



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

Committee(s): TRED

Position(s): Chair

I, Stan VanderWerf (insert name) commit to participating in the encouraged training as described in the bylaws.

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

From the Desk of Commissioner Stan VanderWerf

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as acknowledgement of my interest in serving as Chair of the Tourism, Resorts & Economic Development (TRED) Steering Committee for 2023. My previous background and current knowledge and experience make me an ideal candidate for the role.

I have served in a public capacity for 37 years, including 28 years in the Air Force and 9 years as a county commissioner and member of other boards, commissions, and committees. I recently chaired the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), which represents El Paso, Teller, and Park counties (approximately 800,000 residents). I am also the commissioner liaison for community economic development efforts in our region.

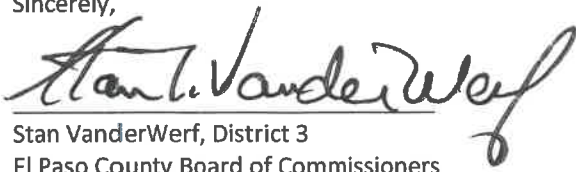
During my time as a county commissioner, four new parks have been established, as well as the opening of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Museum. Economic development and tourism are alive and well in El Paso County, and is influenced by seven local chambers of commerce, which I regularly engage with.

Tourism also plays a large role in the economy of El Paso County, as it does throughout the entire state. El Paso County is home to The Broadmoor, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, the Garden of the Gods Club, Pikes Peak, and others. The Pike National Forest lies within my commissioner district, and I have extensive experience working with both the National Park Service, as well as the Forest Service on fire mitigation and other issues.

I consider myself to be an avid skier and mountaineer, having summited over 200 mountains in Colorado, including all 14'ers. I treasure and value the natural beauty and recreational opportunities that our state provides, and I want to Chair this committee to ensure that state legislative efforts continue to make Colorado the best place in America to visit, live, work, and play.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Stan VanderWerf, District 3
El Paso County Board of Commissioners