



**ANTHONY STELLATO**  
**Candidate for City Council At-Large**

**Fast Facts:**

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**Questions & Answers**

**1. Why are you running for council?**

Transparency and Ownership. Too many times I hear people complain about choices made by the City and the response is “You should have said something before” or “You should have gone to the meeting”. I want to raise the awareness of the issues facing the city. I want to find a medium that would allow more transparency of current issues being discussed. I want to improve the dissemination of information so that people are knowledgeable before a vote. I want to ensure that the residents of Commerce City have the opportunity to have a voice in the decision making. I want the residents of Commerce City to experience a sense of ownership, pride, and empowerment. Right now there is a method of communication, but I want to make this method easier and more accessible to all residents.

**2. What do you see as the three biggest opportunities for Commerce City?**

Growth, Marijuana sales, Dick’s Sporting Park

As our population grows, we are improving our infrastructure, commercial businesses are moving in, and tax revenue is increasing. We should be able to reinvest those monies into our City to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

Sales of Marijuana will benefit the City greatly when it comes to revenue. Marijuana is a hotly debated topic, but there are some certainties, one of which is the tremendous amount of tax revenue that is enjoyed by Colorado. This dramatic increase will help improve the quality of life for all of our residents.



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Dick's Sporting Park, the largest soccer complex worldwide, recently hosted the Major League Soccer All-Star Game placing the World's eyes on our City and brought approximately \$20 million dollars to the metro area. Music concerts and the Rapids will continue to bring pride and tax revenue to our City, both of which will help to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

### **3. What do you see as the three biggest challenges facing the city?**

Police Department, Two Cities in One, Continued Needs of Infrastructure Improvement

The Police Department of our City is going through growing pains. Recently we witnessed an overwhelming no-confidence vote by our officers, stating they have "lost all faith, trust, and confidence" in the Police Chief. This vote has come after several changes in leadership over the last six years. Everyone involved deserves our attention in this issue. Heroes in our midst, who protect and serve our City by placing their lives on the line, need to know the City has their back.

Our City is a City divided, at least in needs. The needs and wants of our residents in portions of the City that are firmly established vary greatly from the areas of our City which are growing by leaps and bounds. While improving infrastructure in the growth areas is needed, it is not a main concern for areas which are not growing, whose residents may resent their tax dollars funding growth in regions far away.

As the City grows, we will continue to need to improve the infrastructure. We will need to continue widening roads, addressing issues such as trains stopping on tracks, effectively crippling commuters and potentially posing a threat to emergency responses, and alienating sections of our City. All these improvements will cost money, a lot of money. These improvements are necessary and will pay off in the long run, but we will need to do them intelligently and effectively.

### **4. What does a "Quality Community for a Lifetime" mean to you?**

A "Quality Community for a Lifetime" would mean that the Community would be beneficial to all generations of people. Necessary amenities and services would be available to residents, from high-quality playgrounds and daycares to high-quality public and private schools to high-quality commuting routes to high-quality recreation centers, medical facilities, and nursing homes. This would allow for a comfortable and enjoyable lifestyle at every age. Residents would be happy in their community, making it a lifetime home out of choice.

### **5. What is your favorite aspect of the city?**

My favorite aspect of the City is that Commerce City is not a large city. Every resident of this City has the ability to implement changes and improve the City as a whole. In a smaller city, each Voice is Louder.