

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Application: **DDA - Downtown Development Authority**

Applicant Information

Birthday: [REDACTED] Gender: Female Education Level: College degree

Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED] <<

Availability

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Volunteer Groups Applied For

Downtown Development Authority

Job Description

I have read the job description

Questions

Do you reside or own property within the DDA?

YES

Current Occupation:

Banker

Current Employer:

First Interstate Bank

Prior work experience (please include dates):

- First Interstate Bank through three prior mergers. 2007-current Roles included: Commercial group Manager, Commercial Banker, Credit analyst, and Loan assistant/ documentation. Banking experience including a focus and expertise in construction and development financing.

Volunteer experience (please include dates):

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County, Finance & Investment Committee, June 2023-Present
- Daniels Fund, Scholarship Program Selection Committee, February 2019-Present.
- WomenGive, Scholarship Co-Chair Leadership Committee, volunteer and donor, September 2017-2021.
- Project Self Sufficiency, mentoring and tutoring of students, supporter, April 2015-April 2023.
- Fort Collins International Center, mentoring and tutoring international CSU students, May 2013-May 2014.

Canyon Concert Ballet and

• Canyon Concert Ballet and Dance Center, Treasurer, July 2011-August 2012.

Are you currently serving on a City board or Commission? If so, which one?

No

Why do you want to become a member of the Downtown Development Authority?

I want to become a member of the DDA to support what I perceive to be the best part of our city, our vibrant downtown. I believe I can use my love for downtown, analytical skills, and construction and development financing expertise to support the economic vitality and vibrancy of our downtown community.

Have you had any exposure to the Downtown Development Authority? If yes, please explain:

No;
No, other than frequently being downtown and my appreciation for our downtown's vibrancy, Old Town Square, and art in public spaces, including our beautiful alleys.

Specify any activities which might create a serious conflict of interest if you are appointed:

None

Optional: How did you learn of a vacancy on this board or commission?

Other (please specify);
Jenny Schulz and subsequent meetings with Matt Robenalt and David Lingle

List any abilities, skills, certifications, specialized training, or interests you have which are applicable to this board.

- Financial literacy in understanding budgeting, financial reporting, including strengths and challenges within reportings and finding mitigations when feasible.
- Understanding of overall construction financing process, including City approvals and Development Agreements, construction/architecture drawings, title work, and legal documents.
- Team collaboration.
- Love and appreciation for our downtown.
- Bachelor of Science in Business with a Major in Finance, completion of real estate certificate requirements, graduated Cum Laude, University of Colorado.

Briefly explain what you believe are the three most important issues facing the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and how do you believe the DDA should address each issue? You may also attach/upload a separate document if additional space is required.

- Continued revitalization of downtown by encouraging tourism and traffic with the local population, including drawing population from the south side of town (and surrounding towns), by raising downtown awareness through marketing portals, continuing to bring in arts and cultural activities, and promoting vibrant physical spaces. Addressing parking concerns and raising public awareness of parking garages, free garage promotion days, simplicity in app usage, etc.
- Promoting economic development by creating spaces where businesses want to be, and employees and residents want to engage and spend time and currency with local businesses.
- Fostering ongoing collaboration with the City, non-profits

collaboration with the City, non-profits, local businesses, residents, and non-profits to share in the implementation of a vibrant, safe, and economically sound downtown.

Are you willing to complete the required training if appointed?

YES