

MEMORANDUM – COLFAX AVE BID

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	08/26/2025
PURPOSE:	Appointment and Reappointment - Colfax Ave BID

Staff Liaison:

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.

Appointment Candidate

Term: 09/01/2025 – 08/31/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed

Roger Howard - Community Manager, Bryten



BIO: Roger is a seasoned real estate operator with over twelve years of experience managing luxury multifamily and mixed-use assets across Denver, CO, and Charlotte, NC. Known for successfully leading over eleven communities through lease-up and stabilization phases, Roger consistently positions properties to lead their submarkets in both rent growth and resident satisfaction. Currently serving as Community Manager at Bryten in Denver, Roger has also held key leadership roles at Greystar, overseeing high-profile lease-ups like NOVEL RiNo and Ascent Uptown. His portfolio spans boutique mixed-use developments to large-scale high-rises, distinguished by innovative resident programming and brand-forward service delivery.

Reappointment Candidate

Term: 09/01/2025 – 08/31/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed

Alex Barakos – General Manager, Pete's Restaurants



BIO: In April of 2020 Alex moved out to Denver to begin operating his longtime families' restaurants which include Pete's Kitchen, Pete's Satire Lounge, Pete's Central One, and Pete's University Park Cafe. They have been in business on Colfax for nearly 60 years. Alex is known for taking calculated risks in the midst of the pandemic and building back his families' business one day at a time. He currently oversees operations for Pete's Restaurants. Starting on the maintenance committee, and now on the board, Alex seeks to bring a young and new perspective on what it means to cultivate a vibrant Colfax Avenue while still preserving its deep history.