

Colorado Legislative Session

CAR = Colorado Association of REALTORS® **CO Chamber** = Colorado Chamber of Commerce

Energy and Environment

- [HB25-1009](#) - Vegetative Fuel Mitigation **CAR Amend**
- [HB25-1040](#) - Adding Nuclear Energy as a Clean Energy Resource **CAR Support, CO Chamber Support**
- [HB25-1042](#) - Air Quality Control Regulation Workforce Impact **CO Chamber Support**
- [HB25-1096](#) - Automated Permits for Clean Energy Technology
- [HB25-1165](#) - Geologic Storage Enterprise & Geothermal Resources **CO Chamber Amend**
- [HB25-1177](#) - Utility Economic Development Rate Tariff Adjustments **CO Chamber Support**
- [HB25-1241](#) - Public Accessibility of Emissions Records **CO Chamber Oppose**
- [SB25-055](#) - Youth Involvement in Environmental Justice
- [SB25-011](#) - Detection Components for Wildfire Mitigation **CAR Amend**
- [SB25-022](#) - Applying Artificial Intelligence to Fight Wildfire **CAR Amend**
- [SB25-037](#) - Coal Transition Grants
- [SB25-054](#) - Mining Reclamation & Interstate Compact

Health Care

- [HB25-1174](#) - Reimbursement Requirements for Health Insurers
- [SB25-045](#) - Study Single-Payer Healthcare **CO Chamber Oppose**
- [SB25-048](#) - Diabetes Prevention & Obesity Treatment Act **CO Chamber Oppose**

Housing and Building

- [HB25-1004](#) - No Pricing Coordination Between Landlords **CAR Oppose**
- [HB25-1032](#) - Improving Infrastructure to Reduce Homelessness **CAR Amend**
- [HB25-1043](#) - Owner Equity Protection in Homeowners' Association Foreclosure Sales **CAR Amend**
- [HB25-1108](#) - Prohibitions in Rental Agreements Due to Death **CAR Amend**
- [HB25-1123](#) - Homeowners' Association Alternative Dispute Resolution **CAR Amend**
- [HB25-1169](#) - Housing Developments on Faith and Educational Land **CAR Amend**
- [SB25-020](#) - Concerning the enforcement of existing landlord-tenant law. **CAR Oppose**

Labor and Employment

- [HB25-1208](#) - Local Governments Tip Offsets for Tipped Employees **CO Chamber Support**
- [SB25-005](#) - Elimination of the requirement for a second election to negotiate a union security clause in the collective bargaining process. **CO Chamber Oppose**

Land Use

- [HB25-1009](#) - Vegetative Fuel Mitigation **CAR Amend**
- [HB25-1053](#) - Landowner immunity for Emergency Access to Property **CAR Support**
- [HB25-015](#) - Wildfire Information & Resource Center Website **CAR Support**
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Regulatory

- [HB25-1010](#) - Prohibiting Price Gouging in Sales of Necessities **CO Chamber Oppose**
- [HB25-1090](#) - Protections Against Deceptive Pricing Practices **CAR Amend, CO Chamber Oppose**
- [SB25-002](#) - Regional Building Codes for Factory-Built Structures **CO Chamber Support, CAR Monitor**
- [SB25-033](#) - Prohibit New Liquor-Licensed Drug Stores **CO Chamber Oppose**

Tax

- [HB25-1021](#) - Tax Incentives for Employee-owned Business **CO Chamber Support**
- [SB25-018](#) - Online Search of Sales and Use Tax **CO Chamber Support**
- [SB25-026](#) - Adjustment to Certain Tax Expenditures **CO Chamber Amend, CAR Monitor**
- [SB25-046](#) - Local Gov't Tax Audit Confidentiality Standards **CO Chamber Support**

Colorado Model Low Energy and Carbon Code

- [The Colorado Energy Office](#) is developing this [Model Low Energy and Carbon Code](#), which minimizes overall carbon dioxide emissions associated with new and renovated homes and commercial buildings. Cities and counties with building codes must adopt these codes when they update any other building codes after July 1, 2026. [Public Comments](#) were collected until Feb. 7th.

Governor's Race 2026

- Current Candidates include:
 - Scott Bottoms (R), Colorado Springs <https://www.scottbottomsforgovernor.com/>
 - Jared Burtard (U), Canon City
 - Jason Clark (R), Centennial, money manager <https://www.facebook.com/jasonscorpio69/>
 - Willow Collamer (U), Boulder <https://sites.google.com/view/collamer4colorado/home>
 - Justin Ganoë, (not listed) , Littleton
 - Brycen Garrison, (R), Brighton, fire chief
 - Stevan Gess (R), Golden <https://www.stevangess.com/>
 - Jon Gray-Ginsberg (R), Frisco <https://www.grayginsbergforcoloradogovernor.com/>
 - Joshua Griffin, (R), Greenwood Village, <https://www.joshuagriffin4co.com>
 - Stephen Hamilton (American Constitution), Canon City
 - Chante Jones (U), Aurora
 - Robin Jones (R), Colorado Springs <https://robin4gov.com/>
 - Rabin Mahanty (NonPartisan), Denver
 - Katie Pierce (R), Castle Rock
 - Jarvis Ray (U), Denver
 - Jim Rundberg (R), Antonito <https://www.facebook.com/jimrundberg/>
 - Phil Weiser (D), Denver, Co District Attorney <https://philforcolorado.com/>

Durango Election

- Three seats are up for grabs in the April 2025 City Council election - Melissa Youssef is term-limited; Jessika Buell and Olivier Bosmans are finishing their first terms.
- Candidates include:
 - Jessika Buell (incumbent) <https://jessikafordurango.com/>
 - Olivier Bosmans (incumbent)
 - Kip Koso <https://www.kosoforcouncil.com/>
 - Shirley Gonzales <https://www.ptpdurango.com/our-team>
 - Chris Elias <https://www.eliasfordurango.com/>
 - Tor Stetson-Lee has dropped out of the race.

Economic Alliance Update

- Sarah Tober, Executive Director of the [Economic Development Alliance](#), told La Plata County Board of County Commissioners that childcare is a top issue of the local workforce. In presenting the findings of the recently released [Early Childcare Strategic Investment Plan](#), she said 60% of employers have lost employees because of it.
- Heather Hawk, the Executive Director of the [Early Childhood Council of LPC](#), said it's envisioned that a \$20 million investment over the next 5 years would be required to reimagine the local childcare sector. They hope to – in part- receive public dollars from lodgers' tax to help support a Childcare Investment Fund that would stabilize the childcare workforce through wages, tuition assistance and benefits.

LPC Community Development Department Update

- Community Development gave the LPC Commissioners an annual report for 2024. According to Senior Planner Dan Armentano, more permit applications were concluded in 2024 than the number received. Right now, 15 are awaiting a planner assignment, which is more than they hope for, but better than it used to be. Director Lynn Hyde noted the department is working to reduce the amount of time it takes to move applications through the review process. Those numbers have improved in 2024 over the year prior, but are not as good as they were in 2019, the year they are using as a benchmark.
- In 2025, updates to the code are planned in relation to the sketch plan process and refining lot legalization. Comprehensive Plan and District Plan updates will be in the works as well.

LPC Land Use Code Update

- La Plata County is amending its Land Use Code to align with new state laws regarding family occupancy and tribal consultation.
 - [HB24-1007](#): The County can no longer limit the number of people living together in a single dwelling based on familial relationships, requiring updates to related code language.
 - [SB24-212](#): The County must consult with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe before approving commercial wind, solar, and energy storage facilities in the [Brunot Area](#).
 - [SB24-193](#): Municipalities cannot annex land within a federally recognized tribe’s reservation without tribal approval.

Planning Projects

- On 2/24/25, Durango Community Development Commission approved the 688 Animas View Drive Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plan. The plan is to divide 688 Animas View Drive into two (2) lots to support a duplex on the southern lot and a single-family dwelling unit on the northern lot.
- At the meeting on 2/4/25, Durango City Council members approved the conceptual plan for Lightner Creek Commons, a proposed development that will bring 29 deed-restricted townhomes to the city’s workforce housing supply. The project is on a 2.9-acre site at 271 Twin Buttes Avenue—land donated to the city by Twin Buttes of Durango as part of its affordable housing commitment. Elevation Community Land Trust, in partnership with Tributary Development, will maintain ownership of the land while selling the townhomes to income-qualified buyers earning between 80 and 120 percent of the area’s median income.

Meetings attended January 16-February 27

1/22 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	2/5 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
1/22 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	2/11 - 10 am BOCC Meeting
1/24 - 1 pm Colorado Project Wildfire Meeting	2/12 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
1/27 - 5 pm Durango Comm Dev Commission	2/13 - 2 pm RHA Meeting
1/28 - 10 am BOCC Meeting	2/19 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
1/29 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time	2/19 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting
1/30 - 6 pm LPC Planning Commission Meeting	2/24 - 5 pm Durango Comm Dev Commission
2/4 - 2:45 pm Durango Council Study Session	2/25 - 8:30 am BOCC Discussion Time
2/4 - 5:30 pm Durango City Council Meeting	2/27 - 4 pm LAC Meeting