



GENE LEFFEL

Candidate for City Council At-Large

Fast Facts:

Age: 58

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Questions & Answers

1. Why are you running for council?

I would like to apply my lifetime of practical problem solving experience toward making an important, long-lasting contribution to our community's sustainable future.

Additionally, I have always wondered about the topics actually discussed in the numerous executive sessions which seem to occur quite frequently.

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

Big opportunities lie ahead for Commerce City in the areas of Residential, Commercial and Industrial development when growth is managed in a properly balanced manner.

Tax revenues, if managed responsibly will allow the desired level of amenities to be achieved and maintained.

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

Our city's primary challenges stem from the long time stigma of our past. Additionally the ongoing competition from neighboring communities competing to attract the same commercial entities and employers necessary to assure a successful municipality. The lack of a solidified and consolidated commitment from our constituents to all work together to achieve our ultimate success as a premiere community.



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4. What does a “Quality Community for a Lifetime” mean to you?

A Quality Community for a Lifetime should provide a safe and educational opportunity for our children to begin their life experience with abundant fun and recreational activities shared with grandparents and other family members. This should transition to the educational and primary life skills learning time. As we move from our school days to work days, we should remember the quality of life lessons we learned as youth and display them clearly. As we begin to raise our family in the Commerce City area, as I have done, we would find meaningful employment opportunities throughout our city as well as wonderful neighborhoods to grow together in. As we enter the midpoint of our lives we would begin to see the cycle repeat as our children have become adults and start a family of their own. As older adults we would have ample opportunity to enjoy our family and civic opportunities. When we have become the grandparents we would think back on our good fortune to live in a close knit community where our life experiences are both pleasant and appreciated and we are respected for our contributions that will provide a Quality Future for the next generations to come.

5. What is your favorite aspect of the city?

I enjoy the diversity.