

2023 EDC Bios

Harville Small (Chair) 2022-2024

Harville Small has been a current resident of the City of Fountain for years, and is passionate about the community in which he resides. He is an Army Retiree, Entrepreneur, and Graduate Student. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Olivet College in Michigan and is in the process of receiving his Masters of Public Administration from Golden Gate University. Harville's education experience is focused on public policy, with his servitude in the military and also as a Stadium Manager for events and sports. He is honored to be a part of the EDC Board which looks at city's growth while preserving its rich heritage. Harville is the EDC representative on the Southern Colorado Business Partnership on behalf of regional efforts for business.

Dan Osinski (Vice-Chair) 2021-2023

Dan Osinski has been a resident of Colorado since 2002 and moved to the Fountain area in 2014. Working in a number of different capacities on the sales side of local, mid-market business, and enterprise level sales, he purchased Laser Sound in 2006 and now employs 4 A/V technicians and DJ's. Dan has served with the EDC since March 2015 and brings a wealth of connections, knowledge, and passion to aid on behalf of business growth within the city of Fountain. His passion is to promote positive change throughout the Pikes Peak region, remaining actively involved by serving in both volunteer and board level capacities. Dan's civic endeavors include: Ambassador for the Colorado Chamber and EDC, President of Peak Executive Forum (PEF), Tri-Lakes Chamber member/volunteer/sound support, Colorado Springs Wine Festival Committee Entertainment Chair, HBA Parade of Homes committee, CSEA & Prospectors Association member, and much more.

Wandaleen Thomas 2022-2024

In 2012, Wandaleen Thomas worked on base at Ft. Carson, made Fountain Colorado her hometown, and completed her college studies in Criminal Justice. With 20+ years of experience as a master barber/instructor, she applied her skillsets to open a business that would benefit the community and create a platform for entrepreneurship for her family; opening WT's Military Cuts in December 2012. Wandaleen has served with the EDC since November 2013 and avails the opportunity to expand the vision of entrepreneurship to empowerment; helping to enhance the experience of those living and doing business within the Old Town district of Fountain.

Phyllis M. Baez 2023-2025

Phyllis Baez has been a resident of Fountain, CO since August 2001. She is a graduate of Saint Leo University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. She currently works for the Department of the Army (DA) as an Administrative Officer for the 53rd Signal Battalion, U.S. Army Satellite Operations Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Fort Carson, CO. Her previous employment includes: Human Resource Technician, U.S. Army (Soldier) (86-92), Fort Benning, Georgia; Management Assistant, Logistics Assistance Office (DA Civilian) (93-96), Vilseck, Germany; Administrative Assistant, Directorate of Information Management (DA Civilian) (96-00), Fort Eustis, Virginia; Administrative Support Specialist, 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (DA Civilian) (00-19), Fort Carson, CO; Education Technician, Center of Excellence, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (DA Civilian) (19), and many hours of volunteer service in the Foster Care Department at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. She and her husband, Rafael, have 3 children, Kathryn, Abigail and Joshua.

James Flowers 2023-2025

James Flowers has been a serial entrepreneur, since 2012. In conjunction with his LegalShield business, he is also the owner of DJ Shield LLC, President of COS OLD SCHOOL DJs, Chair of the Southern Business Partnership, President of the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of Colorado Springs Black Business Network, Advisor and Entrepreneur of the Year for the Businesswomen's Network, in Pueblo CO and an all-around community influencer. Mr. Flowers is a retired Army Combat veteran of 23 years. After serving in the Army he became an International Trainer for the US Army SHARP Program (Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program). He credits his motivation and success to his strength in faith and the enduring support of his wife and three children.

Mercedez Davis 2023-2025

Mercedez is a third generation Fountain native. Her grandfather Donald Giffin, was a city council member and helped mold her into the woman she is today. A graduate of Fort Carson School District 8, Mercedez has lived in Fountain her entire life and plans to raise her two children here as well. Currently, she works in a veterinary hospital in Colorado Springs and loves working with all animals. Her goals with the EDC are to help small businesses flourish and create an opportunity of entry for businesses to serve the future residents of Fountain.

Terrence Diaz 2023-2024

Terrence Diaz has lived in Colorado since 2011 and became a resident of Fountain in 2019. He began his career pursuits in personnel care services in 2015 which lead him to own and operate the Double Oasis barbershop in 2020. Mr. Diaz completed additional education with technical certifications in 2021 and a bachelors' degree in Business Administration. He is a member of the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce and has a passion towards local small business/area residents and desires to advocate on their behalf in order to help Fountain grow sustainability. He lives with his wife and four children frequenting many local parks and attractions in the community and supports local small business.

Darlene Cruz 2022-2025 (Ex – Officio)

Darlene Cruz is a semi-native of Colorado, Fountain in particular, with working origins with the small hometown grocery store, Mayfield's. From there, Darlene began her banking career with Pioneer Bank of Fountain (formally known as First State Bank of Colorado, and now known as United Business Bank). For a period of six years, a former spouse's military service relocated Darlene to North Dakota, and then Germany, where she continued in the banking profession. Upon her return to Fountain, CO, Darlene was re-hired at First State Bank of Colorado where she has resided for the past 23 years. She has served with the Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce, and since October 2013, Darlene has served with the EDC. Through her many years as a part of the Fountain community, she has observed many years of growth and change; continuing with a desire to be a contributory part on behalf of the business community.