

Jeff Baker

Commissioner District 3, Arapahoe County Colorado



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Jeff Baker is serving his first term as Commissioner representing District 3, which includes portions of the cities of Centennial and Aurora, the Town of Foxfield, the towns of Bennett and Deer Trail and unincorporated eastern Arapahoe County. Jeff is Board Chair for 2019. His current term expires January 2021.

His goals are to promote and maintain a safe and secure environment for residents; to ensure that traffic congestion and road construction disruption is kept to a minimum; and to manage growth within the County responsibly, so that its neighborhoods, open spaces and recreational areas remain accessible, enjoyable and well-maintained. As Commissioner, Jeff oversees the County Attorney's Office, Communication Services and Administrative Services for the Board of County Commissioners.

Jeff represents the County's interests on a variety of boards and committees, including the Arapahoe County Housing Authority, the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, the Board of Social Services, the Public Airport Authority and the Justice Coordinating Committee. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Arapahoe County Foundation.

He serves also on the Colorado Counties Inc. Agriculture, Wildlife and Rural Affairs, Land Use and Natural Resources and Public Lands committees and as a CCI Legislative Committee Representative. He serves on the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the I-70 Chamber of Commerce, Metro Area County Commissioners, the Restoration Advisory Board of the Lowry Air Force Base Bombing and Gunnery Range. He also represents the County's interests on the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership and the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority.

Jeff is a retired United States Army military police officer and chief warrant officer. He was deployed in Iraq in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He spent nearly five years as supervisor of Crime Scene Investigation for the Aurora Police Department and he teaches Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation at the Community College of Aurora Police Academy.

Prior to being elected Commissioner, Jeff worked for Arapahoe County for 18 years as the manager of facility and property operations for Facilities and Fleet Management and in the Human Services Finance

and Administrative Services Division. During his tenure he became familiar with the County's budget process and participated also in the Capital Improvement Committee process, helping to identify and prioritize projects for the appropriation of capital expenditure funds.

Jeff is a Colorado native and has lived in Arapahoe County for 29 years. He and his wife Yangson have two adult children, Timothy and Maggie, and one granddaughter, Helena.

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Arapahoe County Government - Five years with Human Services Finance and Administrative Services and 13 years as manager of facility and property operations for Facilities and Fleet Management prior to election as Commissioner. He served as Chair Pro Tem in 2017.
- City of Aurora Government - Five years with the Aurora Police Department Crime Laboratory as the Crime Scene Investigation Supervisor
- Retired from the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command and Military Police Corps

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Young-Nak Presbyterian Church, Deacon and Youth Ministry leader

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- University of Colorado, Master of Public Administration - Local Government Concentration
- University of Maryland, Bachelor of Science - Government and Politics
- Retired United States Army military police officer and chief warrant officer deployed to Iraq in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm
- Supervisor, Crime Scene Investigation, Aurora Police Department
- Teacher, Crime Scene Investigation and Forensic Science, Law Enforcement Academy, Community College of Aurora Policy Academy