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## **Visionary citizen receives surprise recognition**

### *Arapahoe County Commissioners bestow Distinguished Citizen Award to Mike Rosser*

**Littleton, CO** - During a public hearing today, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners presented the first Arapahoe County Distinguished Citizen Award to Mike Rosser of Aurora. The Award recognizes extraordinary individuals who have demonstrated visionary leadership and service excellence, and their voluntary work has created a positive, lasting change on Arapahoe County.

“Mike envisioned a future that would bring a legacy of change to Arapahoe County and then did what many only talk about doing... he took action,” said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chair. “Many describe him as ‘a tireless advocate for investing in the County to make it a better place for generations to come.’”

Tuesday’s ceremony honored Rosser for going above and beyond and providing clear vision, firm convictions and a steady hand in forging the future. He was applauded for his efforts to bring a legacy of change to Arapahoe County.

As a leader for the “Yes on 1A” initiative, Rosser served as a pioneer in establishing a dedicated revenue source that created the newest and most dynamic Open Space program in Colorado.

His six years of dedication, vision and service to the citizens of Arapahoe County as a member of the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board, including serving as Board Chair in 2008 and 2009, has helped the County to achieve many and varied accomplishments in the realm of open space conservation and outdoor recreation.

From the humble first land acquisition of 2.5 acres to expand the Cheyenne/Arapaho Park to the acquisition of more than 15,000 acres under conservation protection for future generations, Rosser has helped to pass on a legacy of great worth.

In addition, the County will be creating a Trail of Honor at the Arapahoe County Community Park. A plaque explaining the award will be permanently placed at the park along with each winner’s name. The honor will serve as a reminder to our residents about the impact one, single person can have when they decide to partner with their local government.

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*MikeRosser&BOCC:* The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners bestow Mike Rosser with the first Distinguished Citizen Award for his visionary leadership with the County’s Open Space program.

*CitizenAward\_Rosser:* “Visionary” citizen Mike Rosser receives Arapahoe County’s first Distinguished Citizen Award for his visionary leadership with the County’s Open Space program.