

Full Name

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Position Statement

I am very excited about the opportunity to continue to serve as one of the two Denver Metro Representatives with APA Colorado. I have practiced as a planning consultant for the last 17 years at Design Workshop, Hoisington Koegler Group, and Rick Planning + Design, working on comprehensive plans, complete streets plans, corridor plans, market and economic studies, and neighborhood and subarea plans for private sector and public sector clients across Colorado and nationwide. I currently lead the Colorado Planning practice for Rick Engineering Company (Rick Planning + Design), here in Denver. I have grown the planning practice over the last four years as a Principal Community Planner and have led several comprehensive plan efforts in very different communities here on the Front Range and across the region, including Lafayette, Elizabeth, Cherry Hills Village, Granby, and Garden City, Kansas. I also complete market studies and other economic analyses for Rick's clients here in Colorado and across California and work with private sector clients to gain entitlement approvals for projects in various jurisdictions.

I have enjoyed serving as one of the two Denver Metro Representatives with APA Colorado over the last two years. The first year of my term occurred during one of the biggest waves of Covid (in 2021), but as APA started to hold more events in person during the year, I led happy hours and bike rides in the Denver area to provide an outlet for everyone to gather in person again and to exchange ideas with other planners. My fellow Denver Metro Representative, Tareq Wafaie, and I have planned a series of social events and gatherings for 2022, including happy hours to be held monthly and a speaker series to be held once per quarter, covering topics including planning for wildfires, growth management, water planning, and the changing face of retail. During my time on the APA Colorado board I have stepped in to fill a vacancy to lead the Great Places Committee, which gathers nominations and facilitates our APA Great Places award for Colorado. I have also assisted the APA's Planning Institute of Colorado, which provides training in the planning field across the state, by reviewing and updating materials for planning training courses designed for non-planners.

Over the next two years, as we continue to return to normal as the pandemic eases, I look forward to continuing to expand the social functions, meetings, and activities for APA members across the Denver metro region. I will continue to expand our meetings and events to include outings held in various suburban communities, and the small towns on the edges of the metro area as well, given the size of our region. I will continue to gather ideas and thoughts from APA Colorado members around the Denver region in order to share the voices from our area at state-wide leadership meetings. I also look forward to working with the various committees of APA Colorado to explore how we as planners can continue to shape how our region continues to grow, given the significant issues we face concerning our water supply, multi-modal transportation, housing, and other key issues. I look forward to continuing to give back to the planning profession as one of the Denver Metro Representatives, and I would appreciate your vote!