

Mayor Mike Johnston Announces Nomination to Lead Community Planning and Development

DENVER, CO – Denver Mayor Mike Johnston today announced the nomination of Manish Kumar to lead Denver’s Community Planning and Development, pending City Council approval. In this role, Kumar will work with residents and local businesses toward equitable and effective growth and development across the city.

“I’m thrilled to announce Manish Kumar as the new head of Community Planning and Development,” **said Mayor Mike Johnston**. “As a Denver local and veteran community planning expert, Manish understands what it takes to provide great customer service and deliver world-class projects for our city. I couldn’t be more excited to have him on the team.”

Manish Kumar is an established leader in community planning who brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role. Prior to joining Mayor Johnston’s administration, Kumar held a distinguished career as a United States Diplomat, successfully planning and managing over \$6.5 billion projects across diverse global environments, including Haiti, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Colombia.

Prior to his diplomatic service, Kumar honed his skills on high-profile and complex projects within the Regional Transportation District’s \$5.4 billion Public-Private-Partnership FasTracks initiative, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and a private construction company. Kumar also has on-the-ground experience working in Denver, as he has successfully undertaken several residential development projects throughout the Denver area under his company, LHI Development Group LLC.



Kumar holds several professional accreditations, including licensure as a Professional Engineer in the State of Colorado, LEED Accredited Professional, and Project Management Professional. Moreover, he holds Class A and C General Contractors Licenses, underscoring his comprehensive skill set and commitment to excellence.

Manish earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a master’s degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering with an emphasis in Construction Management from Stanford University, and an executive Master of Business Administration from the Kellogg–WHU program administered by Northwestern University and WHU–Otto Beisheim School of Management.

He will officially begin his role in April.

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