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Michael B. Hancock
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TO: Mayor Hancock
FR: Barry Burch Jr., Director 
DT: December 12, 2018
RE: National Western Center Authority Board

BOARD: National Western Center Authority Board **STAFF:** Gretchen Hollrah

STATUS – 2 APPOINTMENTS:

The National Western Center Authority Board is made up of 11 voting directors and two non-voting directors. One of the non-voting directors is the City CFO who will serve as Treasurer. You appoint 7 of the 11 voting directors (all will need to be confirmed by City Council), and 1 of the non-voting directors. The non-voting director must be a GES resident as well as 1 of the 7 voting directors. CSU makes 2 appointments and WSSA makes 2 appointments. A voting director may not be an elected official or an officer or employee of the City.

NOTES:

The Chair and National Western Center Authority Board will provide oversight of the buildout, operations and programming of the year-round National Western Center campus for agricultural education, innovation and entertainment. You appoint the initial Chairperson, but following the completion of the initial campus development, the Chairperson will be elected by the Board. The Authority will be incorporated by the City and County of Denver as a Colorado nonprofit corporation to program, operate and maintain the campus. Joe Garcia and Jacque Hinman recently resigned. You are filling the two vacancies created by their resignations.

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Robb Brown (M) (AA) Principal, The Denver Retail Group.
- Kelly Leid (M) (C) VP of Operations, Reunion at Oakwood homes, LLC.
- Monique Lovato (F) (H) Mi Casa Resource Center.
- Steve McCarthy (M) (C) Chairman & CEO, Alem International Management.
- John Zapien (M) (H) Retired (Voting Resident).
- Lilliana F. Amaro (F) (LX) University of Colorado Denver (Non-voting resident).

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATES:

- John Ikard (M) (C) Former CEO, Firstbank.
- Lucia Guzman (F) (LX) State Senator.

ACTION NEEDED:

- Appoint slate.
- Please provide additional candidates to consider.



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BAC-4578

Board Name	National Western Center Authority Board	Status	In Process
Salutation	Mr.	Type	Appointment
First Name	John	Preferred Email	jaikard60@gmail.com
Last Name	Ikard	Other Email	john.ikard@efirstbank.com
Contact Name	John Ikard	Preferred Phone	3035507606
Middle Name		Other Phone	
MMAC Trans. Mode Group			
Other boards or commissions served			

Work and Home Address

Work Address	12345 West Colfax Avenue	Home Address	[REDACTED]
Work City	Lakewood	Home City	[REDACTED]
Work State	CO	Home State	[REDACTED]
Work Zip	80215	Home Zip	[REDACTED]

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter?	Yes	Gender	Male
If so, what county?	Arapahoe	Other Gender	
Denver City Council District No	N/A	Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian
Occupation/Employer	Director FirstBank	Other Ethnicity	
		Objection to appointment?	No
		Special Information	

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John Ikard

Chairman



John Ikard started with FirstBank in 1981 and was elected President and CEO of FirstBank Holding Company in 1999. In early 2017, after 35 years with the company, the last 17 years as CEO, John stepped down as CEO but continues to serve on the FirstBank Board of Directors. John is an active community leader having served as past chairman of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Denver Area Boy Scout Council, and Denver Economic Development Corporation. On a national level, John has served as Chairman of the American Bankers Association, the nation's largest financial services association, as well as serving on the Federal Reserve Board of Kansas City. In 2010, John was honored with the prestigious "Community Banker of the Year" award by the American Banker magazine.

About FirstBank

FirstBank was founded in Lakewood, Colorado in 1963. Since that time, FirstBank has grown into the 2nd largest bank in the State of Colorado and the 3rd largest privately held bank in the Country. In 2016, FirstBank recorded its 10th consecutive year of record profits as well as record deposit growth.

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BAC-4576

Board Name	National Western Center Authority Board	Status	In Process
Salutation		Type	Appointment
First Name	Lucia	Preferred Email	lucia.guzman.senate@state.co.us
Last Name	Guzman	Other Email	
Contact Name	Lucia Guzman	Preferred Phone	3038664862
Middle Name		Other Phone	
MMAC Trans. Mode Group			
Other boards or commissions served			

Work and Home Address

Work Address	200 E. Colfax, Room 346	Home Address	[REDACTED]
Work City	Denver	Home City	[REDACTED]
Work State	CO	Home State	[REDACTED]
Work Zip	80203	Home Zip	[REDACTED]

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter?	No	Gender	Female
If so, what county?		Other Gender	
Denver City Council District No	N/A	Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic
Occupation/Employer	State Senator	Other Ethnicity	
		Objection to appointment?	No
		Special Information	

Reference Details

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Lucía Guzmán

Lucía Guzmán is a Colorado state legislator who currently serves as the Minority Leader in the Colorado Senate.^[a] Appointed to the Colorado Senate in May 2010, Guzmán represents Senate District 34 in Denver.^[a] She was elected to full four-year terms in 2010 and 2014.^[a]

Political career^[edit]

Guzmán is the former executive director of the City and County of Denver's Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships, having been appointed by Mayor John Hickenlooper in 2003. She is a former member of the Denver Public Schools Board, serving from 1999 to 2007. An ordained minister, Guzmán was executive director of the Colorado Council of Churches from 1994 to 1999.^{[a][a]}

Colorado State Senate^[edit]

2010 appointment^[edit]

Guzmán announced her candidacy to succeed the term-limited Paula Sandoval in the Colorado Senate in July 2009.^[a] She was the sole candidate to be placed on the primary ballot for the seat by the Democratic Party district assembly in April 2010, although state representative Joel Judd announced that he would try to make the primary ballot via the petition route. When Paula Sandoval was elected to Denver City Council in May 2010, Guzmán was the only candidate to run to fill the vacancy. A vacancy committee of precinct committee officers of the Democratic party elected her to fill the vacancy by acclamation.^[a] She took the oath of office on May 21, 2010.^[a]

2010 election^[edit]

In the Democratic primary election held on August 10, 2010, Guzmán faced Judd for a four-year senate term and won with 62% of the vote.^[a] In the general election which took place on November 2, 2010, she easily outpaced her Republican opponent, taking 78% of the vote.^[a]

Personal life^[edit]

Guzmán is a lesbian. She is one of eight openly LGBT current or former members of the Colorado General Assembly, including senators Pat Steadman (D–Denver) and Jessie Ulibarri (D–Commerce City), as well as representatives Leslie Herod (D–Denver), Mark Ferrandino (D–Denver), Paul Rosenthal (D–Denver), Dominick Moreno (D–Commerce City), Joann Ginal (D–Fort Collins) and Sue Schafer (D–Wheat Ridge).