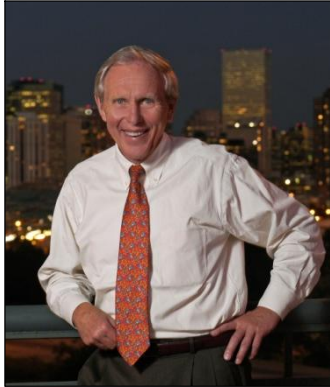




Joe Blake

President & CEO, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
DPS Foundation board member since January 2002



Joe Blake has served as president and CEO of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce since 1999.

Joe's career has been focused on statewide leadership and stewardship of Colorado's economy, competitiveness and business climate. Joe currently serves as vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University system and he serves on Governor Bill Ritter's Blue Ribbon Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel. He is a board member of The Denver Foundation, Denver Public Schools Foundation, Colorado Concern and the Metro Denver Sports Commission. In recent years, Joe has chaired the Colorado Transportation Commission and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority.

Joe's served as co-chair of the statewide Yes on C&D campaign, a coalition of more than a 1,000 organizations focused on passage of Referenda C and D also known as the Colorado Economic Recovery Act. Voters approved Referendum C, which returned critical funding to the state of Colorado's health care and education services and transportation infrastructure.

Joe's past community service includes: co-chairing, along with Mayor Wellington Webb, the Denver South Platte River Commission; serving the Metro Denver Home Builders as president; the Hospice of St. John Foundation as president, the Denver Zoological Foundation as trustee emeritus; and as a commissioner on the Colorado Baseball Commission.

In 2005, Joe received the American Jewish Committee National Human Relations Award and an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Johnson & Wales University. Joe has received several awards: HBA Builder of the Year Award, Public Education Business Coalition's Champion of Education, the University of Colorado Law School's Executive in Business Award, and the University of Colorado Graduate School of Public Affairs Public Service Award. He is a member of the Denver Metro Chamber Foundation's first Leadership Denver class and received the program's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987. In 2001, Joe received the Henry M. Porter Award for community leadership from the PorterCare Foundation.

He was a part of the Mission Viejo Company senior management team that created Highlands Ranch in 1980 and continued with that development team until he was selected as President of the Denver Metro Chamber.

A Denver native, Blake is a graduate of Denver East High School, Dartmouth College and the University of Colorado School of Law. Joe currently resides in Denver and is the father of two and the grandfather of four.