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Contact Information

Contact Name	Kate Barton	Home Address	[REDACTED]
Preferred Phone	[REDACTED]	Home City	[REDACTED]
Preferred Email	[REDACTED]	Home State	[REDACTED]
Other Phone		Home Zip	[REDACTED]
Other Email		County	[REDACTED]
DOB	[REDACTED]	Hispanic or Latino origin or Descent?	No
Gender	Female	Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian
Other Gender		Other Ethnicity	
		Tribal Affiliation	
		Salutation	
		Pronouns	She/Her/Hers

Application

Status	Pending Confirmation	Council Resolution Number	
Notes			

Board Information

Board Name	Denver Convention Center Hotel Authority	Original Start Date	
		End Date	
		Other boards or commissions served	

Work Information

Employer		Work Address	
Position		Work City	
Business Phone #		Work State	
Work Email		Work Zip	

Additional Information

Work or home in Denver	Yes	Objection to appointment?	No
Are you a registered voter?		Special Information	
If so, what county?		Registered Lobbyist	No

Denver City Council District No Lives outside of the City and County of Denver Conflict of Interest No
 Conflict of Interest Explanation

Education and General Qualifications

Name of High School		Name of Graduate School
Location of High School		Location of Graduate School
# of Years Attended High school		# of Years Attended Graduate School
Did you Graduate High School	Yes	Did you Graduate Graduate Major
Name of College		
Location of College		
# of Years Attended College		
Did you Graduate College		
Undergrad Major		

Reference Details

Reference Name #1	Reference Email #1
Reference Phone #1	Reference Address #1
Reference Name #2	Reference Email #2
Reference Phone #2	Reference Address #2
Reference Name #3	Reference Email #3
Reference Phone #3	Reference Address #3

Agree to a background check

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KATE BARTON LONG

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished executive leader with extensive experience driving organizational operations and strategic initiatives in economic development, marketing, communications, urban planning, and organizational leadership. Demonstrated success leading high-impact projects across private and public sectors. Exceptional at uniting diverse stakeholders to tackle complex challenges and drive meaningful change. Skilled in fundraising and communications. Fosters dynamic and diverse teams while creating powerful programs that deliver positive bottom-line results and business and community impact. Key achievements include leadership of Denver Startup Week, the largest free entrepreneurial event of its kind since 2014, and leading the repositioning of 16th Street and a cross-community effort to reopen Denver's iconic main street after construction.

SKILLS

- Organizational leadership
- Operational excellence
- Strategic partnerships
- Cross-functional team management
- Financial acumen
- People and culture development
- Strategy and problem-solving
- Development and fundraising
- Crisis management
- Public speaking and media spokesperson
- Government relations

WORK HISTORY

CHIEF OF STAFF

March 2026 to Current

Continuum Partners, Denver, CO

- Serve as strategic partner to CEO, driving enterprise alignment, execution, and leadership effectiveness across a multi-entity real estate platform.
- Lead operating model and governance infrastructure, translating strategy into accountable execution across the Leadership Team.
- Oversee People Operations and organizational design, building scalable systems for talent, performance, and growth.
- Manage internal operations, budgets, and risk frameworks to ensure a high-functioning, compliant, and efficient organization.
- Advance government affairs and external engagement, strengthening relationships with civic leaders and public-sector partners.
- Coordinate high-profile development initiatives, ensuring alignment across public, private, and community stakeholders.

CHIEF OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

June 2022 to March 2026

Downtown Denver Partnership, Denver, CO

- Served as a strategic advisor and operational leader to the CEO, driving cross-functional initiatives that align executive vision with organizational execution.
- Oversaw enterprise-wide marketing, communications, and brand strategy, ensuring consistent, impactful storytelling across all platforms to amplify mission, engage stakeholders, and elevate organizational reputation.
- Led all government affairs and public policy strategy, representing the interests of Downtown Denver's business community at the state and local level. Successfully build coalitions, influence ballot initiatives, and navigate complex policy landscapes to advance organizational objectives.
- Led a high-performing team of 9, overseeing initiatives that generate \$5M+ in annual impact while fostering a culture of accountability, innovation, and excellence.
- Provided executive leadership for Denver Startup Week, the country's largest free entrepreneurial event. Responsible for vision, operational execution, stakeholder engagement, and \$300K+ in

annual fundraising.

- Guided executive-level decisions across finance, culture, operations, and strategic planning, ensuring agility, fiscal responsibility, and long-term sustainability.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

April 2014 to June 2022

Downtown Denver Partnership, Denver, CO

During my tenure at the Downtown Denver Partnership, I led projects that significantly impacted downtown Denver, built and managed teams, and achieved company growth by implementing strategic initiatives and fostering collaboration with internal and external stakeholders. Key achievements include:

- **Security Action Plan:** Developed and managed a multi-faceted, 240-point plan to address safety and security in Downtown Denver, including stakeholder outreach and tactical changes to the Downtown Environment leading to more than 80% of Downtown stakeholder sighting improved safety on the 16th Street Mall.
- **Downtown Denver Partnership Brand and Office Space:** Led comprehensive re-branding and overhaul of marketing and storytelling for the Downtown Denver Partnership and all subsidiary companies, and renovation and relocation of Partnership Offices.
- **“No on 300” Political Campaign:** Oversaw comprehensive campaign to ensure public spaces were protected for the enjoyment of everyone. Managed \$2M of campaign contributions and successful campaign leading to 82% of voters voting “no.”
- **The Commons on Champa:** Oversaw creation, development, and launch the first of its kind entrepreneurial center in May 2015, raising over \$2.5M for the development of the building, and creating a nationally recognized entrepreneurial program serving over 20,000 diverse entrepreneurs between 2015 - 2022.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS MANAGER

January 2011 to April 2014

Vibrant Media, New York, NY

- Coordinated and facilitated Strategy Council meetings, board meetings, and investor communications to support key business initiatives for the digital advertising company.
- Managed relationships with the Board of Directors and external stakeholders, ensuring consistent, streamlined communication.
- Led the development and delivery of internal and external communications on behalf of the CEO and executive leadership.
- Served as Executive Assistant to the CEO and CAO/CFO, providing high-level administrative and strategic support.

EDUCATION

University of Denver, Denver, CO

Master of Business Administration, 2018

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Bachelor of Arts, 2010

BOARD SERVICE

Judi's House Board of Directors | 2020 - Present

- Co-Chair, Fundraising and Development Committee and Executive Committee Member
- Chair, Strategic Planning Committee | 2024

Auraria Higher Education Center Board of Directors | 2021 - 2025

- Gubernatorial Appointment by Governor Jared Polis, Board Chair | 2024 - 2025

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver Board of Directors | 2024 - Present

- Board Development Committee Member

Denver Startup Week Organizing Committee + Board of Governors | 2014 - Present

Kate Barton

Chief of Staff, Continuum Partners

Kate Barton is Chief of Staff at Continuum Partners, where she serves as a strategic advisor to the CEO and helps drive organizational alignment, governance, and execution across the firm's real estate and development platform. Her work focuses on advancing complex projects at the intersection of private investment, public policy, and community impact.

Kate brings more than a decade of civic and economic development leadership in Denver. She previously served as Chief of External Affairs and Managing Director at the Downtown Denver Partnership, where she led strategy, operations, and external engagement, and helped advance major public-private initiatives shaping the city's urban core.

She currently serves on the boards of Judi's House, Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, and Colorado Startup Week. Kate holds a B.A. from Trinity College and an MBA from the University of Denver. She was named to the Denver Business Journal's "40 Under 40" and is an Emerging Leader Fellow of the International Downtown Association.