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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for David Beacom.
2	Did not offer enough specifics or display sufficient motivation to take on the responsibility
4	David seems to have much knowledge and experience with RTD since he had worked for RTD at one time. He rides the bus, has good listening skills, knows about DRCOG relationship to transportation. He knows the importance of building grassroots support. I think he will ask the difficult questions of RTD and help to improve the transit system.
3	Mr. Beacom seems to have some historical knowledge of the RTD system, but lacks current involvement in the issues. His political savvy also would serve the district well, but he did not appear to have a full understanding of all the issues in play in this part of the District.
1	Mr. Beacom has good intentions to serve the District, but I am not sure he is the right fit for this position at this moment in time.
3	Good experience but seems a bit crusty
1	While the experience of this candidate has been in transportation, there was a significant lack of knowledge of RTD. This would not be a good pick for RTD Board.
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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for T.J. Cole
5	It has been a long time (2008) but I had TJ Cole as a professor at Metro State in Denver for Political Science and he was wonderful. Very articulate, knowledgeable and energetic. Later in my career I met with him in his role at Justice High and I think he did an exceptional job.
5	T.J. is a long time rider and has served on boards and committees. He said he has the listening skills that he can ask the hard questions of RTD. He doesn't seem to be shy and would work to have better accountability from RTD for the I District.
5	He would be amazing in this role. He has a great depth of knowledge about the boulder community. Please choose him. He's a hard worker and understands many community issues!
5	Have worked with him and he is great! Takes a broad view of everything and is skillful. Knows Boulder County issues and will advocate for Boulder County.
5	Judge T.J. Cole has served the Boulder community for over 30 years and will be a strong progressive advocate for District I. He will put together coalitions that will work o the 2004 issues and work towards balancing the budget.
5	Judge Cole is the right guy for this position. He is hard working and wont rest until our Districts concerns are met. Us students ride the busses all of the time. He gets it.
5	I have know T.J. Cole my whole life. I know of no one who is more driven and energetic to the pursuits he focuses on. His resume is replete with evidence of this. RTD needs an infusion of energy and passion if it really wants to move their agenda forward and balance their budget. T.J. is that man.
5	SKILLS, PASSION, ENERGY, and the ability to bring people together to accomplish big things..... only one person on the list meets those requirements. T.J. Cole
5	T.J. will be a great director.
5	I am a lifetime residence of Colorado and know Mr. Cole very well. He is an excellent choice for the Board.
5	TJ will do a great job. Students for Cole!
5	I am a student who has to use RTD daily. I usually travel 4 busses to go and from school daily. Whenever I have had any issues with the system , I have gone to Dr. Cole who has graciously given his time and energy to solving my problem. if he does that with just one student, imagine how he will fight for the entire district.
5	Improving our environment and reducing pollution are very important and T.J. is someone who has always fought for environmental protections and car pollution reduction. I support his efforts.
5	T.J. is skilled, hardworking and will be a strong advocate for RTD completing its promises to the people of this district.
5	I known Dr. T.J. Cole for 47 years. I know he is capable and will do a fantastic job. He won't let obstacles stop him from bringing people together and accomplishing what needs to be done.
5	I know T.J. Cole and I know am positive that he will do a wonderful job in this position. He is a very hard worker.
5	It would be fantastic to have more African American representation on the Board, and it seems as though TJ has the experience to understand RTD's complex network.
5	The RTD Board needs more diversity of perspective and experience. TJ brings board leadership, judicial experience, and connections to youth riders. These youth riders will be the biggest users of mass transit in the future. The knowledge of this group is going to be crucial in the future.
4	Mr. Cole appears to have some good insight into the politics of the RTD situation and would be a good representative for the District. I do have concerns that Mr. Cole does not fully understand the transportation-specific issues of this region.

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4	Mr. Cole is a strong candidate and brings a strong background in law and deep experience including numerous Boards and committees that will serve him well in the position. Mentions NWR several times as a key issue. He will likely be a good listener to stakeholders and on the RTD Board to move our District forward and an advocate for youth, underrepresented groups and for our region. Did not seem to get into details of some of the big current issues RTD is facing.
3	offered some good perspectives but not enough specifics - and I don't think a judge/attorney background is the best fit at this time
N/A	Both Singer and Cole seem good to me.
N/A	Dr. Cole cares about the people who ride the busses. He actively got involved when I needed help. He worked to get all of us students passes and schedules. He understands how things are at the ground level. I support his candidacy.
N/A	T.J. Cole is the best candidate for this position because he has the requisite skills to pull together the different county commissioners, Mayoral offices and metro districts to solve the RTD fast tracks problems and budget issues. He has a long history of bringing people together to accomplish projects. All of the candidates are outstanding, but he is head and shoulders above the rest. GO T.J.
N/A	As a lifetime resident of Longmont and a frequent user of RTD, I am excited to support Judge Cole in his quest to represent us in this district. He will fight for us and push to have projects completed and the RTD brought back to prominence in this region.
N/A	As a longtime Colorado resident, I believe that of all the candidates, T.J. has the best ability to push positive change for the Board. Fixing the RTD budget, and working out the politics and economics of fast tracks, and improving ridership, call for someone who is skilled, energetic, and won't take failure as an option. T.J. is that guy.
N/A	T.J. is a man that will succeed at his goal to balance a budget. I give him 5 STARS *****
N/A	I've known TJ since High School and he is a very honest, experienced, caring individual who would be highly qualified for this position. He has worked hard in various areas, which had led to all of his experience.
N/A	T.J. has a number of valuable experiences that make him well situated to be a RTD District I Director - he is a lawyer, judge and runs a non-profit organization. This helps him balance legal mandates with financial viability and feasibility. In addition, he is a Colorado native. He understands how RTD has been progressing to best understands where it should go. He was focused in his responses during his interview and had a clear vision for RTD, as well as methods to achieve this vision. That type of educated and driven focus will be invaluable to district I. Finally, he truly embodies and is mindful of how to promote inclusion within the RTD and foster social justice. These are core values which we must begin integrating.

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N/A	IF you don't know TJ Cole, then you should. As Magistrate Cole, or high school teacher, or defense attorney - he's self directed. I think of RTD as a criminal enterprise with a public private partnership where a transparently ineffectual board of director receives a kick in the pants for things it fails to control. Now you see why I didn't apply. Not to be misled by RTD managers you either need a strong background in public transportation; or simply be savvy enough to know when to check the date on the fish. TJ will study his subject to the point of being able to teach it, and the least likely to be snowed by made up facts and jargon. Just that he had the interest was enough for me. More reasons not to apply. Deb - you'll recall my opposition to Fastracks in 2004 when I was running for your seat. The Land Use Coalition discovered 19 counties and towns that were making campaign donations. I get sucked into CFR complaints (monthly it seems) and this was a doozy. The trouble is that I want passenger rail. I think mass transit should replace drivers, cars, and roads. Fifteen years and \$40M later and we can't even have bus rapid transit. Everyone else has rail but us, etc. District I is congested for a reason. Hoped you picked Cole.
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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for Erik Davidson
5	He is a neighbor and have seen his skills in working on a neighborhood issue regarding health and safety. He is very analytical and seeks very creative solutions. He is also a very nice younger man, and will work very hard for all of us on the RTD
5	I have worked with Erik and he is a great collaborator and has very good ideas. He is good at working with many different people and the projects he heads are well run and successful. Erik would do well at the RTD.
5	A very strong candidate with specific suggestions who offered a creative, collaborative and entrepreneurial approach. Mr. Davidson was enthusiastic and especially clear headed in his responses. I think it is an asset for a new Director to come from the private sector and have an engineering, problem solving background.
5	Erik is smart, able to communicate effectively and is a hard worker. He would be a tremendous asset to the RTD board.
5	Mr. Davidson appears to have the best background (financially), willingness, and drive/devotion to actually fix some of the issues plaguing RTD. He would do well as the District I representative, and seems to have the best knowledge of how the various issues come into play. Mr. Davidson would be my selection for this position, if I was given a vote.
5	Mr. Davidson is a top candidate. His background in the private sector and financial mindset will be an asset to the District and RTD in this pivotal moment. Understands in these times, partnerships with local communities will help build better local access for constituents to access RTD regional services. Noted local examples of NW partnerships. Recognized that FISA is an investment (growth initiative) in our future not to be squandered in an emergency. Laments that ReimagineRTD has been unfortunately paused and notes the importance of the Advisory Committee to reevaluate RTD's mission. Acknowledges the challenges now and ahead and seems to understand the gravity of the current situation and has carefully considered taking on these challenges. Shows empathy for our riders and passion to use his knowledge/expertise to lead RTD through this moment. He spoke of understanding the issues with stakeholders to build a path to success. Of all the applicants for this position, Mr. Davidson was only one of two to take the time to reach out directly to understand Broomfield and staff's perspective. He is a confident speaker and will serve the District well by leveraging his background, seeking input from stakeholders, noting use of technology for input.
5	I believe Erik Davidson is the best candidate because of their passion and positive energy they have regarding RTD's current challenges. That along with their experience in the private sector and fiscal management as a CEO gives them the skill and the will to tackle the current fiscal challenges facing RTD. I also appreciate his focus on equity, the environment, & ensuring our investment in the future isn't spent fixing current fiscal issues that are systemic. Their new view point, experience, skillset, and energy are what RTD need now. Thank you.
4	Eric articulated a passion for this position of working with RTD as a director for District I. He has a strong financial background and spoke of the need for better collaboration with public/private partnerships. He spoke of issues relating to equity, environmental, and economic as a plus for using RTD.
3	If the current RTD board is struggling and functioning poorly due to poor leadership focus, Mr. Davidson could be an asset and a strong voice for District I's needs. However, if the board is struggling due to competing leaders, I don't believe that his singular style of leadership would be as helpful as a Director with experience working from a lower profile.

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N/A	I highly recommend Erik Davidson for RTD District I Director. He is a well respected member of the Broomfield community, with an entrepreneurial and financial background that will be necessary and beneficial with solving the issues that RTD is currently facing, and moving forward during these challenging times.
N/A	As neighbors of Eric and his wife, we believe Eric would do an excellent job on any project he would take on. As a board member, we have seen his contribution to our HOA in proposing a creative method for our homeowners to conserve water and save money. I am a retired attorney and my wife has worked in the transportation industry. Because of our backgrounds, we have the experience to recognize an excellent candidate for this position. We would be happy to converse with anyone on the board, should you choose to call on us. Thank you, Stanley Kornfeld and Marilyn Perlman 4718 Raven Run Broomfield 80023 contact # 303-819-0870.
N/A	I want to voice my support for the candidate Erik Davidson. His experience handling fiscal challenges, and his innovative solutions will benefit RTD, and I would be happy to have him representing my district.
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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for Danielle Holmes
5	Danielle is articulate and engaged. She has great ideas and real life experience. She would be an excellent addition to the board.
4	I appreciate Ms. Holmes's focus on representation for those traditionally underrepresented--this is important to me, too. This is a narrow area of focus, however, and the issues that RTD faces in Boulder County are broad and complex. I'd recommend Ms. Holmes to serve District I only if the next Board features Directors with sufficient breadth of experience in finance, tax law, and civic infrastructure.
4	Ms. Holmes would bring fresh ideas as a soon to be masters graduate in public administration and understudies in political science. She is an active and passionate user of the services for herself and high-needs daughter and is a community leader including transit issues (LD service change). Recognizes the planning for BRT on US 287. Thoughtful in her responses. May not have the depth of experience in a highly political environment others may have but could be a strong, passionate advocate and education may bring a fresh perspective with new eyes to the issues.
4	seems motivated and has public admin degree, but lacks experience that JS has. Good vision for RTD
3	She showed a lot of heart during the interview but I was disappointed that she did not answer the question about competing interests.
1	Ms. Holmes, though passionate about riding the system, did not have the specific skill set for the RTD director position.
N/A	Danielle Holmes is a strong candidate with a "can-do" attitude who has first-hand experience of being a frequent RTD rider. I think she would advocate strongly for the needs and interests of District I residents.
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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for Bo Shaffer.
1	out of step with community, ideological
1	Bo Shaffer seems to cite his "desire to serve" as his strongest qualification for service on the RTD Board. While his service on the Left Hand Water Board is admirable, his recent attempts to politically represent constituents tell me that he may not have his finger on the pulse of what Boulder County needs and wants.
1	Mr. Shaffer seemed to have many ideas, but did not have the focus required for this position.
1	I'm not so sure about the comment on making sure the people on the edges get the "crumbs" referring to Longmont. The interview and letter of interest seemed superficial but did not seem to grasp the current issues facing the Board and RTD. Noted "light rail" to Longmont.
3	motivated and has a vision, but really lacks experience in public governance.
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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for Jonathan Singer.
5	N/A
5	Both Singer and Cole seem good to me.
5	experienced, dedicated, visionary, track record of policy, good with constituents
5	Have worked with him and he is one of the best leaders I have ever worked with. Very knowledgeable and has worked skillfully with so many individuals and groups. Is a "can do" person and a thought leader. Will certainly advocate strongly for Boulder County which is what we need on the Board. Totally support his appointment to the Board!
5	He would be amazing at this job. His ability to lead the public is incredible. He is bilingual and understands how to best work with many different populations. Please choose him!
5	I have been continually impressed by Jonathans unrelenting commitment to bettering the lives of local residents. He truly listens to people and works for the greatest good for the greatest amount of people. I highly recommend he be appointed to this position.
5	I have known Jonathan for several years through his position as a House Representative in Longmont. I have never met a politician so willing to advocate for those in need, whether or not there was a political constituency served by doing so. He worked to help released prisoners apply for Medicaid, to stop the spread of opioids in rural areas, not because they were popular (I assure you that no one knew), but because they were the right thing to do. I don't always agree with everything Jonathan supports, but I would drop anything to help him the moment he asks without question, because he does not fake it. I honestly have never expressed this about another politician, but Jonathan is the real deal. He will serve us well - all of us - in whatever position he fills, and I urge you to consider him for this one.
5	I have such admiration and respect for Jonathan. He has proven to me his dedication to residents while a representative. I am sure he will bring this same dedication to RTD.
5	I loved Jonathan's ideas in the taped interview, especially when he suggested actually riding the bus lines to hear the ideas of passengers who use them daily. Looking at the source of problems on Denver bus lines having to do with mental health issues and societal problems, rather than only addressing those problems with law enforcement. And finally, I feel quite assured with Jonathan's vast experience as a legislator, working directly across sometimes opposing groups to find common ground and to get things done. Getting things done that truly help people is what we know Jonathan for, so District I would be in very good hands. We've been waiting so long for rail. I'm confident that Jonathan will make more progress on that goal, more than anyone could.
5	I was an intern for Singer while he was a representative, and I can honestly say he's a bit of a personal hero to me. He's probably the hardest working person I've ever met, and that's because he cares so deeply about using his position to help the people he represents. He put countless hours into understanding every issue that he wrote laws on, and into meeting with concerned constituents and always hearing them out. Whenever I interacted with other representatives/staff and told them I was working for Singer, they'd tell me how lucky I was to be working for someone like him. That was true of people across party lines. And he was so compassionate to me as a young person trying to get into politics for the first time. I think he'd do an incredible job at anything he sets his mind on.

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5	I write to completely support Jonathan Singer. I am familiar with what is needed from the RTD Board. I direct a disability rights organization and am a passenger of RTD because I personally cannot drive. I have worked with him in the legislature and he has a great policy brain, represents constituents well, and is thoughtful and able to craft solutions to difficult problems. I represent people with all types of disabilities and he was always a champion for our community—but for us to be a part of the community not separated. If anyone can help this board improve operations and work cooperatively it is Jonathan Singer. His background in the legislature coupled with his skills as a social worker brings a unique skill set. He can work with individuals and groups, understands policy and can deal with the politics with integrity and honor. He understands representation and is able to do that while also paying attention to the whole realizing that fighting only for one segment of the community does not create a sustainable program. He would be a great representative for your community and for all of us. He will make make RTD something people choose, improving our region.
5	J. Singer is the only candidate who has experience with governing boards and funding processes for public agencies. I like his vision for RTD and I think he's by far the most qualified for the job.
5	Johnathan has a wide range of experience and skill that will be useful as RTD moves forward. I believe he will be a strong advocate for rail and service to Longmont.
5	Jonathan brings extensive experience not only as a representative in the house but more importantly in his collaborative approach. Throughout the 10 years I have been able to work and collaborate with him, he has displayed an unwavering commitment to community service and relationship building. Furthermore, his knowledge of the circumstances surrounding our public transportation systems and challenges puts him in a unique position to begin to work on solutions and supports. Jonathan has an exceptional mind for understanding and creating effective policy but is even more talented in working as part of a team with no emphasis on political affiliation or allowing personal beliefs to cloud his judgement. He is very objective in his approach and always bases decisions on the best solutions possible for everyone. This is exactly the type of unbiased leadership that can create meaningful change and makes him the ideal representative in any position, especially for this important and critical role.
5	Jonathan has a demonstrated track record of representing Boulder County. He is in tune to not only the county's needs, but the unique needs of the communities within the county. Beyond that, he is unique in that he works especially hard to understand the perspectives of ALL people and brings their voices to the table. Public transit cannot possibly be successfully shaped or run without the voices of those who most frequently use the service. Jonathan is the best person for this position and can hit the ground running because of his legislative background.
5	Jonathan has a strong track record in the state legislature, advocating for Boulder County regarding transportation issues and RTD. His legislative background makes him ideal to participate on this cabinet. I trust Jonathan to represent Boulder County well.
5	Jonathan has many excellent skills that he brings to this position through his work in the state senate. He has a real background in social work and understanding the need to raise awareness that transportation is a basic social, economic, and health need. He understands that many riders are transit dependent. He has curiosity, empathy, honesty and ability to cross lines and work with all kinds of people to get work done. He is a RTD rider. I think he has lots of connections that could serve the folks in Boulder/Broomfield County well as well as ask the difficult questions and get good results for all RTD riders.

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5	Jonathan is a smart, experienced public servant who deeply understands our region's challenges and opportunities. The RTD -- our regional public transit system -- has huge impact on region, from transportation options for people with disabilities and low-income people, to our carbon footprint, to coordination with local transit initiatives (boulder's hop bus, ft collin's flex bus). Jonathan would be a strong leader ready to start working for our community on day 1. I urge you to advance his appointment as RTD District 1 Director.
5	Jonathan is a very strong candidate for this role. The RTD Board could benefit from his experience in the legislature and his social work background.
5	Jonathan Singer has been a tireless advocate for our community and the County should select him.
5	Jonathan Singer has been known to me for 17 years and I have found him consistently a person who has been respectful and diligent in his community service. He has been focused on providing quality unbiased and genuine service to all his constituents. He is also a person of high standards who researches evidence and facts for decision making. He would represent the community with superb quality and character and bring his extensive skills from law making to the table. I strongly recommend your consideration of Mr. Singer.
5	Jonathan Singer has nearly a decade of state legislative experience representing Boulder County. He has always prioritized accessibility to local transportation for underserved communities. As a representative and social worker he has had some of the most impressive community outreach of any member of the CO General Assembly. He has an independent, thorough and pointed approach to policy analysis and naturally forms teams and coalitions that are great for accomplishing policy tasks.
5	Jonathan Singer has the experience needed to represent this District well to RTD. This means financial analysis and budgeting, planning, as well as outreach and community involvement. He is also committed to improving public transit as a viable option for the region, which is essential to maintaining our quality of life along the Front Range as we grow. Specifically, Jonathan will approach this role with both an equity lense and an environmental lense, so that we can think about how best to serve lower income populations and explore new technologies to transition RTD into an environmental leader. He will also advocate for the Northwest Rail project, which has been a plan in the works with RTD since 2004. RTD must be held accountable and must follow through with this project, including the Peak Rail plan, as fast as possible. Jonathan has policy and lawmaking skills and experience that would also benefit this role in terms of his ability to work with other board members as well as the community to make progress. Jonathan is also someone who is in it for the right reasons. He truly cares about our community and wants to make a difference.
5	Jonathan Singer is by far the best candidate to represent our district on the RTD board. He has the most experience needed, is the most qualified, shows the most enthusiasm, and has the best personality to meet the demands of the job.
5	Jonathan's long experience advocating for the Northern reaches of the RTD service area and his encyclopedic knowledge of the area's needs and the law make him an ideal candidate. I have worked with Jonathan as his state and my local government roles have intersected over the past three years, and always found him prepared, informed, and focused. There could be no more dedicated person for this position.
5	Mr. Singer has been my rep. He has helped me personally with difficulties I've had with health insurance. He has visited the community I live in on many occasions. He has shown that he is a tireless advocate for people. I strongly support his role in any public service role. I think he would be especially helpful as this RTD Director because I've seen his interest in transportation and breadth of knowledge about transportation and communities and people.

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5	Mr. Singer is a tireless advocate for ALL of us, including those of us most marginalized and vulnerable in our communities. He understands the important role of public transportation, and how vital it is to connect us to our larger communities. Mr. Singer's participation on the RTD board will benefit all of us by ensuring a viable RTD system that connects us to critical services and to each other.
5	Mr. Singer is a top candidate. His legislative background and social work experience will serve him well in this position. Long time transit rider on RTD. Acknowledges that for some, that RTD is not an "alternative," RTD is the only option for mobility for those that cannot drive or do not have access to a vehicle. Indicates he may do townhalls for District constituents to solicit input, using his legislative experience for public participation. Notes he wants to talk and listen to riders in District I but also in other Districts by riding the bus. Well-spoken with good ideas and acknowledges the challenges and controversy RTD is facing and is ready to take on the role. Handled the interview confidently. Will likely be a strong advocate for transit-dependent and District I. Notes pivotal role of TOD and affordable housing as a key piece of successful transit system that works for the people of the region and RTD could help play a bigger role to support TOD. Brings big ideas about triple bottom line to RTD operations. Not really sure about how he might take on the financial challenges/decisions RTD must face but sounds like he will be a good listener.
5	Mr. Singer's extensive government experience comes with community relationships and institutional memory, which protect the interests of District I during an uncertain time for RTD due to financial and ridership issues.
5	Please appoint Jonathan Singer. He will make a great RTD board member and will look out for the interests of Boulder County.
3	Mr. Singer seemed to spread his statement to many different issues, so it was difficult to see how he would approach the issues specific to transportation. The interview was very political, and appeared to lack true substance/ideas for making change.
N/A	Excellent candidate and will represent the community well
N/A	He's been outstanding. Always there for the community. Have known him from last 10 years
N/A	I believe Johnatan is most experienced in making decisions that impact our community and state. He is also the most experienced in working with marginalized communities. I worked for the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition for 10 years and Jonathan was and continues to be an outstanding advocate and supporter. He is a problem solver and knows how to effectively communicate and finds solutions. He is someone you can trust and I know would be the best for this position. Thank you. Sonia Marquez
N/A	I have had the pleasure of knowing Jonathan Singer at least 10 years. During this time I have observed that Mr. Singer listens, cares, goes way beyond to find solutions and fairness for all. I find him a devoted husband, Father, friend and community participant. Jonathan has a caring personality which tells me he would be a great asset to your group and your group would be gaining a lot of expertise. Thank you for taking time to read my comments Linda A Marquez
N/A	I have known Jonathan Singer since before he was in the state legislature. He would be a fantastic addition to the RTD Board. He listens to all, not just peers, as well as researches situations himself. He formulates solutions. He is more effective and efficient in his work than others despite his time-intensive listening and research. I hope that he will be selected for this important post.
N/A	I have known Jonathan Singer through my volunteer work at the state capitol for 4 years. He is an exceptionally hard working, intelligent, caring and effective public servant. He thinks outside the box, something that is desperately needed to turn around RTD to work for citizens of Boulder County who have been robbed of rail service for far too long.

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N/A	I know Mr. Singer and have discussed with him my advocacy positions for the economically disadvantaged. I believe Mr.; Singer would bring a strong regard for those who have no transportation choice but RTD, and yet who are not favored by RTD.
N/A	Johnathen Singer is an excellent candidate who is qualified and is known for working hard for the best interests of the community. As a resident of Longmont, I believe he will work hard toward having rail service in our area, which is long-awaited. He is qualified and will serve us well in this role.
N/A	Jonathan Singer would be a positive selection for this RTD seat. Mr. Singer is in touch with the communities which he represents abd has demonstated this for the years that he represented the Niwot area in the State legislature. Strong communication skills and listens to resident feedback. Katherine Koehler 8884 Morton Road Niwot. CO 80503-8669 Family arrived Boulder County in 1869.
N/A	Jonathan Singer has many years experience working within the system to pass legislation at the state level, often taking action on real problems faced by Colorado residents.
N/A	Jonathan Singer has represented Niwot/Longmont well for many years. We voted for him for Boulder County Commissioner, hoping he would continue to represent us. We'd love for him to represent the area via an RTD position. Thanks for your time.
N/A	Jonathan Singer is a smart and kind public servant and we would be fortunate to havw him this role. He will do a wonderful job. Thanks.
N/A	Jonathon Singer is already familiar with the transportation needs of the district. He listens to his constituents and is an excellent communicator. He has the expertise and knowledge to represent his district from day 1. He would put in the necessary work and time to make sure the RTD board takes into account the needs so District 1 residents.
N/A	singer is an excellent candidate. We give him our highest approval. As Representative he worked so hard, Cameroon to every event, cared so much for the people he represented, and worked hard to improve the lives of people who were struggling. We know that on the RTD board his work ethic, his creative thinking and his care for the people who depend on RTD decisions will make him a wonderful board member. And oh yes, he has a wonderful sense of humor, and that makes him a joy to hear in any of his talks.
N/A	I encourage you to appoint Jonathan Singer to the open RTD board position. I supported him for CC partly because he strongly supports the FasTracks Northwest line. I do strongly believe we should build that railroad. Getting it done before 2050 will depend on the Legislature as well as RTD (and maybe the fed.govt if Biden wins). Singer's experience in the legislature make him the best candidate to help the RTD board appeal to the Legislature for help. By the way, as you probably know, the Legislature created the SW Chief and Front Range Rail Commission, and tasked it with preparing a plan for Front Range Rail. Though the plan must present multiple routes as alternatives, it's quite clear to almost everyone that the Broomfield-Boulder-Longmont option is the right route from Denver to Ft. Collins. So that longer-distance route can politically help us get FasTracks. Passenger rail is a great transportation solution for Boulder, Colorado, America and the world. Most of the world has already understood that.
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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for Kris Vaswig
5	I think it's great for someone like Mr. Vaswig to be on the board. He would be a great representative for the age group who wishes to use more public transportation within Boulder County. He has a lot of great background experience, and I believe it would be an excellent fit on the Board of Directors.
5	Kris will be a perfect fit for the District I Director position, he has shown to be flexible but steadfast, Mr Vaswig is well-spoken, active in his community, very goal-oriented and driven.
5	Kris is a seeker of knowledge from all perspectives. He has a unique ability to think outside of the box to conquer obstacles and solve problems. Being determined and never afraid to get his hands dirty when exploring various paths to solution, he would be an excellent choice for the RTD District Director position.
5	Kris is a very intelligent and thoughtful person that will examine all sides of an issue and present the pros and cons of each side. He has the ability to discuss an issue and present his case without becoming emotional. He would be a great voice for the younger users of RTD.
5	Kris has years of experience in working on large-scale projects. He is excellent at articulating his viewpoints, and has a great passion for civil discourse.
5	It would be crazy to not give myself 5 stars, right? Either way, I know that should you choose me to fill the board position, I will work tirelessly for the next 4 years to passionately represent our district. We need a pragmatist to keep services to our area as intact as possible during these trying times while trying to increase ridership. I believe I am that person.
5	Kris has a way of thinking that will help RTD go in the right direction. He is someone to trust in times of need and his analytical way of thinking will help guide any project in a positive direction
5	Kris is highly organized and a pleasure to be around. I highly recommend him!
5	Kris is a very upstanding and trusting and intelligent person who will be an excellent candidate for this position.
5	N/A
5	Kris is a smart, hard-working person with the ability to understand complex issues and get to the key points quickly. He is practical and realistic and I have appreciated his synopsis of political issues.
5	I have known Kris for several years and he has been a strong and fair advocate for various types of issues in the community. I believe his knowledge and professionalism will serve the community well.
5	Kris is one of the most reliable, wise, honest, and helpful people I know. He genuinely cares about the community he lives in -- supporting it, maintaining it, and most importantly, being a member in it. He's wise well beyond his years, and I'm constantly in awe of how well he knows the world, and how much I learn from him (and I'm no dummy). He's impassioned about government -- that it is efficient, effective, and meets the needs of the community. He loves this state, and he has excellent ideas of how to make it work better. I would love to see those ideas, that passion, and that wisdom serving the public as an RTD Director. I can think of no one who would serve better in that role than Kris Vaswig.

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5	Kris is fair, conscientious and open-minded. Further, I have seen Kris succeed in a variety of enterprises because of his loyalty, devotedness, and his willingness to work. Kris is truly one of the good guys who works extremely hard for the betterment of our community.
5	N/A
5	I was thoroughly impressed with Kris Vaswig's interview. He is a long-time resident of Boulder County and District I who brings a wealth of experience from working in construction and project management on RTD projects. I believe his pragmatic approach and insight into contract bids will help make the most for the RTD budget. He would make a dedicated representative for District I's residents and a conscious steward of their tax dollars. I trust in his integrity and passion for improving his community.
5	Kris is an excellent candidate for this position. He is extremely passionate about the community and making a difference, as I'm sure you can tell by his interview. He is very insightful, openminded, and probably one of the most intelligent people I know. Kris has been a longtime resident of Boulder County and District I and I know he will have the people and tax dollars they spend in mind in every decision and plan he makes. Kris works well with others with shared and unshared interests so I have no doubt he will work collaboratively with everyone on the board.
5	I write to completely support Jonathan Singer. I am familiar with what is needed from the RTD Board. I direct a disability rights organization and am a passenger of RTD because I personally cannot drive. I have worked with him in the legislature and he has a great policy brain, represents constituents well, and is thoughtful and able to craft solutions to difficult problems. I represent people with all types of disabilities and he was always a champion for our community—but for us to be a part of the community not separated. If anyone can help this board improve operations and work cooperatively it is Jonathan Singer. His background in the legislature coupled with his skills as a social worker brings a unique skill set. He can work with individuals and groups, understands policy and can deal with the politics with integrity and honor. He understands representation and is able to do that while also paying attention to the whole realizing that fighting only for one segment of the community does not create a sustainable program. He would be a great representative for your community and for all of us. He will make make RTD something people choose, improving our region.
5	N/A
4	Mr. Vaswig seemed very capable of being the RTD Director, but lacked some of the involvement in other collaborative groups that is very much needed in a RTD Board environment.
4	Good vision and understands the issues. One less star than JS because of lack of public governance exp.
2	Mr. Vaswig showed that he has been following the Board issues. Noted the Flatiron Flyer is not in District I (it is, in Broomfield at two stop locations). I am not sure if he has the perspective of the whole of District I issues that include Broomfield or acknowledged the District includes Broomfield. Sounds like he might be favorable to drop NWR for NAMS BRT (did not note that the voters need to weigh in). Notes TNCs are cheaper than RTD (not sure how a trip from Longmont to Denver is cheaper than LD). Seems passionate, but not sure he brings the right experience for this moment in time to the RTD Board representing District I.

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N/A	Kris Vaswig appears to have a breadth of experience dealing with the inner workings of RTD in his previous role as a construction project manager on several RTD projects, and appears to understand that District I residents want what was promised to us in 2004. My sense is that he would advocate strongly for the transportation needs and desires of District I residents.
N/A	I have known Kris Vaswig for 12 years and have always been impressed with his work ethic and thoroughness in problem solving. He has impressive analytical skills.
N/A	Kris is a very bright young man and has some good ideas on how to improve RTD service. He would bring "new blood" to the board
N/A	I had the pleasure of meeting Kris last year. He is incredibly intelligent and puts a great deal of his personal time into educating himself on local, regional, and state issues. I feel as though his passion for his home and community would be beneficial since he tries to understand multiple viewpoints of a situation.
AVG	
4.8	

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Rating	Please provide any comments to explain your rating for Austin Ward.
2	Mr. Ward did not appear to have the experience in collaboration and other boards/ organizations/commissions as some of the other candidates. Mr. Ward also seemed to struggle with some of the questions, which only get more difficult in a Board of Directors' setting.
2	Mr. Ward will bring a unique perspective to the Board but may not have the experience needed to represent on the Board at this time in a highly political position dealing with highly controversial topics. Mr. Ward was one of two to reach out to me directly.
2	His interview was not very good. On paper and written correspondence, he has been much more eloquent.
3	Austin has a passion for RTD as a transit driver in Boulder. He articulated the need for RTD to spend more time listening to the ridership than they currently do. I think that what he lacks is experience, but he has the desire to work hard to meet the challenges ahead of him if selected to this position representing District I.
3	He would offer a unique perspective with his experience as a bus operator but would that result in a conflict of interest or the perception of same?
3	While I find Mr. Ward's perspective refreshing, he lacks the necessary experience to serve on a governing board like RTD
5	I am RTD's longest-serving employee (over 51 years), and I have had a life-long interest in and passion for transit and railservices. Further, I've been an active transit advocate during all of my RTD years, including serving with the Colorado RailPassenger Association (ColoRail) for over 30 years. I've also had productive discussions with numerous current and former RTD Board members since the early 1980's. I've become acquainted with Mr. Ward during his tenure with RTD and, drawing on my own background and interests, I am convinced that he would make an excellent RTD Director. He has excellent "instincts" on transportation and environmental matters and is well-versed in the industry (public and private). He has forwarded countless articles of mutual interest that we usually discuss further. And I have supplied him with many historical RTD documents for his edification and understanding. The RTD Board needs a passionate advocate in Mr. Ward's demographic because that is where future transit consumers will be found. They embrace transit for its values and utility. That is also where new ideas will be born and nurtured. Mr. Ward and I agree that transit decisions must be made through the lens of the users.
5	Mr. Ward's experience as an employee and rider with RTD provide him the organizational and community connections required to address the needs of District I riders and stakeholders. I appreciate how he described his experience with RTD in terms of people and their diverse needs for reliable and well-connected public transit. This kind of leadership is important to me.
5	Because he is an RTD driver, I believe Austin Ward is the best available candidate for the RTD board. There is no substitute for the experience and wisdom that comes with everyday contact with passengers and having to drive RTD's sometimes inefficient and incomplete routes! Ward's stated intention of making the RTD system more affordable, accessible and convenient is exactly what is needed. Boards like this have enough corporate types used to looking at challenges from the top-down --- it's time to have some representation from the proverbial "bottom-up." Please appoint Austin Ward to this post!
5	Austin is a transit worker and a transit rider. His voice is sorely needed on the RTD Board!
AVG	
3.5	

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Do you have any comments or feedback about the Boulder County Commissioners' process for selecting a candidate for appointment?
Wish there was better representation of unincorporated/rural areas of Boulder County. Unfortunately, we often times are not heard.
We need someone who will fight for District I residents and our needs, and who will do so in a strategic, fiscally-aware manner. Also looking for creative, out-of-the-box thinking to solve some of RTD's problems. And I always believe in looking at mass transit systems in other US cities/regions, as well as in other countries, to find answers to some of Denver Metro's transit problems.
This seems like a fair way to elect someone for this position. Great way to show the public and hear their thoughts on the matter.
This process seems fair and inclusive.
The only thing I would like to have changed with this process is further official engagement with the City and County of Broomfield elected officials. However, I hope we are never in the place again where elected officials are selecting another elected office instead of the voters.
Thank you for your service to our county.
Thank you for the opportunity to listen to all the candidates interviewing for the District I director's position. I believe there are many excellent candidates. They each had skills that could and understanding of the RTD transit system that could improve the services we have in District I. Ultimately we need better more transparent service for our district, as well as working to strengthen the whole RTD system.
Thank for you making the interviews public and best wishes on your selection process. I am quite enthusiastic about Mr Erik Davidson and think his answers were clear, specific and demonstrated a commitment to the work of RTD.
Since District I includes Broomfield County it is kind of strange that the Boulder County Commissioners would select our Director. But that is what the law dictates, so let me thank you for being so transparent and inclusive in your processes.
Please go with Jonathan Singer!
Please choose one with well-rounded knowledge and experience, not a transportation specialist or professional.
Make sure that you are picking the right person for the job and Singer is the best candidate!
Looks like a comprehensive and well run process.
Jonathan clearly has the strongest skill set and experience to take this position representing Boulder County and the NW region
It would be helpful for the commissioners to make a more concerted effort to ask for feedback from non-Boulder residents.
It is important to take this moment in time into consideration for the right fit at this time for our region and RTD including building operational partnerships, ensuring transit access for transit-dependent and mobility options for our vulnerable populations, all with an eye to the future to build a well-connected system of high-quality transit in the north/northwest, and seeking creative financing opportunities to build that future. Top-tier candidates in my view are Mr. Davidson and Mr. Singer. Following in second-tier are Mr. Cole and Ms. Holmes.
I very much appreciate the openness of the process. There has been some concern of not letting the next group of Commissioners, selected by the people on Nov. 3rd, decide on this appointment. Personally, I do understand the need to expedite the process, so we have someone in place at the same time as the other Board members. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!
I think this process is basically as good as you could have done given the situation. It should have been more publicized, but the process itself makes perfect sense.
I think the Commissioners should see a younger person as a candidate so that they can get the perspective of younger users of RTD.
I hope that you will choose the most qualified candidate for the role, as well as someone who is committed to thinking about how to best represent the community members within District I in their role. In addition, I hope that the Commissioners will specifically lend their support towards someone who will fight to complete the Northwest Rail Project and expand public transit in the region. That is what District I wants and how best we will be served on the RTD Board.

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He is hardworking, energetic and experienced in law as a judge, people as a starter of many charter schools. politics as a candidate for state senate, mayor of Broomfield and a person who cares for us.

Both Singer and Cole seem good to me.

As a CU Boulder student and graduate (mid-late 1960's) I am quite familiar with and supportive of the Boulder city & county transportation and environmental endeavors. RTD has serious and complex challenges, severely compounded by the pandemic. I trust that the Commissioners will carefully evaluate the candidates on their transit knowledge and experience as well as their enthusiasm for the subject. It must be mentioned that Mr. Ward is the only candidate who pursued the ballot route to the RTD Board but was thwarted by insufficient "insurance" petition signatures due to the difficulty in interacting with the public, fearful of the coronavirus. With no other ballot competition the position would rightfully be Mr. Ward's. He is the only one with that level of interest and determination. Thank you for your interest in the RTD Board.

As a bi-racial family of color it is important that leadership committees representing our community is made up of individuals with a strong foundation for the position (previous experiences aligned with the position, education, etc); AND thoughtful of diversity, equity and inclusion and how it can be incorporated. The committee should be very mindful of representation when making their choice for director.

We thought your interview process was quite thorough. Realize were it not for the Pandemic you would be able to meet candidates which would obviously be preferable.

Singer	4.9
Cole	4.8
Vaswig	4.8
Davidson	4.7
Holmes	3.5
Ward	3.5
Beacom	2.3
Shaffer	1.4

October 21, 2020

Boulder County Commissioners
1325 Pearl Street
Boulder, CO 80302

Dear Boulder County Commissioners:

Commuting Solutions is the Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the northwest metro region and has a long history of working with RTD staff and board members, local governments, businesses and chambers of commerce to advance the recommendations of the Northwest Area Mobility Study. We have valued and prioritized innovation, public transit education and Transportation Demand Management programs to increase transit ridership for over 20 years.

We appreciate the thorough and inclusive process Boulder County staff and elected officials have implemented to involve stakeholders and the public in your decision-making, including the essential process of choosing representation for our region on the Regional Transportation District's Board of Directors.

After review of the videos and qualifications for the eight candidates, we recommend Mr. Erik Davidson for the RTD District I appointment for the following reasons:

Private Sector Leadership: Mr. Davidson is a C-level executive in the private sector in the role of turning around struggling businesses to profitability. His business acumen and experience would be both distinctive and immensely helpful as the RTD Accountability Committee and the RTD consider ways in which to improve the fiscal standing of the organization. Erik's business experience would bring a new perspective and expertise to the board. We are confident he will provide a creative, problem solving approach at a time when RTD needs it the most.

Partnerships/Coalition Building: Our region works very collaboratively with local government staff, elected officials and stakeholders to create a unified approach to difficult decisions. Erik is obviously a collaborator who is accustomed to working with differing, sometimes competing perspectives to achieve common goals.

Creativity: As an entrepreneur, Erik will be receptive to thinking outside of the box. He is excited to be a part of creating a new vision for the RTD by “designing for our future.” We were especially impressed with his ability to articulate the region’s mobility challenges as well as his commitment to represent them on the RTD Board.

Regionalism: Erik will work well to represent District I’s unique transportation and mobility needs while serving in a regional setting, and build effective relationships with other RTD board members.

Commuting Solutions appreciates this opportunity to provide our enthusiastic recommendation of Erik Davidson to represent District I to the RTD Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Craig Eicher