



Protecting people and their environment from irresponsible  
oil and gas development in the Delta County region of Colorado

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Sent via electronic mail to [douglas.young@state.co.us](mailto:douglas.young@state.co.us)

Re: Blue Ribbon Commission Expression of Interest

Dear Mr. Young:

I write to express my interest in serving on the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) to craft recommendations to the state for improving regulation of oil and gas development. For nearly the past two and a half years, I have served as the Executive Director of Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC), a non-profit grassroots conservation organization with 300+ members based in Delta County. CHC was formed by a group of concerned residents in 2009 with the mission of protecting people and their environment from irresponsible oil and gas development in the Delta County region. The impetus for the group's formation was the lack of sufficient regulation of this industry at all levels of government, including existing state laws and rules.

In my time leading CHC, I have obtained experience and insight that I believe would be valuable and beneficial to the work of the BRC. Since CHC was founded in direct response to the inadequate regulation of the oil and gas industry, the perspective I bring to the table would be a significant contribution to the panel. For the BRC to have wide-spread buy-in and credibility with the public, this voice and perspective must be represented on the 18-member panel.

I have experience working with diverse stakeholders and participating in Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) rulemakings as a party representative for CHC. I served as Co-Chair of a stakeholder group that created the North Fork Alternative Plan – a set of community crafted management recommendations to protect critical resources from the risks of oil and gas development in Colorado's North Fork Valley. The Alternative Plan was submitted to the BLM's Uncompahgre Field Office for consideration as they work to revise the Resource Management Plan for the region. I also served as the primary author of the 102-page management recommendations prescribed by the Alternative Plan's stakeholder group. In

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addition, I had the privilege to represent CHC as a party to the COGCC's recent rulemakings to establish baseline groundwater sampling and increased setbacks between building units and oil and gas operations.

If given the opportunity to serve on this panel, I will work hard with diverse stakeholders to reach consensus on solutions to this difficult issue. I want to ensure that the commission's work is done in a transparent and open forum with ample opportunities for members of the public to participate and be heard. I'm happy to discuss this opportunity with you further or answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration

Best regards,



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# James H. Ramey III

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Citizens for a Healthy Community, Paonia, CO Executive Director

- Oversee day-to-day operations of a 300+ member organization whose mission is to protect people and their property and development in the Delta County, Colorado
- Responsibilities include commenting on federal and state legislation, and oil and gas development project permitting, strategic planning, community organizing, and financial oversight
- Party representative to Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission regarding baseline groundwater sampling and building units
- Co-Chair of the community stakeholder group for the Resource Plan, a set of management recommendations for consideration in creating a new Resource Plan
- 102-page management recommendations completed

### State of Ohio

#### Legislative Service Commission, Columbus, OH Budget Analyst

- Conducted fiscal analysis of the biennial state budget and short issue updates, and conducted fiscal impact analyses on welfare, mental health, substance abuse, the environment, and other issues
- analyses included proposed reforms to 1) the state's response to victims of child abuse and 2) the state's response to victims of child abuse
- Managed and coordinated office-wide research and analysis, supervising the Health Groups' legislative efforts
- Responded to requests for information from various stakeholders
- Utilized data management programs including Access and Excel to manage complex budgeting issues and produce research reports

#### The Ohio State University Office of Minority Affairs

#### Mentoring and Post-Baccalaureate Preparation Program Graduate Administrative Associate

- Created and managed a Microsoft Access database of program participants' contact information

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