

2020 EDC Bios

Tom Downing (Chair)

Tom Downing has been a full-time Realtor since 2003 and is proud to be part of the #1 Independent Real Estate firm in Colorado Springs, The Platinum Group, REALTORS! Tom graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He also completed his Master's Degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. Tom served as a fire fighter in the Air Force for twenty years, and has lived in Europe, Asia and Hawaii for 14 years. In 1997, Tom moved to Colorado Springs with his beautiful wife Lacene for over thirty years and their two children. He is passionate about community servitude, serving as the President of the Security Lions Club, member of VFW Post 6461, and is currently serving on the School Board for Fountain Fort Carson School District Eight. Tom is currently the President of the Fountain Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Economic Development committee. Tom also serves The Chairman of the Elders at Pikes Peak Christian Church and an Active Board Member with the Fountain Valley Scholars Organizations. He is very Passionate about the City of Fountain and will continue to look for opportunities to serve this fantastic City.

Dan Osinski (Vice-Chair)

Dan Osinski has been a resident of Colorado since 2002 and recently 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

Darlene Cruz

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.

Wandaleen Thomas

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.

Harville Small

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

Phyllis Baez

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 (00-19), Fort Carson, CO, 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.

Nicole Reinhardt

Nicole along with her family has called Fountain Valley their home for 17 years. Nicole grew up in the San Luis Valley on the family farm. She graduated from Adams State College, as it was known at the time of her graduation, with plans to attend nursing school. Nicole was an RN for 20 plus years. She was able to take her passion for others and drive to make "systems" better to numerous positions within the healthcare arena. As CEO of a for profit hospital in Aurora, Nicole was an advocate for streamlining healthcare delivery. In 2014 Nicole and her husband Robert decided that they had the entrepreneurial bug in them. Nicole went to real estate school and started a property management company in the Fountain Valley. Robert a Full time Staff Sergeant for the Army National guard helps with the numerous maintenance requests that are submitted when he has time. When Nicole and Robert are not working their full time jobs servicing our country or tending to real estate duties, they spend hours supporting their three sons. Aaron 16, Ryan, 15 and Brody 7. The boys are very involved in baseball, football and hockey. Nicole looks forward to continuing her call to community service through the Fountain Chamber as well as her new appointed position as an ex-Officio member for the Economic Development Committee.