

Tom Clark

Chief Executive Officer

Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation



Tom Clark is the Chief Executive Officer of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation and Executive Vice President of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. He has over 30 years of economic development experience at the state, regional, county and city levels.

Mr. Clark's recent accolades include the 2012 Denver Business Journal's Power Book Award in the Economic Development and Government category and being named the 2012 Denver Post Business Person of the Year.

Mr. Clark's career spans four decades from Director of Commercial and Industrial Development for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, through positions with the Fort Collins, Colorado Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Denver Corporation, the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, the Jefferson Economic Council, and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. He holds bachelors degrees in speech and psychology from Minnesota State University and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Illinois. Mr. Clark was the founder and first president of the Metro Denver Network, the Metro Denver region's first economic development program, for which he received the Arthur D. Little Award for Excellence in Economic Development. He was chosen as one of the nation's top economic development professionals by the Council on Urban Economic Development. In 2007 Clark was awarded the Business Person of the Year by the Colorado Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Cris A. White

Executive Director & CEO

Colorado Housing & Finance Authority



Cris has been with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority for 27 years serving in various capacities related to affordable housing and economic development. He has served since 2010 as the Executive Director and CEO.

In its 42 year history, CHFA has provided more than \$12 billion in financing for affordable single-family and multifamily housing. In that time, CHFA has financed 88,000 home mortgages, over 60,500 rental units, and provided homebuyer education to over 106,000 households. CHFA has also provided financing to over 4,000 small businesses which have created or retained nearly 55,000 jobs.

Cris has served on the Executive Committee of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, Mayor Hickenlooper's and Mayor Hancock's Denver Housing Plan Task Forces, and the Colorado Legislature's Long-term Fiscal Stability Commission. He most recently served as Chair of the Board of Directors for Housing Colorado, the Denver Regional Council of Government's SCI Executive Committee and Mercy Housing's Regional Board of Advisors. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Council of State Housing Agencies.

Chris Conner

Program Administrator

Denver's Road Home

Chris Conner is Program Administrator at Denver's Road Home where he oversees partnerships to provide street outreach, shelter, and housing opportunity to people in homelessness. Prior to joining Denver's Road Home 5 years ago he was a Street Outreach Caseworker to youth in homelessness with Urban Peak. Chris also serves as Chair of the City of Denver's Human Rights and Community Partnerships' Advisory Board. He completed his Masters in Communication at Colorado State University while interviewing injection heroin users experiencing homelessness in Denver about practical street-based strategies to limit introduction of injecting to new drug users.

Jennifer Erixon

Senior Vice President Originations

Alliant Capital, LLC



Jennifer Erixon is the national head of Originations for Alliant Capital, an affordable housing investment firm. Her experience includes more than 19 years of affordable housing finance and development. Ms. Erixon has structured, negotiated and closed more than \$1 billion of low income housing tax credit investments. Ms. Erixon has direct experience with nearly all aspects of affordable housing. Prior to joining Alliant, Ms. Erixon had a leadership role in the community lending division of a national bank where she was responsible for originations, closing and portfolio management in a multi-state region. Ms. Erixon also previously worked for the national non-profit, Mercy Housing, where she was the President of its 6-state Mountain Plains region and also established a national Asset Management platform for its \$2

billion portfolio. Ms. Erixon has also held leadership roles in underwriting, investor sales and originations for two national Low Income Housing Tax Credit syndicators. Ms. Erixon holds a degree in Political Science and attended both Vassar College and University of Colorado Denver. She was named a Young Leader by Affordable Housing Magazine, a member of Leadership Denver's Class of 2011, and a recipient of the Denver Business Journal's Forty Under 40.

Shelley Ervin

Business Development Specialist

Colorado Housing & Finance Authority



Shelley Ervin, CML, MLP, is a Senior Business Development Specialist with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority.

Shelley joined CHFA in 2011. Prior to coming to CHFA, she was a top producing Mortgage Loan Originator and received 5280's Top Mortgage Professional designation for 3 years running. As an originator, Shelley was very active in the metro Denver and Grand County markets. She became a resort condo specialist, and a consultant to builders and HOA managers, providing the necessary guidance to ensure that condominium projects could become eligible for conventional

financing. Shelley served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Association of Mortgage Brokers, graduated from the Xinnix Mortgage Academy at the top of her class, and completed the CMLA Mortgage Leadership Program in 2015.

In her current position at CHFA, Shelley has trained hundreds of Colorado loan officers and other lender personnel. She has also been instrumental in helping CHFA to embrace the condo market via its conventional loan programs. Shelley has also been involved in CHFA's marketing efforts to attract millennial buyers; Millennials represented more than 57% of CHFA's loan production in 2015. CHFA continues to think outside the box in order to develop strategies which make homeownership affordable for a wide array of borrowers in Colorado's highly competitive real estate market.

Shelley moved to Colorado from New York City to be closer to the mountains, and has worked as a ski instructor at Keystone, and a mountain host at Winter Park. She enjoys cycling and gardening in the warmer months, and volunteers year round at the Max-Fund no-kill animal shelter.

Laura Brudzynski

Office of Economic Development
City & County of Denver

Laura joined Denver's Office of Economic Development in 2015 to help lead the agency's work on affordable housing policy. Since joining Denver's Housing and Neighborhood Development team, Laura has worked with city leaders to propose Denver's first dedicated local fund for affordable housing, collaborated with public and private partners to address housing preservation, and is currently working to create and strengthen strategies aimed at reducing displacement in areas of the city vulnerable to gentrification. Laura has a Master's Degree in both Public Administration and Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado and more than seven years of experience in housing from the public and non-profit sectors.

Zac Schaffner

Homeless Initiatives Project Manager
Office of the Governor

Zac Schaffner is the Homeless Initiatives Program Manager in Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper's office. Schaffner works with state agencies, non-profit service providers, and community organizations to support the implementation of Pathways Home Colorado, the state's ongoing effort to replicate best practice models, support regional priorities and become more strategic in making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Colorado. In this role, Schaffner serves as the second in command to the Director of Homeless Initiatives and helps facilitate the development of supportive housing for Colorado's most vulnerable populations. Prior to joining the Governor's Office, Schaffner served as an AmeriCorps VISTA working with former Lt. Governor Joe Garcia to increase literacy rates of low-income youth in Colorado. Schaffner graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in Journalism and Media Studies.

Jaime Gomez

Chief Operating Officer
Colorado Housing & Finance Authority



Jaime G. Gomez joined CHFA in 1999, and has served as CHFA's Chief Operating Officer since March, 2010. As COO, Jaime has oversight of CHFA's business operations, which include CHFA's affordable housing and community development loan programs (single family mortgage lending, multifamily rental housing, and small business lending), loan servicing, asset management, special operations, and marketing functions. Prior to his position with CHFA, Gomez served as Manager of Strategy Development and Planning for US West Dex, and spent six years working for the Colorado Office of Economic Development as Director of Finance and Business Development, under Governor Roy Romer. In addition, he spent five years working for the Department of Bank Supervision at the Federal Reserve Bank of

Kansas City (Denver Branch) where he became a Managing Examiner overseeing a team of ten examiners, and three years working in the qualified retirement plans divisions of Lincoln Trust Company. Mr. Gomez earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Finance from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and has completed Executive Leadership programs at both the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and the University of Denver. Gomez currently serves on the Board of Directors for Mercy Loan Fund and Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver (current Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee), and is a member of Mayor Michael Hancock's Housing Advisory Council and the Governor (Hickenlooper's) Financial Review Committee for economic development.