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Dear Ayana,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

I am writing to formally notify you that the Middle Shooks Run Neighborhood Association (MSRNA) has endorsed Harrison Sokol as our nominee for the vacant Downtown Review Board (DRB) seat. We are pleased to confirm that Harrison has accepted our endorsement.

Mr. Sokol will be submitting his resume and the required application directly to you.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this process.

Sincerely,

Daniel Way
President
Middle Shooks Run Neighborhood Association


Application for City Council Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Profile

First Name **Harrison**

Last Name **Sokol**

Email Address [REDACTED]

Are you a resident of the City of Colorado Springs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

In what City Council District do you reside? *

- ☐ District 1 ☐ District 4 ☐ I live outside City limits.
☐ District 2 ☐ District 5
☒ District 3 ☐ District 6

Use the following link to determine if you live inside City limits and to find your City Council District:

<https://coloradosprings.gov/city-clerk/page/city-council-districts>

Street Address [REDACTED]

Suite or Apt [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

State [REDACTED]

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Primary Phone [REDACTED]

Employer **Early Connections Learning Centers**

Job Title **Executive Assistant**

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

- ☐ Airport Advisory Commission
☐ Audit Committee
☐ Citizen Transportation Advisory Board
☐ City/County Drainage Board
☐ Civil Service Commission
☐ Council District Process Advisory Committee
☒ **Downtown Review Board**

- ☐ Fire Board of Appeals
- ☐ Historic Preservation Board
- ☐ Independent Ethics Commission
- ☐ Initiative Review Committee
- ☐ Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission
- ☐ Lodgers and Automobile Rental Tax Citizen's Advisory Committee
- ☐ Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board
- ☐ Planning Commission
- ☐ Public Art Commission
- ☐ Stormwater Advisory Committee
- ☐ TOPS Working Committee

Briefly introduce yourself and state your interest in serving on a specific Board, Commission, or Committee

I am interested in serving on the Downtown Review Board. I recently purchased a condo within the form-based zone, have lived downtown for the past year, and also work in the area. It is my favorite part of town. I was born and raised here, so I remember what downtown used to be like. The vibrancy and excitement of today's downtown is far different from what it was like in my childhood. I would love to help contribute to continuing downtown's renaissance.

I am broadly interested in zoning, planning, and placemaking, all of which are relevant to the scope of this board. I read and refer to the UDC and the FBZ code frequently, and I am particularly interested in seeing how regulations inform real life projects. I am excited to see what the next few years have in store for my neighborhood, and it would be an honor to participate in my community through serving on the Downtown Review Board.

Relevant Experience and Community Involvement

Highlight any volunteer work, previous service on boards or committees, and community involvement that demonstrates your commitment to public service and the community.

This would be my first time serving on a board. I am very active in my community. I go to city open houses, meet with council members, attend neighborhood association meetings, keep track of downtown events and grand openings, and regularly advocate for downtown both offline and online. I have submitted public comments to the Downtown Review Board in the past and am pretty familiar with their processes and procedures. I am also proud to work for an educational nonprofit that has been based downtown for over 100 years.

Supplemental Materials (if applicable) Please attach the document when sending your application.

Include any additional materials that may strengthen your application, such as a resume or examples of your work in the community.

Harrison Sokol

Profile

I graduated from the University of Colorado Denver with a Bachelor of Arts in history and with a social studies teaching license. I’ve taught in schools in Japan and across America, worked with students in a variety of settings, and I’m now hoping to get more involved in my local government.

Experience

Executive/Administrative Assistant, Early Connections Learning Centers; Colorado Springs—Oct. 2024-Present

- Managed front desk receptionist duties
- Managed food ordering and implemented cost-saving measures
- Scheduled appointments, trained admin assistants, assisted data migration projects

Paraprofessional, Oscar Mayer School; Chicago, Illinois—Oct. 2023-June 2024

- Managed an early childhood Montessori classroom
- Assisted students throughout their day, including transitions, recess, and pull-out classes
- Worked closely with teachers and support staff to implement IEP goals

Paraprofessional, Wallace Elementary School; Hoboken, New Jersey—Dec. 2022-Aug. 2023

- Worked one-on-one with assigned students
- Assisted with managing the classroom and graded assignments
- Led two after-school programs, helped with all aspects of learning

Assistant Language Teacher, Tokamachi School District; Tokamachi Japan—Nov. 2021-May 2022

Tour Guide, Colorado State Capitol; Denver, Colorado—Aug. 2017-May 2020

Daytime Manager, Colorado Custard Company; Manitou Springs, Colorado—May 2014-Aug. 2017

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts in history

- University of Colorado Denver 2017-2020
- Honors: *summa cum laude*

Colorado Teacher License

- Dual certified in social studies and middle school mathematics

References

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Teacher Assistant

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Liz Denson

Early Connections

President & CEO

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Hector Garcia

Oscar Mayer School

Paraprofessional

(773) 383-3383

Profile

Amanda

First Name

Luciano

Last Name

Email Address

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☒ District 3

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Primary Phone

Trent Properties Group

Employer

Broker Associate

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Downtown Review Board: Appointed

Introduction

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I would love to serve on the Downtown Review Board. I feel I would be well-suited to serve as I have a strong knowledge about form-based code, am a great advocate for the continued and sustainable growth of our downtown, and actively work as a commercial broker who has sold properties and helped to place tenants downtown. I have great respect for the work Planning and Zoning do, and regularly initiate pre-planning meetings for my buyers and tenants. So, I am familiar with the general process and framework. But I also want to learn more about it. Before becoming a broker, I was a reporter for the Colorado Springs Business Journal. I wrote extensively about form-based code when it was first introduced and was amazed by the power that single change to the zoning code could have on the downtown core of the City. More than a decade later, I feel that code change and the implementation of this board deserve a lot of credit for the amazing transformation we have seen downtown in that time. I want to be more involved in the community and have been looking for an opportunity where my background and skills could be applicable, and where I can learn and become more connected. I feel that the Downtown Review Board member role would be a great fit for my goals, and I appreciate your consideration. Thank you

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Amanda Miller Luciano

CURRENT

Commercial and residential real estate professional

Trent Properties Group

March, 2014-present

As a commercial broker, I help small business owners and investors analyze the market and make the best decisions in regard to leasing, selling, and buying. I am proud to be responsible for helping new businesses establish deep local roots, and to be a part of helping my investor clients realize substantial gains and reliable incomes over the years.

As a residential Realtor, ranking among the Pikes Peak MLS's top 10 percent of brokers by volume in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, I am a relentless advocate for my clients. With clear and precise communication, I help my clients achieve the best possible outcomes in their home sales and purchases.

Freelance Writer

AHMcontent, Inc.

December, 2009-present

I write for magazines and newspapers, and have created SEO content for marketing blogs and websites for direct clients and through third-party SEO companies for their clients. Content was high-quality and targeted. I have a particular focus on real estate and small business.

SKILLS

- Research and Analysis
- Communication and Writing
- Relationship building
- Some Spanish
- Working on deadline

PAST EXPERIENCE

Journalism

June 2011 to June 2013 Colorado Springs Business Journal

As a full-time reporter, I wrote about real estate, development, retail and downtown for a business audience. I paid attention to what was happening on my beats and in the community, watching for trends.

My experience at the Business Journal helped me to develop a deep understanding of the community and knowledge about the local commercial real estate market as well as emerging businesses, promising start-ups and influential entrepreneurs.

January 2007 to November 2009 Jackson Hole News & Guide

I wrote about cops, courts and immigration for this award-winning weekly and its daily supplement in the Tetons of Wyoming. I wrote hard-hitting and impactful pieces, including a series about the Mexican population that was recognized by the Society for Professional Journalists and submitted for consideration in the Pulitzer contest. I continued to write freelance articles for the paper several years after I left Jackson.

January 2004 to May 2007 Glenwood Springs Post Independent

I covered western Garfield County for this free mountain daily newspaper. I wrote about schools and community growing pains resulting from an oil and gas boom and growing immigrant population.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- **Intern at Red Energy PR:** March, 2011 to June, 2011. I focused on promotions for the Patriot's Ride, a cycling event sponsored by Chick-Fil-A.
- **Editor and Chief of The DePauw:** August, 2002 to December, 2002. I managed a large team of editors, writers and photographers at this acclaimed college newspaper.
- **Full-time copy editor:** May, 2002 to August, 2002. At the Pocono Daily Record, I edited news stories and designed the printed pages.
- **Full-time production and promotions intern:** January, 2002 to May, 2002. At In The Mix, a PBS television program described as 60-Minutes meets MTV, I helped to create and promote this documentary series for teens.
- **Full-time production intern:** December, 2001-February, 2002. At WISH TV in Indianapolis, Ind., I helped to research stories, come up with ideas, and execute them.

EDUCATION**Rampart High School • 1999**

Colorado Springs, Colorado

DePauw University • 2003

Greencastle, Indiana

- Bachelor's in English, concentration in writing
- Bachelor's in Communications

Spanish Immersion • 2006 and 2010

South America

- Classes in private institutes and with tutors during two four-month journeys through South America.

Kaplan Real Estate Education • 2014

- Completed course and earned Colorado real estate license

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Kaplan Financial Education • 2022

Colorado Springs, Colorado

- Completed Life and Health Insurance course and earned a Colorado insurance producer license.