

COSSA Institute

Media Kit



MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 2022, the **COSSA Institute** operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, distinct from but related to the Colorado Solar and Storage Association. As a sister organization, the COSSA Institute dedicates itself to propelling the clean energy movement forward through significant community investment. It supplies essential tools, training, and resources to advance and enlarge the solar and storage industry, ensuring it meets the growing market demands for clean energy.

THE COSSA INSTITUTE AGENDA

With a firm commitment to build deeper, trusted and collaborative relationships in these communities, the COSSA Institute is committed to supporting and amplifying the impact of the growing industry in Colorado through three key priority pillars:

- ***Educating Local Leaders and Decision Makers***
- ***Creating Public Awareness and Dispelling Misinformation***
- ***Growing a Skilled Clean Energy Workforce in Colorado***

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KC Becker is the new CEO of the Colorado Solar and Storage Association and Executive Director of the COSSA Institute. Most recently, she was President Biden's appointee to lead Region 8 of the Environmental Protection Agency, overseeing EPA's activities in 6 western states.

Prior to that, she completed 4 terms in the Colorado legislature, culminating as the Speaker of the House. As a state legislator, KC led a variety of major environmental efforts, including laws to reform the oil and gas industry, create statewide greenhouse gas reduction requirements, and update the Public Utility Commission's authorizing statute.

Before serving in the Colorado legislature, she served four years on Boulder, Colorado's city council. She worked for seven years as a public lands attorney at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

She graduated with a degree in Government from the College of William and Mary, earned her JD from Lewis and Clark Law School with a certificate in environmental law, and earned an MS in Real Estate Finance and Development from the University of Denver Daniels College of Business. She lives in Boulder with her husband, two sons, and French bulldog.



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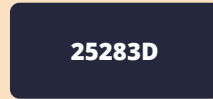
Jeremiah Garrick joined COSSA full-time in 2022 as the organization's Local Community Liaison after earning a Bachelor of Science in Energy and Sustainability Policy from Pennsylvania State University. In 2024, he transitioned to the COSSA Institute, where he currently serves as Manager of Community Engagement and Strategy.

A Colorado native, Jeremiah works at the intersection of renewable energy, community engagement, and local government. His work focuses on helping communities, elected officials, and stakeholders navigate complex energy issues through education, technical assistance, and convening. He has spearheaded outreach efforts and events across Colorado on renewable energy siting, energy storage, utility planning, agrivoltaics, permitting, and all scales of clean energy development.

Drawing on experience working with local governments, utilities, developers, and nonprofit organizations, Jeremiah is passionate about ensuring communities have access to clear, balanced information about energy development. His work emphasizes practical solutions that support local priorities while advancing Colorado's clean energy transition.



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The COSSA Institute is a Colorado-based 501(c)(3) organization focused on accelerating the clean energy movement through community investment. The COSSA Institute provides local communities with the necessary tools, training, and resources to grow and expand the solar and storage industry —keeping up with market demand for clean energy.

