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Public Policy Committee Pillar Position Statement

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Issue: Land Use Policy/Process

Background:

All levels of government intersect with economic development activity through land use planning and/or policies. At the local or county level it may be policies related to zoning, growth boundaries, building incentives, use restriction or conservation easements (by way of examples.) At the state and federal level infrastructure decisions related to transportation and water can intersect with land use, as well as statutory changes that may impact the future of a specified industry (e.g.: energy development or agriculture).

Position:

The EDC encourages land use policies that balance reasonable public input with decisive administrative action, and prioritizes projects that advance the economic vitality of our communities and support local workforce. We encourage efficiency in government processes and transparency for businesses and residents. We seek to preserve our agricultural heritage and natural resources, while recognizing pressing needs for uses that support business opportunities and housing development.

Rationale for Position:

Public sector decision making in land use, at all levels of government, directly intersects with economic development activities. Fully understanding and engaging in the public process to share the vision and strategy behind Chaffee County EDC's mission and goals is critical as elected and appointed leaders, at all levels of government, consider actions that will determine future growth patterns, along with commercial, industrial and residential activity.