

LORA L. THOMAS
District III Commissioner

Lora Thomas serves as the 2018 Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. She was elected Douglas County Commissioner, District III, in November 2016 and began serving her first term in January 2017.

Ms. Thomas is a third-generation Coloradan who has called Douglas County "home" for 25 years.

As a Douglas County Commissioner, Lora Thomas will bring leadership, valuable life lessons and conservative values to the Office, and her door will always be open to listen and learn from all Douglas County residents.

In addition to her fundamental responsibilities as a County Commissioner, Ms. Thomas also serves as a representative of Douglas County, by way of Board appointment, to the following area organizations: Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Control Authority; Chatfield Basin Watershed Authority; Douglas County Youth Initiative Advisory Committee; Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation; and the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District.

Additionally, Commissioner Thomas shares in the Board's responsibility for the County's seat on the Douglas County Fair Board, the Partnership of Douglas County Governments, Denver South Economic Development Partnership, Northwest Douglas County Oil & Gas Economic Impact Committee, and the Metro Area County Commissioners.

Thomas also serves as the Colorado Counties, Inc. Steering Committee appointee for the General Government Committee, Taxation and Finance Committee and Tourism and Economic Development Committee.

While living in Douglas County, Lora has been involved in the community through her service as the Chairman of the Victim Compensation Board for the 18th Judicial District; a member of the Public Issues Committee for the Highlands Ranch Community Association; and a Board Member for the Men's Crisis Connection. She currently serves as President of "A Night with the Coroner," a non-profit that raises funds for suicide prevention efforts.

Thomas first ran for public office in 2010, was elected and served a four-year term as Douglas County Coroner, from 2011 to 2015.

For 26 years Ms. Thomas served with the Colorado State Patrol. During her career with State Patrol, she was assigned to Douglas County as a trooper. She later became the first woman Captain and Major.