



2023 Steering Committee Letter of Intent

In addition to the questions below, please write a letter of intent (in the space below or attached separately) regarding your desire to serve in a leadership role (Steering Committee Chair, Vice Chair or Public Lands Travel Team delegate). Please include why you want to serve, any public service experience, and/ or any special training or experience relevant.

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Expiration of Current Term: January 2025

Are you term limited?: yes, January 2029

Committee(s): General Government

Position(s): Vice-Chair

I, **George P. Teal** commit to participating in the encouraged training as described in the bylaws.

I was elected to serve the people of Douglas County in November of 2020 after having served 6 ½ years on the Castle Rock Town Council. This experience, together with a 10-year career in the Army and then running a successful software services company in one of the most challenging economies of our lifetime, has given me a perspective that may not be unique, but has certainly been helpful, over my last two years in office.

Additionally, I am the Douglas County Commissioner that represents rural Douglas County. And though elected county-wide, my district is comprised largely of the Pike National Forest and our agricultural rangeland that has hosted a ranching economy since the early days of Statehood. That means I have the honor of representing ranching families running businesses on their land while also serving one of the most financially successful retail outlets in the state. I know the divide between rural and urban Colorado because that divide runs straight through my district.

It is for that reason that I am interested in serving us all in the role of Vice Chair of the General Government Steering Committee. I will leverage my experience in municipal government -- and business -- as we work, together, to shape sound legislation at our state level that advances free-market ideals while also protecting both liberty and the land we have built success on.

As we all are well aware, legislation crafted in Denver can significantly and often negatively, impact our residents at the county and local level. It is my intention to ensure the Colorado State Legislature understands one very simple and basic concept: the best government is the government closest to the people.

Boards of County Commissioners are the first line of government for many of Colorado's residents. Just as we must speak for our residents within the county, so too should we

come together to give voice to our residents at the state level. I am committed to doing just that as the Vice Chair of the CCI General Government Steering Committee. I commit to insuring we offer a forum where all voices (rural and urban) are heard and the voices of all state-wide Commissioners matter.

So too, I intend to bring perspective from my municipal service together with four years representing the Town of Castle Rock on the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee. Building and sustaining good partnerships with the municipalities of Douglas County has been a hallmark of my first two years of service as a Commissioner. As Vice Chair I commit to reaching out and actively building that partnership with our local government compatriots and my former friends and colleagues at CML, thereby finding commonalities and uniting; not just staff to staff but elected to elected.

Like many of you, I have also had the honor and privilege to represent my constituencies at the regional level. My 8 years of service on the Board of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), as well as several water boards, has allowed me to forge many great relationships on both sides of the aisle. Those relationships, together with opportunities to partner with local government officials, will help to ensure our mission to preserve and enhance local control in the State of Colorado is successful.

It is an honor and privilege to serve, I ask for your vote as Vice Chair for the General Government Steering Committee.

For Liberty,
George

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Please submit to Katie First at kfirst@ccionline.org by January 13, 2023