglas County with a vested interest in the community's educational landscape, and with the additional insight that my daughter attends school within the district, I am aware of the importance of long-range planning for the DCSD. My personal involvement in a committee similar to this has equipped me with valuable experience and a deep understanding of the intricacies involved in crafting effective long-term strategies for educational institutions.

I am particularly interested in serving on the DCSD Long Range Planning Committee because I believe in the power of proactive planning to shape the future of education in our community. By contributing my insights and experiences to the committee, I hope to help identify and address the evolving needs of our schools, students, and families. Additionally, I am committed to fostering

collaboration and inclusivity within the planning process to ensure that the diverse voices and perspectives of our community are heard and considered.

Ultimately, I am motivated by a desire to contribute meaningfully to the continued improvement and success of the Douglas County School District. I believe that by working together to develop forward-thinking strategies, we can help create a brighter future for all students in our district.

I am currently the Director of Operations/Bond for a school district in Colorado Springs. I have experience in being part of, and also leading long-range planning for school districts and municipalities. Previous to my work in the school District, I worked in municipalities and special districts in the south metro area of Denver. I also serve as the Chair of the SAC committee for my daughter's school (Flagstone Elementary).