

Civic Results Newsletter

Annual MMC & MACC Holiday Reception - A Grand Success

On Thursday, December 5th, the Metro Mayors Caucus and the Metro Area County Commissioners hosted their annual Regional Holiday Reception at the History Colorado Center. More than 100 elected officials, local partners, and sponsors gathered on the museum's fourth floor, enjoying lively conversation and breathtaking views of downtown Denver and the Rocky Mountains.

Denver Mayor Mike Johnston, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, and Governor Jared Polis were among the featured speakers during the brief program. Each highlighted significant regional successes achieved over the past year.



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MMC Chair Laura Weinberg addressing the Reception crowd



MMC members enjoying the festivities

To conclude the program, MMC Chair Laura Weinberg and MMC Executive Director Heidi Williams highlighted the organization's achievements throughout 2024. The evening was a resounding success, celebrating collaboration and progress with all who attended.

Year in Review - 2024 Snapshot for Civic Results and Metro Mayors Caucus

In July 2023, Heidi Williams assumed the dual role of President & CEO of Civic Results and Executive Director of the Metro Mayors Caucus (MMC). Under her leadership, the organization set an ambitious course for 2024, focusing on rebranding, leadership development, housing solutions, and regional collaboration. The year saw significant milestones, including:

Key Achievements in 2024

Rebranding and Integration:

• Civic Results and Metro Mayors Caucus unified under a single brand and launched a new, consolidated website, creating a stronger, more cohesive organizational identity.

Policy Advocacy:

• The Metro Mayors Caucus actively participated in the 2024 legislative session, addressing housing, transportation, and public safety issues.

Strategic Partnerships:

- <u>Colorado Municipal League (CML)</u>: Launched the Mayors Leadership Academy, empowering municipal leaders to tackle local challenges with innovative solutions.
- <u>Rocky Mountain Partnership</u>: Initiated "Bridging the Gap," a program aimed at fostering stronger relationships between mayors and state legislators.
- <u>CoPIRG</u>: Supported and successfully advocated for the RTD TABOR question on the 2024 ballot, which passed with wide approval.
- <u>Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI)</u>: Hosted Heidi Williams as a speaker at two conferences to address the Future Housing Coalition's efforts.
- <u>Future Housing Coalition</u>: With a grant from the National, Colorado and Denver Metro Association of Realtors, Civic Results partnered with CCI, CML, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations to launch the inaugural Future Housing Coalition workshop.

Key Achievements in 2024 continued

Housing Initiatives:

- Started the Future Housing Coalition, which is designing a comprehensive housing toolkit to introduce critical housing options, such as first-time homebuyer opportunities.
- Collaborated with multiple stakeholders during the legislative session to ensure consistent and effective messaging on housing bills.
- Transitioned the Future Housing Coalition into its workgroup phase, advancing efforts to implement housing solutions.

Organizational Growth:

- Civic Results Board of Directors approved updated bylaws and expanded the Board from five to nine members to enhance governance and oversight.
- Relocated to a professional office space at 1391 Speer Blvd, Suite 450, featuring large meeting rooms and ample parking.

Leadership and Outreach:

- Launched the Mayors Leadership Academy in August 2024, providing new mayors with tools and training to address pressing regional issues.
- The President & CEO attended dozens of meetings, conferences, and networking events to promote Civic Results' vision and goals.

Civic Results and Metro Mayors Caucus demonstrated a commitment to innovative leadership, regional collaboration, and tangible solutions to critical challenges in 2024. This transformative year laid a strong foundation for continued impact in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued support!



See you in 2025

