



June 30, 2023

Re: Formation of Adams County Industrial Working Group

Adams County Commissioners
4430 South Adams County Parkway
Brighton, Colorado 80601

Noel Bernal
Adams County Manager
4430 South Adams County Parkway
Brighton, Colorado 80601

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Bernal,

Overall the construction, transportation, oil and gas, manufacturing, and aggregate industries have several hundred businesses within Adams County. Many of these businesses have been in the county for 20 years or more with some being as long as 50 years. A large number of these businesses are family-owned and operated businesses that have been there for several generations. In the case of many of these operations, the business represents the livelihood of not only the owners but also that of their employees.

During the pandemic our businesses were deemed as essential because of their importance to the regional, state, and national economies. These businesses and their employees continued to operate during the worst of the pandemic as they appreciated their role in meeting the basic needs of our state and its citizens.

While the vast majority of our businesses are responsible companies who take pride in their facilities and operations, we also acknowledge that there are some bad actors and poor practices being applied, that we along with the county, would like to see addressed. We realize that some of these bad actors have been a source of stress for the county and the relationship with our respective industries.

Our collective industries are a major employer in the county, employing thousands of workers in good paying jobs with benefits that in many cases are well above the median in the state. The vast majority of these employees not only work in the county but live there.

We also recognize that changes are occurring in the county as additional people and diverse businesses move into the county. We understand that this places greater stress on the county for services as well as how to mesh the new businesses and residential development along together with long established businesses and industries within the county. We also appreciate the challenge that this poses for the county commissioners as well as county officials in balancing the varied interests and demands.

Over the last several years there have been some challenges in areas such as land use, transportation, and other areas that have created some stress between our industries and the county. To a large extent we believe the problems relate to communications and lack of understanding. These issues became magnified during the pandemic as communication and interaction among parties was very difficult.

On our part we would like to ask you to join us on a working group that would include representatives from our various business groups along with county commissioners and county staff. We would look to have one/two representatives from each of our organizations listed below be part of this working group.

The purpose of the group would be to establish a framework for discussion of issues of common interest and concern for both the county and our businesses. It would also serve as a forum for identifying emerging problems and issues and seeking to address those matters early and resolve them before they become greater issues.

To kick off the working group we are looking at hiring a facilitator who may help us cooperatively establish goals and objectives for the group well as identifying current and potential issues of concern that the group would seek to address.

On the county's part we would request that two of the County Commissioners be part of this working group along with key county staff persons from planning and community development, public works, transportation, zoning, and economic development.

We are looking at the first meeting of this working group to be in late July or early August as we look to finalize a location and date for the meeting.

Please contact Greg Fulton at 303-478-9078, if you have any questions about this letter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of participating in this important working group.

Sincerely,

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