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Application

Status	New	Council Resolution Number	
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Board Information

Board Name	Denver Urban Renewal Authority (DURA)	Original Start Date	
		End Date	
		Other boards or commissions served	Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board

Work Information

Employer		Work Address	
Position		Work City	
Business Phone #		Work State	
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Additional Information

Are you a registered voter?		Objection to appointment?	No
If so, what county?		Special Information	
Denver City Council District No	10	Registered Lobbyist	No
Conflict of Interest Explanation		Conflict of Interest	No

Education and General Qualifications

Name of High School		Name of Graduate School
Location of High School		Location of Graduate School
# of Years Attended High school		# of Years Attended Graduate School
Did you Graduate High School	Yes	Did you Graduate
		Graduate Major
Name of College		
Location of College		
# of Years Attended College		
Did you Graduate College		
Undergrad Major		

Reference Details

Reference Name #1	Reference Email #1
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SUMMARY

19 years of experience and leadership roles in creative visioning, managing, and designing complex Urban Design, City Planning, and Architecture projects, working in public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors in Denver, New York City, and Yerevan. Concentration in long-term master plan and area plan developments, neighborhood planning, regional planning, economic development, development of regulatory packages, urban design standard and guidelines, as well as architectural design and construction management. Skilled in client management and bringing together various stakeholders with diverse disciplines to facilitate planning from large-scale developments to site-specific projects. Foster a transparent, collaborative, and equitable working environment in staff managerial roles that promotes self-motivation and excellence.

EDUCATION

Columbia University of New York – Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP)

Master of Science in Architecture and Urban Design, 2013

- *Luys Scholar & Kinne Fellow, 2013 – “Initiating Peace Through Architecture and Urban Development in Nagorno Karabakh”*

EXPERIENCE

Associate Principal – ZGF Architects **Nov 2022 - Present**

Dener, CO

Project Manager, Urban Designer, and Business Development.

- Led projects as a PM and participated as an urban designer and advisor on multiple large-scale multi-disciplinary projects.
- Developed budgets, project scopes, and established/maintained project schedule.
- Fostered a collaborative, inclusive, and innovative team culture.
- Managed all outgoing documents to clients, presented concepts, addressed feedback, and facilitated overall client management.
- Navigated complex zoning codes across various municipalities/states, ensuring that projects comply with all applicable regulations and standards.
- Established master planning and design guidelines documents for new large-scale development projects.
- Facilitated and ran public, stakeholder, city, and client meetings.
- Identified project risks and mitigated strategies for budget, schedule, design quality, and client objectives.
- Integrated sustainable objectives into all aspects of planning, design, and construction.
- Participated in multiple pursuits, aiding marketing, and the firm in business development.

Lecturer at CU Denver, College of Architecture & Planning **Aug 2019 - Present**

Denver, CO

Graduate Studio Instructor of Master of Architecture, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, and Master of Urban Design

- Organized graduate studio projects, developed syllabi, prepared lectures, curated guest lecturers, and managed all administrative studio needs.
- Introduced students to program development, urban analysis, market analysis, site and master planning, transit and mobility connectivity, zoning, urban design principles, ability to work fluidly on various scales, graphic design, architectural design, and visual communication through storyboarding and storytelling.

Principal City Planner - Urban Designer **April 2017 – July 2023**

Denver, CO

Community Planning and Development City and County of Denver

Urban Design and Planning lead and advisor on various city-wide plans and programs.

- Led a schematic feasibility analysis and a rough order of magnitude study of the infrastructure improvement project at Speer Blvd a 40,000 vehicle per day capacity roadway, involving real-estate land sales assumptions, financing, and funding options, projected revenue sources, open space configuration, and mobility network overhaul. Organized and ran meetings with staff and executive directors, prepared presentations, and managed consultants. Brought consensus to the project, through team building, knowledge transfer, and building trust through collaborative and transparent work with internal and external stakeholders. Organized and managed ULI Advisory Service Panel.
- Led a multi-disciplinary downtown economic recovery strategy with a focus on placemaking, residential community increase, office-to-residential conversion, open space, multi-modal improvements, and street-level economy. Concentrated on economic recovery within Denver’s Central Business district working collaboratively with property owners, internal and external stakeholders, the mayor’s office, and the Downtown Denver Partnership.

- Far Northeast Area Plan Amendment – facilitated a plan amendment in 2022, to the adopted 2019 FNE Area Plan. Led the planning process in 2022 and aided the planning process in 2019, as an urban design expert, developed urban design recommendations for long-term redevelopment strategies of existing auto-oriented developments. Developed and prepared graphics for land-use and mobility recommendations by facilitating public meetings, steering committees, and public design charrettes.
- Zoning Updates and Text Amendments – served as an urban design representative on the project management team for CPV Auraria Text Amendment and Golden Triangle Zoning Update.
- Served as an urban design advisor on behalf of CPD on various city-wide initiatives including Burnham Yards, Washington Corridor, Security Perimeter Study, Speer & 23rd CDOT study, Next Stage Boettcher Hall study, Civic Center Next 100 park design, and Large Development Reviews (LDRs).
- Managed the Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board, coordinating design reviews at all scales from new large-scale development projects to smaller site improvements. Prepared, ran, and organized board meetings, and coordinated reviews with applicants.
- Prepared design reviews for new developments working closely with applicants, architects, and developers, while coordinating with various city departments.
- Manage and organize Lunch and Learns.

Program Manager of Downtown Reimagined – a post-pandemic recovery effort

- Led infrastructure improvement proposals, including reconfiguration of the inner-city highway, improvements to open space and the Cherry Creek, and conversion of one-way to two-way streets throughout Downtown.
- Developed the vision for a post-pandemic economic redevelopment strategy for Downtown Denver, focused on significantly increasing the residential community within the Central Business District from 10 percent to 40 percent, through the office to residential conversion, retail activation, ROW improvements, and increase in open space networks.
- Led a multi-departmental effort with executive directors and mayoral staff to build a coalition for visioning

Project Manager of Downtown Design Standards and Guidelines specific to high density and intensity of development.

- Developed new standards and guidelines for Denver’s downtown high-density context, created new graphics, layout, and streamlined document organizational structure to follow the logic of how architects approach site design and building design.
- Focused on human-scaled design, and pedestrian experience in the public realm.
- Addresses site design, building placement, massing, creating a positive street enclosure ratio, open space configuration, building fit and transition, façade design details, street-level façade, and design uses, and streetscape design.
- Established a new project submission structure process, submission content, and evaluation process for the Design Reviews.
- Collaborated on a team to establish Denver’s downtown design advisory board and provided training to the board.

Emergency Operations Center – COVID Response Team – Advancing Planning Role

- Facilitated coordination of all responders and provided daily summarized reports that addressed COVID-related activities, from funding to tracking hospitalization and mortality rates, hospital capacities, housing the homeless, and facilitating testing and vaccine centers.
- Coordinated weekly meetings with mayoral staff, executive directors, and multi-departmental management.

Project Manager of Downtown Area Plan Amendment for Central Platte Valley – Auraria District.

- Developed and led community engagement processes, by building trust and efficiently communicating with multiple community stakeholders, property owners, city department agencies, public boards, and private consultants.
- Coordinated development of small area plans and city-wide initiatives with complex, long-range planning projects.
- Facilitated and organized steering committee meetings, public meetings, and PMT meetings.
- Developed plan content, prepared presentation material, and presented to the Planning Board and City Council.
- Collaborated and coordinated with external and internal city agencies, city council, planning board, developers, registered neighborhood organizations, and community activists.

Principal Urban Designer and Architect at Tim Flynn Architects Yerevan, Armenia Nov 2013 – Feb 2017

Urban Design lead and advisor on various country-wide master plans and economic development programs.

Principal Urban Designer on Dilijan Master Plan and New Zoning

- Leading architect for a team of full-time architects, planners, and designers for the development of a USD 1.5 billion master plan of Dilijan, a mid-size city in Armenia, including proposing new land uses and establishing the first zoning, planning regulations, and historic preservation guidelines in Armenia.
- Created action plans for the municipality that set tasks for the effective implementation of the master plan.
- Ran and organized public meetings, established, and ran steering committees, and the mayor’s advisory council.

Project Designer at Gray, Watt & Partners	New York, NY	Feb 2005 – Jan 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked closely with a project manager on a 70,000 square foot condominium, overseeing the project from schematics through construction documentation of 24 units. Managed design and construction of a 6,000-square-foot office fit out in Manhattan. • Collaborated on multiple projects with design teams creating SDs, DDs & CDs sets for mid-rise, high-rise, and single-family residential developments varying from small condominiums of 10 units to multi-story complexes of 80 units, in New Jersey. 		

Design Architect at Croxton Collaborative Architects	New York, NY	Sep 2002 – June 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided team support on a variety of projects including planning and analysis of the World Trade Center Site post 9/11 for Port Authority of NY & NJ and Silverstein Properties. • Facilitated urban site analysis of World Trade Center and Financial District. • Developed schematic design and construction documentation of institutional and interior office fit-out projects. • Assisted in construction documentation, project competitions, and marketing awards. 		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Specialties: Urban Design; Regional Planning; City Planning; Neighborhood and Community Plans; Master Plan Design; Transit and Mobility Planning; Innovative and Visionary Problem Solving; Urban Economics; Economic Development; Urban, Suburban, and Rural Redevelopment; Environmental Design; Zoning, Policy, and Design Standards and Guidelines; Transit-Oriented Development; Research; Project Concept Development; Multi-faceted and Multi-departmental Project Management and Coordination; Community Engagement; Project Brief Development; Tourism Development; Strategic Planning; Economic Renewal; Residential and Office Design; Construction Management; International Experience; Excellent Communication and Public Speaking Skills; Project Management and Team Leadership; High-Profile Client Relations; Consensus and Relationship Building; Excellent Quantitative and Qualitative Skills, Teaching and Knowledge Transfer.

Software: AutoCAD, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, SketchUp, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, & Outlook.

Publications:

- [Wow Woman](#) – an online platform elevating empowered women from all walks of life.
- [AGBU](#) – Armenian Women in STEM worldwide publication.

Speaker/ Panelists:

- [Nine DOT Arts Podcast](#) | Urban Planning for Social & Economic Development | Denver, CO | Fall of 2023
- Colorado Real Estate Journal | Complete Neighborhood Model | Denver, CO | Panelist 2022
- Downtown Denver Partnership | “Speer Blvd Reimagined;” “Post Pandemic Recovery;” and “A 15 -min City Model” | Denver, CO | Multiple Speaking Platforms 2021-22
- University of Colorado Denver | Denver, CO | Speaker 2020
- Rocky Mountain Land Institute Conference “Planning and Designing for Density” | Denver, CO | Speaker 2019
- Asian Development Bank | Gyumri, Armenia | Panelist 2016
- GIZ & World Wildlife Fund | Berlin, Germany | Speaker 2015

Board Member:

- Gala on the Bridge Committee – Greenway Foundation | Denver, CO | 2024 – present
- The Armenian Society of Fellows – Advisory Think Tank | Global | 2024 – Present
- Mayor Mike Johnston Community Planning & Development Transition Committee | Denver, CO | 2023-Present
- CU Denver’s Urban Design Advisory Council (UDAC) | Denver, CO | 2021 - present
- Lower Downtown (LoDo) Business RNO | Denver, CO | 2021 – Present
 - Urban Design Committee board member | 2020 - present
- Manager of Cherry Creek North Design Advisory Board | Denver, CO | 2019 – 2022

Summary of Adopted Plans and DSGs:

- [Far Northeast Area Plan Amendment](#) | Project Manager & Co-Author | Adopted 2022
- [Downtown Urban Design Standards and Guidelines](#) | Project Manager & Author | Adopted 2021
- [Downtown Area Plan Amendment](#) | Project Manager & Co-Author | Adopted 2018