



June 13, 2023

Mr. Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator  
City of Colorado Springs  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
107 N. Nevada Ave. Ste. 300  
RE: Downtown Development Authority open board positions

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority had two board openings in June 2023, due to the completion of one four-year term by Jordan Empey and a partial term by Chris Lieber, as well as the departure of Ingrid Richter and Aaron Briggs, who are departing due to term limits.

Ordinance states that DDA board seats be filled by owners or representatives of business property within the DDA boundaries. Terms are for four years, and may be renewed for a second four-year term before exiting the board. DDA publicized this board opening on the DowntownCS.com website and through the Downtown e-newsletter, which reaches thousands of people, as well as direct outreach to community members. At its board meeting on June 13, 2023, the board of the DDA voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that:

- Amber Brannigan of Colorado College be appointed a first four-year term.
- Jeremy Shirley of Olive Real Estate Group be appointed a first four-year term.
- Jordan Empey of Stockman Kast Ryan & Co be appointed to a second four-year term.
- Chris Lieber of N.E.S. Inc be appointed to a first, full, four-year term.

Ms. Brannigan, VP of Campus Operations and Facilities Services at Colorado College brings a wealth of knowledge regarding meaningful operations experience and prior service on a Downtown management board in another city. Mr. Shirley, representing Olive Real Estate Group, lends vast knowledge of commercial real estate, development, finance, and the entrepreneurial ecosphere. Their biographies/letter of interest are attached.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Edmondson, DDA Executive Director