



Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Jennifer Allen-Thomas has been a resident of Commerce City, Ward II for 45 years. Two of her family members have inspired her to continue to be involved in Commerce City. Her father, James Allen, was the first African-American elected City Councilman for Commerce City. She is happily married to Harvest Thomas, III, who sits on the Planning Committee for Commerce City and was the first African American Board Director for the Adams 14 Board of Education. She has previously served on the Commerce City Board of Adjustment and the Commerce City-Housing Authority. She was the Certified Nursing Assistant Program Coordinator for Adams City High School from 2006-2010. She works for the State of Colorado, Department of Regulatory Agencies, as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Certified Investigator, for the Medical Board and the Board of Nursing. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Regis University and a Master's Science Degree-Family Nurse Practitioner from Regis University, and graduated Cum Laude. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Beta Omega Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau-Nursing Honor Society, Colorado Society of Advance Practice Nurses, Colorado Nurses Association, Eastern Colorado Council of Black Nurses and Colorado State Investigators Association. She is involved in several other community events such as 9News Health Fair, Breast and Pancreas Cancer Walks and Aids Walks.

Colleen Becker has been a resident of Commerce City, Ward III for seven years but has lived in Adams County for over thirty. She has worked for Kaiser Permanente for fourteen years and is currently a full time student at the University of Denver. She is double majoring in public policy and sociology and hopes to apply to law school in the spring. She is passionate about her community and is eager to find ways to help make it better for its citizens.

Susan Carabajal has been a Commerce City resident for 47 years. She is married to Jim with children Michelle, Andre & Jason. She holds a BA in Psychology from Regis, MSW from DU and MAR from Iliff School of Theology. Susan is a licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Addictions Counselor III, Certified Marriage & Family Therapist and Certified Grief & Loss Counselor. She worked for Adams County Social Services for eight years in Child Protection and for University of Colorado for two years as Marriage Therapist & Drug Addictions Counselor. She operates her own private practice – Heart & Soul Counseling in Commerce City. She has served her community since 1968 as victim advocate for CC Police Department, Mayor's Advisory Committee, volunteer election judge, Liquor Authority, and now on Commerce City Cultural Council. Susan loves serving her community, is very proud to be in Commerce City and feels it's a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Sandy Carruthers has been a happy resident of Commerce City, Ward I, for nearly 24 years. She served on the Quality Community Initiative (QCI) Committee from 2011-2013. She has served on the Parks and Recreation Senior Advisory Committee from 2008-present and the

Conoco/Suncor Citizen Advisory Committee from 2000-present. She is a Community Enterprise volunteer, a Commerce City Recreation Center participant (since 1987), and performs other various community involvement. Sandy holds a bachelor's degree and unclassified graduate work from the University of Northern Colorado.

DeLilah Collins is the E-rate and Education Technology coordinator for the Colorado Department of Education. She served on the Quality Community Initiative which was instrumental in developing the requirements for the 2K initiative. DeLilah currently serves on the Quality Community Foundation Board, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Information Technology Business Systems Analyst and is a resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

Brian Connor is a Senior Vice President in the Commercial Lending Department of Citywide Banks. Citywide Banks, established in 1963, is a family-owned, Colorado focused bank with twelve locations throughout the Denver Metro and Boulder area. Mr. Connor is a current member of the Commerce City Cultural Council, the 27J Accountability Committee, and a 2014-2015 participant in Engage 27J. Mr. Connor has a first and third grader attending Landmark Academy at Reunion and volunteers his time in both of his children's classrooms. Mr. Connor holds a B.A. in History from the University of Colorado Denver and is a nine-year resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

Gordon Hamby is an anti-bias/anti-bullying educator, motivational speaker and certified professional coach working across the front-range in educational, professional and governmental venues. He is also a co-chair of Commerce City's Public Safety Citizens Advisory Board. Gordon's professional memberships include the International Bullying Prevention Association (IBPA) and the National Association for Citizens Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). Community service also includes working with Commerce City's Cultivando, Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation and CU Denver's Dance Marathon benefitting Children's Hospital.

Maura O'Neal is the media relations and communications manager for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. She is a member of the Commerce City Cultural Council and served on the Commerce City Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee and the Quality Community Initiative. She received her bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and her master's degree from the University of Colorado. She is a resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

Jonathan Popiel is a Project Development Manager for Hensel Phelps. He has been actively involved in the construction/engineering industry for nearly fifteen years and a resident of Commerce City for 11 years. Mr. Popiel graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado in 2001. He is happily married to his beautiful wife Julie, and is a father of two-year-old twin daughters, Hannah and Jenna. He is a resident of Commerce City, Ward IV.

