

MEMORANDUM – COLFAX AVE BID

TO:	City Council
CC:	
FROM:	Esther Lee Leach
DATE:	August 30, 2024
PURPOSE:	Appointments & Reappointments for Colfax Ave BID
PROCESS:	City Council Confirmation
PROJECT:	N/A
NEXT STEPS:	City Council Confirmation

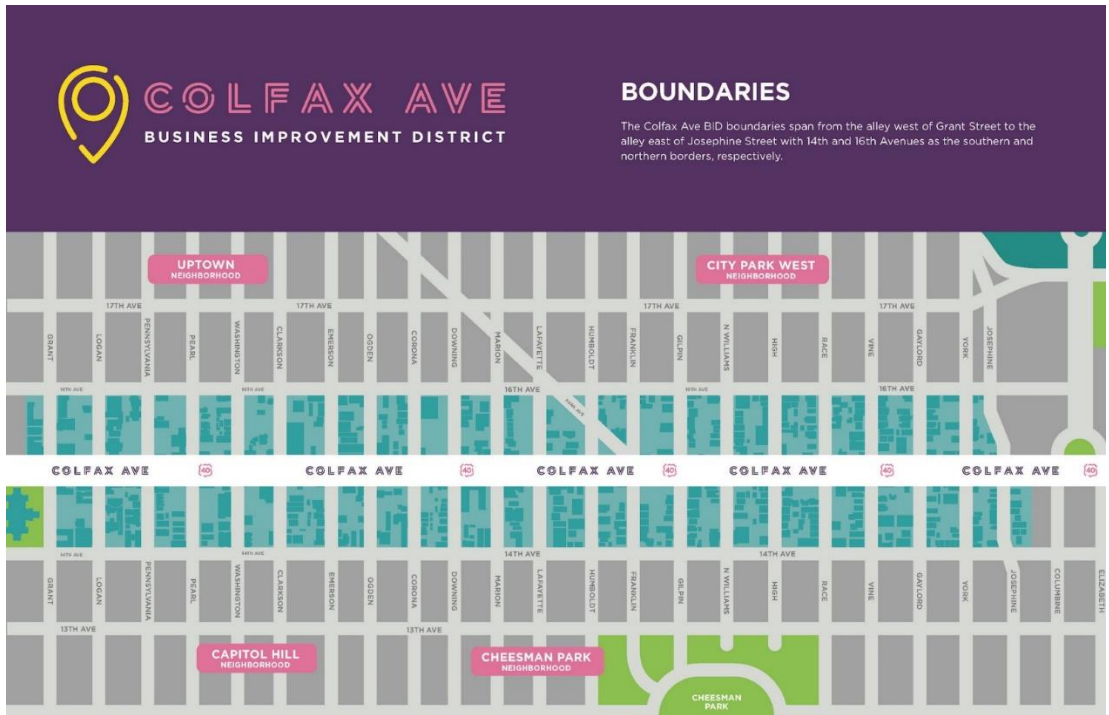
BOARD/COMMISSION:

Colfax Ave BID STAFF: Frank Locantore, Executive Director, Colfax Ave BID

CURRENT BOARD STATUS

Scope of Board/Commission: The Colfax Ave Business Improvement District (BID) works to build a dynamic and inclusive community along the Colfax corridor. Through increased marketing and visibility, cleaner and safer streets, streetscape improvements, and partnerships with various City agencies and community groups, the BID works to maintain Colfax’s unique character while attending to the evolving needs of the commercial district.

Appointment Process: Mayor appoints 7 members to this Advisory Board for a term of three years. City Council Confirms through Confirmation



Mayor Mike Johnston has approved the appointments of Rebecca Schimoler and Reappointments of Jenny Neuhalfen & David Bentley.

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATES

Rebecca Schimoler



BIO: After earning a Fine Art degree in New York City and Albuquerque, Rebecca managed a high-profile art gallery in Chicago before relocating to Denver. There, she partner launched The Learned Lemur, a distinctive retail and gallery space on Colfax Avenue. Over the past 2.5 years, Rebecca hosted 26 sold-out shows, supported over 40 performing artists, and organized numerous markets featuring local creators. Their work blends unusual history with vibrant local art, establishing a key community hub in Denver's historic Colfax neighborhood.

Term: September 1st 2024 – August 31st 2027

REAPPOINTMENT CANDIDATES

Jenny Neuhalfen



BIO: Resident. Jennifer is a Denver native who has spent a large portion of her life on Colfax. Jennifer's experience on Colfax includes being an East High School graduate; while in the district she was a business owner for 25 years and continues as a property owner (1915 E Colfax Ave). Before retirement, Jennifer was the Controller for Ready Temporary Services, a temp agency. Jennifer is raising her children with her husband (also a Denver native and East High grad) in SE Denver where she is the co-president of her neighborhood's RNO, serving as such since May 2018. Board Secretary.

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David Bentley



BIO: Assistant General Manager, Argonaut Wine & Liquor. On the board of directors for the Lido condominiums serving as the Vice President for 4+ years. Also volunteered for several organizations including the Colorado Symphony and Urban Peak.

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CURRENT BOARD**TERM END DATE**

Jennifer Neuhalfen

Reappointment

David Bentley

Reappointment

Christopher Bishop

March 31st 2025

Alex Barakos

March 31st 2025

Leonard Austin

March 31st 2025

Andy Baldyga

March 31st 2025