

MEMORANDUM – COLFAX MAYFAIR BID

TO:	Denver City Council
FROM:	Mayor’s Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	March 31, 2026
PURPOSE:	Appointment for Colfax Mayfair BID
PROCESS:	Mayor’s Approval, City Council Confirmation

Purpose:

The Board provides enhanced local services through a self-governed annual assessment to all district property owners. They work closely with the City of Denver to implement economic development, placemaking, public safety and advocacy efforts in the BID.

Appointment Process:

The BID Board of Directors is comprised of local property and business owners who are highly committed to making the entire district a viable destination for current and future businesses.

Appointment Candidates

Term: 4/1/2026-3/31/2029 or until a successor is duly appointed



VINCE HOWARD
Owner, Tessa Delicatessen

BIOGRAPHY:

A native of Oklahoma City, Vince Howard found his passion watching his grandmother Hazel effortlessly craft delicious, love-backed meals. Over a decade ago, he launched his career in Oklahoma City's flagship restaurants before moving to Los Angeles, where he explored elevated cooking techniques. His eyes were opened while working at places like Strand House and Tar & Roses in Santa Monica. In the fall of 2012, Vince took his heart, soul, and passion and opened Del Rey Deli near the Pacific Ocean. He created a neighborhood spot offering delicious, accessible foods, including fresh pastries, breads, seasonal soups, and sandwiches, a concept that would shape his future. Vince moved to Denver in 2018, bringing his refined vision to Park Hill. Tessa Delicatessen opened on East Colfax, and over the past six years, it has grown into a beloved neighborhood staple and culinary destination. Vince has firmly established himself as a pillar in the Denver food community, serving accessible comfort food he is known for. Tessa Delicatessen continues to inspire loyalty, offering new specials daily alongside its acclaimed menu of fresh pastries, breads, sandwiches, and salads—all delivered with the large amounts of love Vince learned from his grandmother Hazel.