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# Agenda



- 8:00AM     **Registration Opens**
- 8:30        **Welcome & Overview**
- 8:45        **State of the Rockies & the Region**  
Chris Jackson, State of the Rockies Report – Colorado College  
Jim Westkott, Senior Demographer, Dept. of Local Affairs  
Doug Jeavons, BBC Research
- 9:30        **Elected Officials Panel Discussion**
- 10:40      *Break*
- 10:50      **Avoiding a constitutional train wreck & sustaining Colorado’s prosperity**  
Andrew Romanoff - Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives
- 12:00 Noon *Lunch*
- 12:45      **Energy Development, Severance Tax & the Big Picture**  
Randy Udall - Community Office for Resource Efficiency
- 1:15        **Tackling Affordable Housing: Panel Discussion**
- 2:30        *Break*
- 2:45        **Growing Smarter: Connecting community problems to solve them**  
Charles Perry - Perry Rose LLC
- 3:15        **Upcoming Legislative Issues**  
State Representative Kathleen Curry
- 3:45        **Closing Thoughts & Recognitions**
- 4:00        **Adjourn**



# Speaker bios

## *Chris Jackson*

**State of the Rockies Report** [[www.coloradocollege.edu/StateoftheRockies/reportcard.html](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/StateoftheRockies/reportcard.html)]

Chris Jackson is program coordinator for the 2007/08 Colorado College State of the Rockies Project. This is his third year with the State of the Rockies Project, and second year as the program coordinator and co-editor. He graduated cum laude from Colorado College in May 2006 with a B.A. degree in International Political Economics.

## *Doug Jeavons*

**BBC Research** [[www.bbcresearch.com](http://www.bbcresearch.com)]

Doug Jeavons is a Managing Director of BBC Research and manages the water and natural resource economics practice. Since joining BBC in 1992, Doug has specialized in regional economic analysis, evaluation of resource uses, values and environmental issues and public finance evaluation. Demographic analysis and modeling is an important element in many of Doug's projects and head was a lead researcher in the recently completed Garfield Count Socio-Economic Impact Study. He has a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Colorado.

## *Jim Westkott*

**Colorado Department of Local Affairs** [[www.dola.state.co.us/demog/](http://www.dola.state.co.us/demog/)]

Jim Westkott is the Senior Demographer for the Demography Section within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Jim has served with the section first as Projections Demographer (for 12 years) and Director for (10 years) since 1982.

Jim has also been an Assistant Professor in the College of Architecture and Planning and Director of Comprehensive Planning for the Philadelphia Metropolitan Planning Organization. He has an MBA has a from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and two Masters Degrees from the University of Pennsylvania - in Regional Science / Economics and in City and Regional Planning. Jim also presented at the 2003 and 2004 State of the Valley Symposiums.

## *Elected Officials Panel Participants*

Michael Hassig - Mayor, Town of Carbondale

Leroy Duroux - Mayor, Town of Basalt

Keith Lambert - Mayor, City of Rifle

Tresi Houpt - Commissioner, Garfield County

Doug Mercatoris - Mayor, Town of Snowmass Village

Ken Brenner -City Council Member, City of Steamboat Springs

Don Cramer – Mayor, Town of De Beque

## *Andrew Romanoff*

**Speaker, Colorado House of Representatives** [[www.andrewromanoff.com](http://www.andrewromanoff.com)]

Andrew Romanoff is the Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives. He represents House District 6, covering east Denver and Glendale. Rep. Romanoff was elected to the House in 2000 and reelected in 2002, 2004 and 2006. In 2005, Rep. Romanoff teamed with then-Gov. Bill Owens to craft Referendum C, the Colorado Economic Recovery Plan, and helped build the broadest coalition in state history to pass it. [[www.andrewromanoff.com](http://www.andrewromanoff.com)]

## *Randy Udall*

**Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE)** [[www.aspencore.org](http://www.aspencore.org)]

Randy Udall is the director of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE), a nonprofit organization that promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy in partnership with Holy Cross Energy, a rural electric utility serving 40,000 customers and local governments. Holy Cross leads the U.S. in the percentage of its customers who buy wind power. It also has more grid-connected photovoltaic systems than any of the 930 rural electric utilities in the nation. In 2000, CORE started the nation's first Renewable Energy Mitigation Fund, which has generate more than \$6 million in building permit fees to support renewable energy and energy efficiency programs..

## *Affordable Housing Panel Participants*

*(Regretfully, Peter Werwath could not join us. In his place is a panel discussion on creating affordable housing.)*

Erika Lindholm — Mile High Housing Fund [[www.mhhf.org](http://www.mhhf.org)]

Tori Franks — Eagle County Economic Development Council [[www.economiccouncil.biz](http://www.economiccouncil.biz)]

Julie Levy — La Plata County Regional Housing Authority

Stuart Grogan — Boulder Housing Partners [[www.boulderhousing.org](http://www.boulderhousing.org)]

## *Charles Perry*

**Perry Rose, LLC** [[www.rose-network.com/perry\\_rose.html](http://www.rose-network.com/perry_rose.html)]

Chuck Perry is a partner in Perry Rose LLC, a Jonathan Rose Company, which partnered with the Denver Urban Renewal Authority of Denver in the redevelopment the old Elitch Gardens amusement park site into Highlands Garden Village - an innovative, compact, mixed-use community that has become a model for smart growth development throughout the nation and in the Denver-metropolitan area. This project has received a number of awards including, the Clean Air Excellence Award (2003) and the Smart Growth Achievement Award (2005) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the IEDC Excellence in Economic Development Award (2006).

## *Kathleen Curry*

**Colorado State Representative**

Kathleen Curry represents the House District 61, which includes Hinsdale, Gunnison, Pitkin, Eagle and Garfield Counties. Rep. Curry serves as the Chair of the Agricultural, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee and a member of the Local Government Committee. Rep. Curry was first elected to serve in 2004 and re-elected in 2006. Before becoming a State Representative, she served as manager of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District in Gunnison, Colorado from 1998-2004. Rep. Curry received a Master's Degree in Water Resources Planning and Management from Colorado State University, and a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She lives in Gunnison with her husband and two boys.