

**Statement of Interest in the Downtown Denver Design Advisory Board**

Applicant: Sarah Komppa

I am excited by the opportunity to join the newly formed Downtown Denver Design Advisory Board (DAB). If selected, I look forward to refining and elevating the design of future buildings in two key areas of the City expecting significant investment and change in the years to come: Arapahoe Square and the Central Platte Valley.

It would be an honor to help the DAB interpret the Design Guidelines and ensure high-quality design in the City I have called home for two decades. Volunteering my skills as an urban and architectural designer to better the public realm, public experience and the built environment by serving on the Downtown Denver DAB seems like the perfect fit.

Professionally as a designer, I regularly interpret design guidelines for clients (in Denver and elsewhere). I enjoyed interpreting applicant's designs on the Arapahoe Square DAB and anticipate continuing to enjoy the process and outcomes if selected for the Downtown Denver DAB. Furthermore, my recent experience as a member of the Arapahoe Square DAB (2016-2018, before it was incorporated into the Downtown Denver DAB) would help the new DAB interpret the Design Guidelines and understand the DAB process.

Of note: it is not outside of the realm of possibilities that my employer, Tryba Architects, would have a client seeking to develop land in Arapahoe Square or the Central Platte Valley, as would most Architects in Denver employed at larger architectural firms. As is common for other Design Advisory Board members in the City, I would expect to recuse myself from those discussions involving a client's property or project or where there could be any indication of a conflict of interest.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah