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Colorado City Metropolitan District on Open.Media

Colorado City is the hub of Greenhorn Valley in southern Colorado. It sits with Greenhorn Mountain to the west, Pikes Peak to the north and the Spanish Peaks to the south. At an elevation of 6,000 feet, Colorado City has a population of 2,237.

Colorado City is visited yearly by people from all over for the views of the mountains and recreational activities such as, golfing, hiking, fishing, camping, horseback riding and bird watching.

Colorado City Metropolitan District's Board of Directors is comprised of five elected board members. The board utilizes Open.Media to stream and record work sessions.

[Watch Colorado City Metropolitan District work sessions on demand](#)



35 Mile Foundation & Open.Media Grant Opportunities



Thanks to generous support from the 35Mile Foundation and Open.Media, we are pleased to offer the following benefits for governments serving populations of 50,000 or less:

- 1) Year-One Free Access:** Your government can use our software service free of charge for the first year, with all startup costs for software implementation fully covered by Open.Media Foundation and 35Mile Foundation (Grant does not include hardware, though we can provide hardware implementation for a fee).
- 2) Discounted Ongoing Service:**
 - In subsequent years, governments serving fewer than 50,000 residents will receive a 50% discount on the annual \$5,000 fee.
 - For governments serving under 5,000 residents, the service will remain free ongoingly.

OPEN MEDIA

We are excited to share an incredible opportunity for Colorado government agencies to enhance transparency and accessibility in government operations through Open.Media Foundation's innovative open media software service. This platform empowers governments to stream, transcribe, translate, and archive public meetings with ease, ensuring greater community engagement.

The initiative leverages the same transparency software we built for the Colorado State Legislature at [ColoradoOpenMedia.com](#) and reflects our commitment to supporting smaller governments in fostering the same level of transparent and inclusive governance, regardless of resource constraints. We encourage you to explore how this service can streamline your operations and increase community trust.

To learn more about the software and its capabilities click the link for a demo or meeting

CAREER ENGINE



Media Job Opportunities

Our [Open.Media Career Engine](#) is a service offered to Employers in the Media & Journalism sector to help you find and hire more diverse jobseekers. This program has helped over 40 employers in Colorado's Media & Journalism field hire POC jobseekers at more than double the industry average. We help craft your job description to appeal to diverse applicants, post it to over 20 job boards proven to generate more diverse jobseekers, and manage the screening process so that even the smallest HR team can afford a broad and inclusive hiring process developed by industry leaders.

Email careers@openmediafoundation.org to explore how the CMCE can help you with your next hire.

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 • **Fundraising Committee** - Contact Tony Shawcross at tony@openmediafoundation.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February is Black History Month

Current Colorado State Legislators

There have been 3,350 legislators since 1876, the year of Colorado's first General Assembly of the State Legislature. In those 149 years, twenty-five of the legislators have identified as Black. Currently, 7 of the 25 Black legislators are serving in the 75th General Assembly.



Jennifer Bacon
House 2021 - Present

7th district. Bacon earned a Bachelor of Science in Management, Business, and Politics from Tulane University, a Master of Science in Elementary Education and Curriculum from Florida International University, and a J.D. from William & Mary Law School.



Michael Carter
House 2025 - Present

30th district. Carter served in the U.S. Army then earned a Bachelor's from the University of New Mexico and a J.D. from the University of Denver.



Regina English
House 2021 - Present

17th district. English has an Associate degree in Chemical Dependency/Drug and Alcohol Counseling, a Bachelor of Management, and a Master in Public Administration. She also earned a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership.



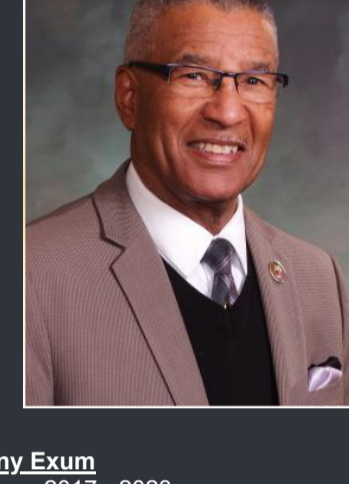
Jamia Jackson
House 2025 - Present

District 41. Jackson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Colorado Boulder.



Nanueta Ricks
House 2021 - Present

District 40. Ricks earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the Metropolitan State University of Denver and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Colorado Denver.



Tony Exum
House 2017 - 2023
Senate 2023 - Present

House district 17. Exum graduated from the University of Southern Colorado with a Bachelor of Science.



James Coleman
House 2017 - 2021
Senate 2023 - Present

House district 7. Senate district 33. Coleman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Business Administration from Oral Roberts University.

Former Colorado State Legislators



Elisabeth Epps
House 2023 - 2025

District 6. Epps a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.



Leslie Herod
House 2017 - 2025

District 8. Herod received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado.



Janet Buckner
House 2015 - 2021
Senate 2021 - 2023

House district 40. Senate district 28. Buckner received a Bachelor of Arts from Ball State University.



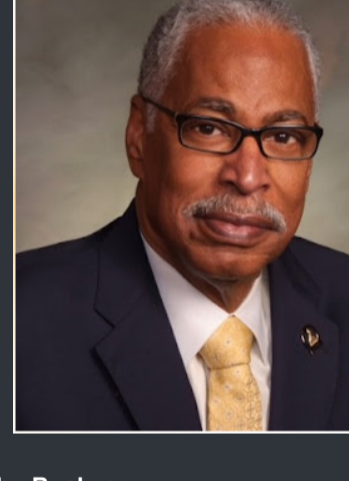
Rhonda Fields
House 2011 - 2017
Senate 2017 - 2025

House district 42. Senate district 28 and 29. Fields holds a Master from the University of Northern Colorado.



Angela Williams
House 2011 - 2017
Senate 2017 - 2021

House district 7. Senate district 33. Williams graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Science.



John Buckner
House 2013 - 2015

District 40. Buckner graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.



Carroll Terrace
House 2003 - 2011

District 7. Carroll graduated from Metropolitan College with a B.A. He then graduated from the Iliff School of Theology with a Master of Divinity. Carroll continued with a J.D. from the University of Denver.



Peter Groff
House 2001 - 2003
Senate 2003 - 2009

House district 7. Senate district 33. Groff earned a Bachelor in Communications with a minor in Political Science from the University of Redlands and a J.D. from the University of Denver.



Angie Paccione
House 2003 - 2007

House district 53. Paccione graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor in Political Science. She then earned an M.Ed. in Education and Human Resource Studies, and a Ph.D. in Education and Human Resource Studies from Colorado State University.



Tate Penfield III
House 2000 - 2003

District 33. Tate III graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in sociology. Then he pursued a J.D. at the Arizona School of Law.



Celina Bonavidez
House 1991 - 1994

District 5. Bonavidez received a Degree in Business from the University of Albuquerque.



Regis Groff
Senate 1974 - 1994

District 33. Groff served in the Air Force then graduated from Western Illinois University. He then went on to receive a Master in Education from the University of Denver.



Wilma Webb
House 1980 - 1993

District 8. Webb attended the University of Colorado Denver without obtaining a degree then attended the Harvard Kennedy School as a legislator.



Wellington Webb
House 1973 - 1977

District 8. Webb obtained his B.A. in Sociology and his M.A. in Sociology from the University of Northern Colorado.



George L. Brown
House 1958 - 1967
Senate 1967 - 1974

No house districts. Senate districts 1, 6 and 3. After the army Brown graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Journalism. He also did graduate work at Harvard Business School, the University of Colorado and the University of Denver.



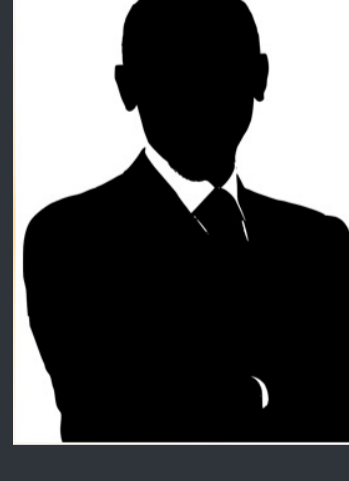
Earl W. Mann
House 1943 - 1954

No house districts. Mann served in the U.S. Army during World War I.



Joseph H. Stuart
House 1895 - 1897

No house districts. Stuart graduated from Coddington College in Barbados then received his law degree from the University of South Carolina.



John T. Gunnell
House 1881 - 1882

No house districts. Gunnell was the first African American to serve in the Colorado Legislature.

Current Delegation to United States Congress

There have been 117 delegates since 1876, the year Colorado was granted statehood. In those 149 years, one delegate has identified as Black. He currently represents Colorado's 2nd District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

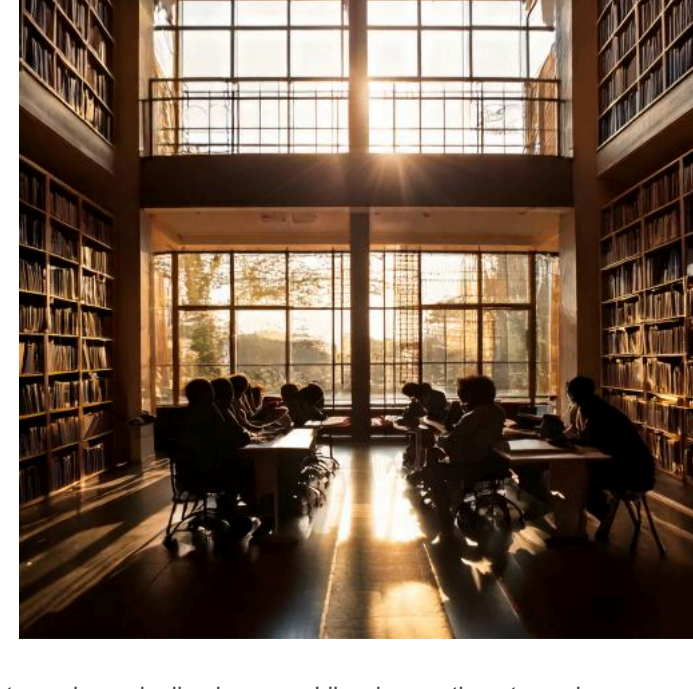


Joe Neguse
U. S. House 2018 - Present

District 2. Neguse graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor in Political Science and Economics. Then he graduated from the University of Colorado Law School with his J.D..

February is Library Lovers Month

Libraries have long been central to human civilization. They play a crucial role in humanity's development by fostering education, innovation, and cross-cultural exchanges. The Sumerians of Mesopotamia stored cuneiform tablets containing administrative records and literature 4,500 years ago. Ancient Egypt held vast papyrus scroll collections, contributing to knowledge in medicine, astronomy, and philosophy. Similarly, in the Islamic Golden Age (8th-14th centuries), institutions preserved Greek, Persian, and Indian texts while facilitating groundbreaking advancements in mathematics, medicine, and engineering. The imperial Chinese libraries of the Han and Qing Dynasties preserved Confucian, Buddhist, and Taoist scholarship, fostering intellectual and cultural development throughout East Asia. The libraries of Timbuktu housed thousands of manuscripts on law, science, and theology, helping solidify West Africa as a center of scholarship. Mayan and Aztec libraries contained vast codices recording astronomical, agricultural, and historical knowledge—though most were destroyed during colonization. These institutions allowed knowledge to be passed down across generations, directly shaping advancements in governance, science, and culture worldwide.



Today, libraries offer much more than just books. Modern libraries provide access to technology, language-learning resources, job assistance, and community programs that support refugees, immigrants, and marginalized groups. Libraries continue to evolve as pillars of knowledge, equity, and social progress.

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