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**Boards/Commissions Application Form - Submission #178791**

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**Clear Creek County Boards/Commissions Application Form**

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**Which board/commission are you applying for?\***

Planning Commission 

**Why are you interested in being a member on this Board/Commission?**

I have been seeking an opportunity to serve the County in an official capacity, and the Planning Commission's core purpose aligns perfectly with my comprehensive skillset in environmental planning, design, and construction management. I am deeply invested in and protective of this community. My goal is to use my role on the Commission to ensure that we strategically manage growth, preserving the community we cherish while actively fostering its successful evolution.

**What “team/board” experience have you had in the past? (e.g. homeowners association, college committee, government or board positions, organized group activities):**

My professional growth has been cultivated through mentorship and specialized training over the years. I was a mentee in both the Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) mentorship programs. I completed the Denver Zoological program and the Denver Peak Academy program to earn my Green Belt and Black Belt in process improvements. Furthermore, I hold official credentials as a licensed Landscape Architect in Colorado, and I am a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP) with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). I was also an active member of the Women in Design (WiD) Denver chapter for many years.

## **What do you believe you could contribute to this Board/Commission:**

With over 10 years of experience bridging Environmental Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Construction Project Management, I offer a holistic perspective on development. I am skilled in interpreting construction drawings, navigating zoning codes, and analyzing site constraints. I aim to bring this technical expertise to the Planning Commission, helping Clear Creek make informed, forward-thinking decisions that will benefit the county for decades to come.

## **What current topics about the County concern you? (e.g., development, preservation, economy, revenues, housing, workforce, etc.):**

Clear Creek County is a unique community that has successfully maintained its strong sense of place, even amid increasing regional pressures. Moving forward, the County must evolve in a way that celebrates its history, culture, and community character. While I believe thoughtful, purposeful development is necessary to boost the economy and secure sustainable revenue streams — especially as traditional funding sources dwindle — we must approach it carefully, given the scarcity of buildable land. Maintaining livable conditions for current residents is also paramount. Too many mountain communities have marginalized their original constituents. Therefore, any development strategy must be meticulously balanced. Promoting economic growth and tax revenue must not come at the expense of ensuring access to daily amenities and providing affordable housing options for those who already call Clear Creek home.

## **Do you have any past involvement or experience with the County? (e.g., building permits, land use process, volunteerism, etc.)**

I have demonstrated my commitment to local governance by applying and interviewing for the CCMRD Board earlier this year. While I was not selected, the process deepened my understanding of the board's priorities and increased my resolve to serve the County via a different seat. Outside of official capacities, I actively volunteer in the community, including regularly stocking the local food pantry.

## **Include/upload your resume here.**

