

Karen Goldman, MMC  
Deputy City Clerk, Aurora, Colorado

Karen Goldman has spent the bulk of her career in government, primarily in municipalities, and also at the county, state, and special district levels. Educated as a librarian with a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Texas at Austin, Karen worked in libraries in San Francisco, Kokomo, Indiana, and Eugene, Oregon before changing careers, becoming City Recorder for the City of Eugene, Oregon. After spending five years in that position, Karen was hired by the City of Lakewood, Colorado, as its second-ever city clerk. In addition to her regular responsibilities, Karen was given the position of legislative lobbyist for Lakewood, which she believes led to her appointment in December 2000 as Secretary of the Colorado Senate, another career change and in Karen's opinion, the most fascinating job she's ever held. In August, 2011, the City of Aurora hired Karen as an election consultant and in January 2012, she became the full-time Deputy City Clerk.

Karen has held every elected position in the Colorado Municipal Clerks' Association except treasurer, and also edited the Communique. She was the very first trainer of the On the Road (now PDO) workshops, teaching records management. Following the adoption of TABOR in 1992, Karen switched training gears, teaching elections administration, including campaign finance, TABOR, and mail ballot elections to both municipal and county clerks. She served on the original inter-jurisdictional elections committee formed by CML and has served as an administrative hearing officer on election protest hearings for several municipalities. In 1993, Karen was selected as CMCA Clerk of the Year and also received the award for Outstanding Contribution to CMCA for her training activities. She received her CMC in 1986, her MMC in 2000, and served on the board of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Karen is the current chair of the CMCA Legislative Committee, worked on the passage of HB14-1164 which created a municipal mail ballot statute, has been instrumental in working on a bill (HB15-1130) to allow military and overseas voters to vote in municipal elections, and assisted municipal clerks on procedures for conducting their regular municipal elections.