

## My Action Plan

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My objective is to become an advocate for transit-oriented development in my community, Commerce City. We will have only one station within the City under Fastracks, with hopes of more and better transit opportunities in coming years with NATE. We need to preserve the diversity of our core city while taking advantage of the opportunities coming from the connections Fastracks will give us to the wider metro area.

This will require participation in the political process in community meetings, city council meetings, and planning commission meetings. I will meet with city council members and community organization members individually and collectively. I will also be an advocate for mass transit for Commerce City with the RTD in public meetings. I will use my connections to the city and community organizations as well as the internet to stay abreast of such meetings. I will begin by using the citizens' communication period to offer to the city council members to meet with them to discuss the implications and of and opportunities arising from transit-oriented development, higher density, gentrification, and the limitation of the urban footprint for meeting our city's guiding principle: A quality community for a lifetime.

Obviously, given our industrial roots, we have many challenges but I have no doubt of our ability to achieve that vision. We have already shown a willingness to consider new patterns in our Belle Creek development with its' new urbanism roots. Our plans for the "new lands" or the "northern range" include mixed use development and higher density development.

I intend to begin my action plan in January 2008, after the holidays. This will give me time also to determine to what extent my all-but-official appointment to the City Planning Commission will limit my ability to communicate directly with the city council or in public meetings.