



# LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENT

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## OVERVIEW

The Town of Frisco's Legislative Policy Statement identifies general legislative issues of interest to the Town, based on Town Council's Strategic Plan principles. The following policy statements are necessarily broad and are not all-inclusive. Staff will utilize the Legislative Policy Statement as a guiding document when reviewing and analyzing bills that have an impact on the Town's interests. The Town of Frisco will take official positions on a limited number of significant bills. The Town will have discretion in determining on which specific bills to take official Town positions. Official positions are not automatically assumed on bills simply because they are congruent with the policy statements contained in this document.

The Town of Frisco advocates for legislation that aligns with this Statement and welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Town's legislative positions with legislators. This statement provides a reference tool for legislators to use when considering legislation that may impact the Town of Frisco.

## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE TOWN OF FRISCO

*"To preserve a family-oriented and economically resilient mountain community that encourages citizen involvement, respects our community character and natural environment, and enhances our quality of life."*

## VISION STATEMENT OF THE TOWN OF FRISCO

*"A close-knit, welcoming, and forward-looking community that values its unique sense of place, seeks balance with its environment, keeps pace with its infrastructure needs, enhances its healthy lifestyle, and acknowledges its history."*

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITMENT

In addition to the Mission and Vision Statements of the Town, Frisco strives to:

*"Provide leadership, civility, efficiency, transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility to assure a thriving future for the Town of Frisco."*

## VALUES

- Civil
- Inclusive
- Sustainable
- Innovative
- Collaborative
- Safe
- Professional

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Frisco's Strategic Plan, most recently adopted in August 2024, identifies the Town's current four Strategic Plan Objectives on which decisions are based and includes goals to be achieved. The Strategic Plan reinforces long-term planning and prioritization for both day-to-day operations, and long-term capital investment projects. As a statement of Town Council's goals and vision for the Town, the Strategic Plan helps staff successfully plan projects and budgets to achieve this vision and associated goals for the community. This Legislative Policy Statement is purposefully organized in accordance with, Town Council's Strategic Plan. The Town of Frisco's Strategic Plan can be found online at: [www.FriscoGov.com](http://www.FriscoGov.com) > Your Government > Town Council Strategic Plan, or by [clicking here](#). The four strategic objectives identified by Town Council are:

- We provide progress-driven **Quality Core Services**
- We support a **Thriving Economy**
- We enhance **Community Inclusivity**
- We provide **Vibrant Culture, Arts and Recreation Opportunities**

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROCEDURES

Legislative advocacy procedures are included in the Town of Frisco Legislative Policy Statement to provide guidance to elected officials and Staff who will be engaged in the legislative tracking and advocacy process; especially to ensure that their actions and statements reflect the Town's objectives and priorities. Clearly defined, and Town Council approved, advocacy procedures ensure that advocacy actions will be administered consistently with the Town's identified positions. The procedures provide Town Council and the Town Manager, or designee, discretion to advocate in the Town's best interests in a manner consistent with the goals and priorities adopted by Town Council.

Typical advocacy positions include:

- **Support** - legislation that advances the Town's goals and priorities.
- **Oppose** – legislation that could negatively impact the Town or does not advance the Town's goals and priorities
- **Oppose Unless Amended** – legislation that could negatively impact the Town unless amended in accordance with a specified lobbying organization's and/or Town's own, proposed amendments
- **Monitor** – legislation of interest that could positively or negatively impact the Town, but requires additional review before a position is taken
- **Neutral** – legislation that does not directly or significantly impact the Town

Town Staff and Town Council will utilize the following procedures when engaging in legislative advocacy:

1. The Town Manager, or designee, shall track legislation and identify positions on legislative matters that align with the Town's current approved Legislative Policy Statement.
2. The Town Manager, or designee, will consider positions and analysis completed by Town Staff, local government/professional associations, advocacy groups such as Colorado Municipal League (CML) and Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST), when determining the Town's advocacy positions.
3. Town Council and/or the Town Manager or designee, shall determine appropriate advocacy actions, and review all requests for advocacy on legislative issues, to most efficiently and effectively advance the Town's stated goals and priorities as outlined in the Town's Legislative Policy Statement. Advocacy actions could include, but are not limited to: letters, phone calls, emails, or in-person testimony. Whenever possible, staff will consult Council as a whole, on public record, for position perspectives, before communicating an official position on legislation. If there is insufficient time to gather majority direction on public record from the entire Council, the Town Manager will make a reasonable attempt to contact Councilmembers individually. Any Councilmember and the Town Manager will evaluate each advocacy opportunity on a case-by-case basis and refer to this document before taking an official advocacy position.
4. When an advocacy letter or email pursuant to this policy statement is sent, Town Council Members and the Town Clerk shall be copied on the letter. The Town Clerk retains all records of legislative advocacy permanently in the Town archive.
5. When a member of Town Council or Staff testifies in an official legislative capacity, such as before the Colorado General Assembly or the United States Congress, Town Council Members, the Town Manager, and the Town Clerk will be notified as soon as possible.
6. The Town Manager may issue a letter of concern or interest without taking a formal position on a piece of legislation. The Town Manager's Office is responsible for drafting and issuing letters

of concern. When feasible and time permitting, the Town Manager shall notify the Town Council of letter of concern or interest prior to transmittal, and copy the Town Clerk.

7. The Town Manager, or designee, will provide updates to Town Council summarizing legislative issues and those matters on which the Town has a stated position.
8. To maintain compliance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA), any official position taken by Town Council on anything appearing on a ballot during an election cycle of any kind, as certified by the Federal Election Commission (FEC), Colorado Secretary of State's Office (COSOS), Summit County Clerk & Recorder's Office, and/or by the Town Clerk as a Ballot Measure, Question, Proposition, or Initiative, will be reflected within an official Resolution of the Town Council, on public record as a part of a Regular Town Council Meeting.

#### **INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY & PERSONAL VIEWS**

These procedures do not limit and are not intended to abridge Town Staff's and Town Council's federal and state Constitutional rights and the ability to express personal opinions on legislative affairs. When expressing personal opinions, Town Staff and Town Council must communicate that the personal opinion is not issued in an official capacity or on behalf of the Town of Frisco or the Town Council. The Town Councilmember or Town Staff are encouraged to include language in the communication to clarify that the opinions are personal: "The views expressed today are my own personal views, and do not represent the official position or policy of the Town of Frisco or the Town Council."

# POLICY POSITIONS

## Quality Core Services

The Town commits to providing timely and innovative core services with efficiency, excellent customer service, and professionalism. Core services include but are not limited to the thoughtful management of: Environmental Stewardship, Infrastructure Maintenance, Budgeting, Planned Fund Balances, Public Safety, Archiving, Conducting Elections, Attracting High-Performing Personnel, and Interacting with the Community.



## GENERAL FINANCE

While sales tax revenue comprises the primary funding source for general government services, the Town's wide variety of services are also funded through a balanced array of other taxes, user fees, and other financial resources. Consequently, the Town of Frisco is impacted by state and federal financial policies. Frisco levies, administers, and collects its own sales, lodging, and real estate transfer taxes under its home rule authority. Sales tax revenue is the primary source of funding for Town of Frisco services and operations, comprising over two-thirds of general fund revenues. Appropriate actions at federal, state, and local levels must preserve or enhance this critical local revenue.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Continuation of existing local government financing methods and the addition of new methods for local governments to support the provision of municipal services to citizens
- Equitable sharing with municipalities of existing and future state revenues derived from traditional state-collected, locally shared revenues, such as the cigarette tax, Highway Users Tax Fund, and lottery funds
- Allowance of municipalities to increase local taxation alternatives
- Modification of TABOR to improve flexibility and restore the right of citizens to determine the local tax strategies that work best for them
- Cooperation among local governments to balance the impacts of growth between and among jurisdictions with the support of the State
- Strong local control over the imposition, collection, and administration of tax
- State and Local government requirements of businesses to collect State and Local sales taxes on remote sales
- Cooperative efforts among Colorado municipalities to standardize sales tax practices and utilize technology for the convenience of taxpayers, the business community, and municipalities
- See also: **HOME RULE AND LOCAL CONTROL**

## PROACTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Colorado mountain communities like Frisco are facing climate change impacts and extreme events including shortened ski seasons, significant flood events, increased wildfires, droughts, and bark beetle infestations. It is the intent of the Town to meet, exceed, or lead on a wide range of environmental issues.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Positions taken by Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)
- Supports state and federal policies and actions that will slow climate change and improve Colorado mountain towns' abilities to adapt to climate change impacts and mitigate economic and environmental threats exacerbated by climate change
- Bills and regulations that promote pollution prevention
- Establishment of a statewide target for diversion of solid waste from landfills and the implementation of state programs to achieve that target
- Innovative regulations that provide incentives for green building and sustainable design
- Supports legislation to reduce heat-trapping emissions and increase the Renewable Energy Standard

- Energy conservation efforts and legislation that accelerates the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as wind and solar energy, battery storage, building electrifications, waste to energy, fuel cells, and other appropriate and effective technologies
- Legislation and regulations that increase fuel efficiency of motor vehicles
- Legislation that promotes electric vehicles and incentivizes the purchase of vehicles and charging stations
- Limitation of liability for waste cleanup costs under federal law where the municipality demonstrates due care and absence of fault in connection with waste disposal at a site and provides an early and fair means of settlement for municipalities named as liable parties at waste cleanup sites
- Preparation, protection, and assistance for Coloradans recovering from the impacts of climate change, such as: wildfires, poor air quality, heat, floods, and other impacts
- Funding for public outreach and education for implementation of programming supporting climate-healthy habits and stewardship

## **WATER MANAGEMENT**

The Town of Frisco has invested substantial public funds into the creation and protection of an independent water supply. Frisco has an obligation to provide the highest quality water and services in a safe, financially sound, reliable, and environmentally respectful manner. The Town supports legislative measures to further this goal, and has taken steps in 2023 to formalize its Extra-Territorial Water Request Application Process, to facilitate a formal and fair process for new Workforce Housing projects with added density and demand on the Town's Water system.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Generally, positions taken by Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Water Quality & Quantity (NWCCOGQQ) and the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) to address long-term drought in the Mountain West and related environmental impacts
- The Constitutional doctrine of prior appropriation, the constitutional priority given to domestic water use, the right to purchase and change the use of water rights within Colorado, and supports legislation and policies to ensure fair treatment of all water rights holders
- Water quality legislation that protects public health and safety, and results in appropriate, cost effective water quality control regulations with measurable water quality benefits
- Reasonable limits to liability exposure of, and protects investment in, water operations
- Protection of water supplies from the environmental and operational impacts of aquatic nuisance species such as zebra mussels
- Proactive wildfire risk mitigation through programs such as but not limited to: the Frisco Backyard Fuel Reduction Plan
- Continued Federal and State funding for water treatment infrastructure to reduce local costs and expedite construction of necessary treatment, distribution, and collection facilities to comply with federal and state mandates
- Water conservation efforts and sustainable water resources management practices by all users
- Appropriations and adequate fee-based revenue so that the state may continue administration of its water programs including those federally mandated water
- Wastewater environmental regulatory programs such as the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts delegated to the state to administer, and can fund the protection of critical infrastructure through an equitable distribution of program costs between state general fund monies and user fees.
- See also: **PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Town of Frisco works diligently towards keeping citizens safe anywhere in the Town. The Town of Frisco recognizes the critical importance of maintaining public order, providing a safe environment, and protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Frisco. The role of the Police Department is to enforce the

law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and the constitutional rights of all persons. The Summit Fire and EMS works to minimize injuries and property losses due to fire, to provide quality emergency medical care and transport services, and to provide other services including fire inspections and emergency preparedness planning. Finally, the Town of Frisco's Municipal Court enforces the Town's ordinances in an effective and judicious manner.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Provision of resources and support to all victims of crimes, particularly violent crimes, to include domestic violence
- Increase of safety of first responders, including funding, access, and stigma reduction surrounding mental health services
- Assistance in development and maintenance of unified communication systems for public safety across the Towns and unincorporated Summit County and surrounding areas;
- Funding for co-responders to work with the police in responding to community members experiencing mental health crisis, such as the System-wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART) program operated by the Summit County Sheriff's Office
- Strengthening municipal regulatory authority over the use and sale of all fireworks, along with legislation that allows counties and fire districts to prohibit and otherwise control fireworks
- Supports the financial sustainability of the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA) pension plans
- Increase in school safety measures, providing adequate funding to support proactive law enforcement presence, providing the opportunity to forge strong partnerships with school districts in these efforts.
- See also: **PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT, MENTAL HEALTH**

#### **GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY**

The Town of Frisco recognizes that the complexity and diversity of Town operations and services required to meet the needs of citizens may expose the Town, its officers, and its employees to liability for damage and injury. The Town strongly believes that public officers and employees need to be assured that municipal liability will not impair the lawful and proper provision of necessary services to the public.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Legislation that protects the interests of municipalities, their officers, and their employees in the lawful and proper performance of their duties and responsibilities;
- Legislation that discourages baseless and frivolous claims and demands made against municipalities, their officers, and their employees;
- Availability of public liability insurance at reasonable costs and the ability of municipalities to reduce these costs through self-insurance.

#### **HOME RULE AND LOCAL CONTROL**

The Town of Frisco believes strongly in the principles of home rule authority and local control. Article XX of the Colorado Constitution grants home rule municipalities such as Frisco "the full right of self-government in local and municipal matters." The Town of Frisco believes that home rule authority increases the effectiveness and efficiency of local government services, enhancing the quality of life in the community and the value provided to local taxpayers.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Programs and regulations mandated by the state or federal governments have the potential to adversely impact the financial resources of the Town of Frisco. If additional costs brought about by these mandated programs or regulations are not paid by the state or federal governments, they can have a direct negative impact on the Town budget. This can prevent the Town of Frisco from meeting the needs of residents and businesses and achieving the Town's strategic priorities.

## Thriving Economy

The Town of Frisco strives to create a thriving and sustainable economy for our community by encouraging a variety of businesses which not only provide goods and services, but have a lasting positive impact on the experience of residents and visitors, compelling them to return and tell others about Frisco. The Town supports Frisco's economy in a multitude of ways, including: operating amenities and that support increased visitation and lodging to the community's businesses, improving free recreational assets and open space, investing in infrastructure, supporting access to childcare, and increasing workforce housing, and improving telecommunications connectivity.



## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

As visitor numbers to Colorado mountain communities continue to increase, we must adapt to accommodating more people while mitigating negative impacts on residents' quality of life and precious natural resources.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Providing visitor services, amenities, and information that supports local communities, community values, and residents' quality of life
- Participation in the Colorado Tourism Office's [Care for Colorado Coalition](#) and destination stewardship programs
- Opportunities for partnerships with State and Federal land management agencies to responsibly manage public lands visitor impacts
- The ability of National Forests to retain a portion of the fees paid by ski areas operating within their boundaries

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Frisco strives to develop and maintain a dynamic economy. The Town recognizes the importance of a healthy economic climate to the overall quality of life by maintaining a healthy retail base, supporting the strategic retention and expansion of businesses, furthering affordable and workforce housing opportunities, and investing in the public infrastructure that supports our business community.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Development of a statewide economic development strategy that addresses issues of business climate and economic direction at the state level but seeks local input and respects local control of economic development
- Funding programs that support investment in public infrastructure
- See also: **HOUSING, TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Town of Frisco recognizes the importance of telecommunications services to economic development and the quality of life in the Town.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Retention of municipal franchising and regulatory authority over cable, television, fiber broadband, and all other telecommunication systems in the Town
- Preservation of municipal control and autonomy over telecommunication use of public rights-of-way, Town easements, and other Town assets, and the right to receive fair and reasonable compensation for their use
- Ability of municipalities to require reasonable build-out for potential new telecommunication providers per Federal Communications Commission executive orders
- Funding, grants, and other incentives to create and bolster broadband infrastructure and access to all community members regardless of socioeconomic status or residence location
- Partnerships with other government agencies and private telecommunication providers to increase telecommunication options and services to Town facilities, businesses, and residences

- Installation of a high-speed fiberoptic broadband telecommunications network to provide Town facility connectivity and increased broadband speed, reliability, innovation, and affordability in the Town
- See also: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOME RULE AND LOCAL CONTROL**

## **Inclusive Community**

The Town of Frisco is committed to making decisions and policy which welcome and support residents and visitors so they can pursue their full potential in our unique mountain town. This means that the Town of Frisco takes action to dismantle any systems that sustain inequity and racism and commits to ensuring that there are options in housing, childcare, recreation, and education which consider equity, environmental, economic, and access issues.



## **CHILDCARE**

Early childhood education is a pressing issue that has the potential of providing infrastructure for or holding back a thriving economy. When parents who want to work can't fully participate, we hurt ourselves. Childcare is difficult to find, especially infant care, forcing many families to use less desirable care, work less, delay returning to work, or leave the community. Childcare is expensive, where the rising cost of childcare has dampened women's employment by 13 % for those with children under age 5. Childcare should serve as a function that supports local families: requiring investing in affordability, accessibility and high quality. If a childcare proposal focuses only on bolstering one leg, the others will grow weaker under the pressure.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Early childhood education that checks the boxes of high quality, access, and affordability
- Robust funding of public and not-for-profit education facilities for expenses such as, but not limited to: teacher education and capital projects
- Paid Family Leave that benefits children, families, and the community
- Workforce accommodation and support for the needs of families with young children
- Development in trained professionals in early care and education field, including scholarships, training programs, and assessment and coaching support

## **HOUSING**

The lack of attainable housing for employees in Colorado mountain resort communities has reached a crisis, directly impacting the provision of basic services as well as the ability to adequately staff and operate all businesses, from resorts to locally-based small businesses. With 154 workforce housing units occupied, and another 116 in the planning or construction phase, Frisco recognizes the importance of providing affordable housing for our local workforce. With a variety of unit types and deed restrictions, the Town strives to meet a range of housing needs. Our community is a better and more vibrant place with a workforce who can afford to live and raise their families here. Frisco currently has various programs in place to assist in finding housing solutions. These include Housing Helps, a program where the Town provides cash for a deed restriction in order to incentivize real estate buyers and homeowners to deed restrict their properties to maintain and sustain homes for locals working in the community; Frisco Housing Locals Program in which the Town has approved long-term rental incentive program that aims to increase the number of long-term rental units available to the local workforce. The program offers financial incentives to homeowners who are currently making their properties available in the short-term rental market in order to convert them into long-term rentals; and Bonus Density incentives which allows for an unlimited number of additional "bonus" units within a development as long 50% of the additional bonus units are deed restricted. The Town currently is also constructing affordable housing through private-public partnerships.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Increasing availability of affordable housing through public/private partnerships, increased financial assistance from the federal and state government, and preservation/revitalization of existing neighborhoods
- Targeted legislation to provide increased financial resources for Colorado mountain communities to address housing needs
- Exploring alternative methods in addition to Average Median Income (AMI) when evaluating applicants' qualification to obtain workforce, affordable, subsidized, and/or attainable housing

- Affordable housing projects designed with residents' multi-modal transportation needs and desires in mind, such as: work, school, retail, and community services
- Policies that increase housing supply that include affordability restrictions
- See also: **HOME RULE AND LOCAL CONTROL**

## **TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY**

Mobility is a key issue in sustaining mountain quality of life. The Town of Frisco believes the safe movement of goods and people is vital to the continued widespread economic success, maintaining the high quality of life Coloradans enjoy. Significant investments to maintain and improve the state's transportation network including roads, bridges, and multimodal systems are necessary. The Town opposes efforts to pass along state roadway construction or maintenance responsibilities to local governments without increased and adequate funds to meet these additional responsibilities.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- An equitable approach to expanding and maintaining transportation revenue allocation among Colorado communities
- Creating additional revenue streams for regional and statewide multimodal transportation needs, including funding to support operations and maintenance, which also requires accountability and the responsible use of revenues
- Regulatory action that maintains or increases funding provided by the state or federal government for local transportation
- Equitable administration of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) [Managed Lane Policy](#)
- Continued investments in Interstate 70 maintenance and improvements
- Support our community's need for multimodal transportation by advocating for additional mobility services

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

The Town of Frisco recognizes the importance of supporting mental health initiatives that enhance safety and well-being, including its employees who may, in the course of their work, encounter residents in need of mental health support or who are in a mental health crisis. Support for mental health initiatives is foundational to public safety and for a vibrant, inclusive, and engaged community.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Expansion of services for those with mental health needs
- Provision of State resources for mental health initiatives
- Safety for employees who may encounter residents experiencing a mental health crisis
- See also: **PUBLIC SAFETY**

## Vibrant Culture, Arts, and Recreation

The Town of Frisco recognizes experiences in recreational, artistic, historical and cultural assets as foundational to the Town's vibrancy and the quality of life for residents and visitors.



### PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

The Town of Frisco is surrounded by public lands owned by the people of the United States, managed by the United States Forest Service. Town of Frisco residents and visitors use these areas in a number of ways, so effective management of these lands is critical to the well-being and quality of life in the Town of Frisco. Open space and trails contribute greatly to the quality of life in the Town of Frisco, through the ease of outdoor activity access, and youth programs such as the [Frisco Fun Club](#).

The Town believes that local control with land use planning contributes greatly to the creation of a vibrant, inclusive, and engaged community and the overall quality of life in the Town of Frisco. In addition, it is recognized that federally-managed public lands and outdoor recreation are significant contributors to the economy of Colorado's mountain towns.

Therefore, the Town of Frisco supports:

- Increases in resource availability for management of these public lands
- Allowance of jurisdictions adjacent to Federal lands to collaboratively plan and manage public lands
- Making underutilized public lands available for transfer to local communities, only for public purposes of the community
- Proactive forest management and wildfire mitigation which reduces threats from wildfire at the Wildland-Urban Interface and provides resources for wildland fire mitigation and management
- Federal lands management rooted in best practices and which balances recreation development and commercial uses with conservation ensuring the long-term health and biodiversity of public lands
- Federal lands policy and regulatory processes focused on public engagement and input
- Recreation management focused on habitat preservation, user experience, diversity of travel and access opportunities, and the sustainable management of existing resources
- Funding for mountain safety agencies and public safety for public lands
- Provision of additional management resources and funding for the Camp Hale National Monument
- Efforts to renew the Colorado Lottery Division to support Get Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)
- Empowerment of the use of conservation easements
- Incentivizing local jurisdictions to preserve open space
- Increasing funding for development of trail systems and open space management
- Regional intergovernmental cooperation in coordinating land use, transportation, housing, and economic development
- Increased funding that encourages and facilitates historic preservation and rehabilitation, that would benefit establishments such as the free [Frisco Historic Park & Museum](#)
- Financial support of programs that increase inclusive access to public lands
- Right of local governments to file for the acquisition of water rights for recreational in-channel diversions through the established Water Court process
- See also: **WATER MANAGEMENT**

# APPENDIX A

## Advocacy Organizations & Partners

This list encompasses organizations the Town of Frisco subscribes to with an active membership, and has a designated staff position or Councilmember(s) to officially represent the Town during meetings and events.

### **National League of Cities (NLC)**

The National League of Cities is an organization comprised of city, town, and village leaders that are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents. NLC's seven Federal Advocacy Committees, with NLC's leadership and the Federal Advocacy team, play a key role in all NLC advocacy efforts. These Committees are comprised of local officials from NLC member cities, towns and villages across the country. The Committees play a central role in developing the organization's federal policy positions, which are the foundation of their advocacy efforts.

Contact Information:

1 (877) 827-2385

[info@nlc.org](mailto:info@nlc.org)

[www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org)

### **Colorado Municipal League (CML)**

CML's key priorities are to protect and promote municipal interest and priorities in the courts, the legislature, and at the ballot box; ensure municipal leaders have the information they need and the opportunity to inform others; and to demonstrate leadership and provide opportunities for leadership from members. The organization is able to lead in these priority areas through their 17-member staff, including 4 lobbyists; municipal leaders' participation in the Policy Committee; educational trainings, including legislative updates, for municipal staff and elected officials; and opportunities to connect with State legislators. The annual conference is held in June each year and is often in Summit or Eagle County. This is a great lobbying resource that the Town benefits from for relatively low annual membership dues.

Contact Information:

(303) 831-6411

[www.cml.org](http://www.cml.org)

### **Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST)**

The Colorado Association of Ski Towns is an organization of municipalities whose economies are

largely dependent upon the ski industry and tourism. CAST has more than a dozen Associate Members that include Colorado counties as well as out-of-state towns and counties. CAST members use the power of the coalition to seek support for legislation that will benefit and sustain the mountain communities. They support actions that keep our communities livable, protect our pristine environment, and promote affordable housing, multi modal transportation, climate action and sustainable tourism. This organization is likely the Town's best resource for understanding upcoming legislation that will affect the Town, as well as banding together with similarly situated local governments in order to effect change.

Contact Information:

(970) 389-4347

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[www.coskitowns.com](http://www.coskitowns.com)

### **Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)**

CC4CA is a coalition of 40 local governments across the state advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. Colorado Communities for Climate Action has adopted, by unanimous consent among its members, a [policy statement](#) that guides the coalition's efforts. CC4CA's policy positions reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

Contact Information:

(303) 810-6017

[info@cc4ca.org](mailto:info@cc4ca.org)

[www.CC4CA.org](http://www.CC4CA.org)

### **Northwest Regional Council of Governments (NWCCOG)**

NWCCOG is a voluntary association of county and municipal governments that believes in the benefits of working together on a regional basis. The organization serves 30 member jurisdictions in a 6-

county region of northwest Colorado. The [current areas of focus](#) include: Broadband Program, Economic Development District, Elevator Inspection Program, Energy Program, Member Services, NW All Hazards Emergency Management Region, Northwest Loan Fund, NW Regional Healthcare Coalition, Regional Transportation Coordinating Council, Vintage, and Water Quality & Quantity. NWCCOGQQ facilitates and augments member jurisdictions' efforts to protect and enhance the region's water resources while encouraging its responsible use for the good of Colorado citizens and the environment. QQ is the only group of local governments in the state dedicated to water quality and quantity protection of Colorado's headwaters.

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[office@nwccog.org](mailto:office@nwccog.org)

### **Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD)**

The Colorado River District is local government. We exist to serve you – water users across the 15 West Slope Colorado counties that from the headwaters of the Yampa, White, Gunnison, and Colorado Rivers. We do this through legal and legislative advocacy, technical and engineering support, community outreach and education, and multi-benefit water project grant funding. In addition to protecting West Slope water interests within our borders, the Colorado River District also supports the State of Colorado to ensure our water interests within the greater Colorado River Basin are protected when federal and interstate negotiations around Colorado River Basin water and water management occur.

Contact Information:  
(970) 945-8522  
[www.coloradoriverdistrict.org](http://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org)

### **Mountain Pact**

Through an innovative lens The Mountain Pact, which was founded in 2014, educates, empowers, and mobilizes local elected officials in over 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation-based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy. The Town of Frisco is undergoing the initial stages of the membership process with Mountain Pact for membership, in late 2023. We will be joining our neighboring Town of Breckenridge, Summit County Government, and other jurisdictions that make up Mountain Pact's membership.

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[www.themountainpact.org](http://www.themountainpact.org)

### **I-70 Coalition (Go I-70)**

The I-70 is a non-profit organization representing 28 local governments and businesses along Colorado's I-70 mountain corridor. Their mission is to enhance public accessibility and mobility in the I-70 Central Mountain Corridor and adjoining dependent counties and municipalities through the implementation of joint public and private transportation management efforts, by: advocating for improvements on the I-70 Mountain Corridor, participation in plans and processes affecting the I-70 Mountain Corridor, supporting transportation funding initiatives, stakeholder outreach, and developing and implementing travel demand management strategies.

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# APPENDIX B

## Town of Frisco Official Contacts & Legislative Districts

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### Legislative Districts:

United States Senate – State of Colorado

United States Congressional House of Representatives – District 2

Colorado State Senate – District 8

Colorado State Congressional House of Representatives – District 13