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Position Statement

In my view, the incredible variety of subject area specializations and vocational niches available in the planning profession are what make having a career in our field so rewarding. My personal and professional experience has spanned socio-economic spectrums of diversity and has included cross-functional duties in municipal settings, leadership responsibilities in private business, and much in between. I am thankful for my varied background because it has provided me with the opportunity to appreciate the complexity and interrelatedness of the many challenges facing our communities, the collective effort necessary to identify and implement solutions, and the inherent worth of each voice in our mission to create a more just and livable world.

Throughout my experiences as a planner, and in life, I have met so many talented individuals with a dedication to or interest in community development, each with their own unique outlook and valuable perspective. It is my demonstrated commitment to open communication which has elevated my professional profile to this candidacy for Vice President of Communications. I am honored to be seen as a leader in connecting diverse points of view, and I take the invitation to serve seriously. If elected, it would be my intention to bring an assortment of viewpoints to the table and to lift the voices of those who might not otherwise be heard. Where there is great awareness and cutting-edge practice in the Front Range – truly a laboratory for innovation at this time of growth – there is also a well of knowledge to be tapped in our rural plains communities and those set against a background of deep canyons or remote peaks. I have always valued the wisdom which can stem from a lifestyle centered on the natural environment, born of distinct situational challenges, and I find rural and semi-rural viewpoints to be as valid as those rising from our urban neighborhoods, where very real struggles are also faced, albethey different. My lived experience includes both settings, and I know that as the effects of climate change bear down on our beautiful and hopeful state, from corner to corner, it is critical that we take advantage of our combined experience to chart our path forward, and it would be my honor to facilitate discussions on climate and related issues...and the many others impacting our health, safety and welfare; including racial inequity, the attainability of housing, and those which may not yet have as much coverage. I will want to hear from you, looking for input on what else we should be talking about, and, if elected, how can I use this position to bring awareness to the topics of concern in your communities.

Over the past decade, it has been my pleasure to get to know so many of you. The network I have built, and the support it has provided, has been an important part of my career. I see the Vice President of Communications position as an opportunity to give back to a community of professionals which has done so much for me, as well as a venue for connecting people to bolster their own networks and to continue expanding my own. We are a committed group, and with the faith of our many stakeholders, we have accomplished so much. As we continue to face change and challenge, I ask for your support in this election, so I may employ my communication talents in a statewide extent to help facilitate the discussions which affect us all. I thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, which is rooted in the pursuit of inclusion and a dedication to goodwill.