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Educational Background:

Aspen Institute Fellowship, Business and Society Program

UCCS: MBA Health Care Administration and Innovation Management (expected

2016), UCCS: Professional Advancement Certificate Gerontology

Colorado College: BA History, BA Philosophy, Minor Ancient Studies, studies abroad

in Brazil

Milton Academy

Colorado Springs Leadership Institute

Leadership Pikes Peak

CCIM Institute (course work complete)

Jones Real-estate School

National Outdoor Leadership School

University of Pennsylvania: archaeological expedition to Israel, Herod the Great's

Palace

Intern, United States House of Representitives

Professional Licenses and/or Associations:

National Association of Corporate Directors

ALR Administrators training program, CO

Alternative Care Facilities Licence, CO

Colorado Real-estate Licence (inactive)

Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance member

Level 1 Certified US Lacrosse Coach

Association for Managers of Innovation

Special Knowledge or Skills:

Over the past 20 years, I have held various leadership positions. The first 4 yeas of my professional career were as a high school teacher of history and philosophy and serving as a department head. One of my favorite courses to teach was AP United States History. I have a deep love for both democracy, and the free market and the complex interplay between the two.

For the past 16 years I have been a senior executive and principal in commercial realestate development, in the areas of senior housing, office, retail, apartments, and mixed use properties. I have been actively involved in financing, leasing, property management, acquisitions, sales and development. I have served as a developer of several different types of commercial properties over this time and know the complexities of the development process including entitlements. I have also overseen a diverse portfolio of properties and had the honor of being in charge of a large and diverse staff.

Over the past several years I have been active with the Regional Business Alliance. I have served on the Board of Directors, on its Governmental Affairs Advisory Committee and as Chairman of the Community Development Council and for several months as Interim CEO. I have also served and on several civic organizations. This involvement in different community endeavors would give me a head start getting up

to speed with the URA.

I would hope that my experience in various leadership roles in business, government, and in the community would eventually be an asset to the URA and help move our community forward during this exciting but complex time.

Civic and/or Service Membership:

Current:

Board of Directors, Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance, Chairman Community Development Council, Government Affairs Advisory Committee.

Board of Directors, Pikes Peak Community College Foundation, Immediate Past Chairman

Board of Advisors, Kirkpatrick Bank

Past:

Founding Member/Board of Directors Innovations in Aging Collaborative Board of Directors, Silver Key Senior Services, Past Chairman Board of Directors, Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region Board of Directors, Center for Regional Advancement School District 12 District Accountability and Accreditation Committee City of Colorado Springs Sustainability Solutions Team Rotary Club

Civic Interests:

I have an active interest in the development of our educational assets and work force. I have worked actively in the areas of land conservation, economic development, community development and defense development. I have a deep commitment in working to build our community to be a "best in class city". I have worked hard to do my small part to help improve the quality of the discourse in our community over the past several years and would hope to continue this on the URA if selected.

How will your qualifications best serve the needs of the community?:

I would hope that my experience in business would help me ask the right questions as the URA looks at different projects. My experience in project development and developing many different types of commercial product would hopefully be an asset. Finally, my fellowship at the Aspen Institute has given me a unique perspective on macro-economic changes taking place in our world, and I believe that would be an asset to the URA. I would hope that my extensive board experience would also be of value.

Why do you want to serve on the board?:

I came to Colorado Springs 25 years ago and fell in love with our community. I have prospered in our community and my wife and I are raising our 3 boys here. We have a community with great potential, but there is a lot more to be done to capitalize on it. I believe that our community is currently in a period where we have collectively made great strides, but it will take hard work to fully actualize its potential. Over the next few years, the URA will play a key role our community and I would like to do my small part by serving on the board if accepted.

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