

## MEMORANDUM – DENVER COMMISSION ON AGING

<b>TO:</b>	<b>City Council</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Office of Boards &amp; Commissions</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>10/11/24</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>Appointment for Commission on Aging</b>
<b>PROCESS:</b>	<b>City Council Confirmation</b>

**Staff Liaison:**

Anna DeRocchi, HRCP

**CURRENT BOARD STATUS**

**Scope of Board/Commission:**

The Denver Commission on Aging helps to make Denver the best community for older adults through *outreach, communication and advocacy including:*

- Advocating for their rights and concerns
- Empowering older adults through dissemination of information and sharing community resources
- Monitoring and recommending legislation and proposed policy changes affecting older adults

**Appointment Process:**

The Mayor appoints no less than 7 members and no more than 21 members and City Council confirms appointments for a term of 3 years.

**Appointment Candidates:**

**Clarence Low**, Director at Benefits, Action (2024-Present)



**Term:** 12/1/2024 - 11/30/2027 or until a successor is duly appointed.

**Bio:** Clarence serves as a Director at Benefits in Action, a local non-profit organization in Lakewood that provides no-cost navigation and application assistance for social programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare to older adults, low-income members of our community. Clarence serves as Vice-President of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation, aligned with college executive leadership to provide financial oversight, support and strategic goalsetting that impact student success. Clarence is also a current board member and a past President and CEO of the Asian Chamber of Commerce in Colorado, which connects businesses to the Asian community in the greater Denver Metro area. Its connections within the community have expanded considerably over the recent years – reaching deep into the multi-ethnic Asian community as well as through partnerships with companies increasing their diversity and inclusion efforts. Clarence received the University

of Colorado, Denver Rosa Parks Diversity Award in 2015, and was recognized by the Colorado Asian Culture and Education Network (CACEN) as an Asian American Hero of Colorado in 2013.

**CURRENT BOARD****Mayoral Appointments:****TERM END DATE**

Kenny Williams	08-31-25
R. Jo Bunton Keel	08-31-25
Gina Del Castillo	08-31-25
Barbara Walkosz	02-28-27
Kristine Burrows	02-28-27
Carol LeBoo	02-28-27
Haley Sanner	02-28-27
Biswanath Das	07-31-27
Virginia Ortiz	07-31-27
Kaipeng Wang	07-31-27
Bibian Reyes	07-31-27