

**CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO
REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION
POSITION STATEMENT**

Following a vote of the Registered Neighborhood Organization, please complete this form and email to rezoning@denvergov.org. You may save the form in *.pdf format if needed for future reference. Questions may be directed to planning staff at rezoning@denvergov.org or by telephone at 720-865-2974.

Application Number	2019I-00191
Location	Multiple Addresses: Chaffee Park Neighborhood
Registered Neighborhood Organization Name	Chaffee Park Neighborhood Association
Registered Contact Name	Jason Hornyak
Contact Address	4989 Decatur St Denver CO 80221
Contact E-Mail Address	board@chaffeePark.org
Date Submitted	8/7/2020

As required by DRMC § 12-96, a meeting of the above-referenced Registered Neighborhood Organization

was held on , with members in attendance.

With a total of members voting,

voted to support (or to not oppose) the application;

voted to oppose the application; and

voted to abstain on the issue.

It is therefore resolved, with a total of members voting in aggregate:

The position of the above-referenced Registered Neighborhood Organization is that Denver City Council

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for full statement

Comments: The Chaffee Park Neighborhood Association supports the rezoning of our entire neighborhood to allow Accessory Dwelling Units. Not only do we support this change, but we asked for it. The five voting members referenced on this application are the 5 members of our board of directors. Along with that vote, we also performed neighborhood wide outreach to prove that an overwhelming majority of the neighborhood approves of this application.

Our full statement of support, submitted with the application, is as follows:

The Chaffee Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) formally and emphatically endorses Council District One's application to rezone the Chaffee Park Neighborhood to legalize Accessory Dwelling

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The Chaffee Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) formally and emphatically endorses Council District One's application to rezone the Chaffee Park Neighborhood to legalize Accessory Dwelling Units. Not only does this project have our support, but its existence is the result of a request from our organization to Councilwoman Sandoval in mid-2019. Since then, we have worked very closely with her office in a partnership of research and outreach, resulting in this application.

We support the change from E-SU-B, E-SU-D, and E-SU-DX to E-SU-B1, E-SU-D1, and E-SU-DX1 on all parcels within the boundaries of the Chaffee Park Neighborhood (Federal Boulevard, Osage Street, Interstate 70, 52nd Street and the Aria Complex) for many reasons, but first and foremost because the majority of our constituents want it (as proven by an overwhelmingly positive response to our neighborhood-wide outreach). The process began when several Chaffee Park residents approached the CPNA with inquiries into ADUs, only to be frightened away by the onerous application process and fees. After enjoying an informative presentation from CPD, we decided that the best way forward for our neighbors was to approach Councilwoman Sandoval with a request for a legislative rezone. Handing the application responsibility over to CD1s office would shift the burden into their more expert hands.

Instead of electing to push for a group application that would spot zone a handful of parcels, we decided to include the entirety of the neighborhood due to an awareness of the city's desire to maintain a "clean" zoning code, as well as an understanding of the value that the change would bring to our residents, our neighborhood and our city as whole.

The most often cited reason for wanting to build an ADU in Chaffee Park is to provide housing for a family member. Having a place to live for an aging parent, or an adult child that cannot yet afford to live on their own would increase our neighborhood's economic and social security. In these uncertain economic times, the ability to keep families close will prove invaluable to the stability of the neighborhood and society overall.

Other residents wish to build ADUs for the potential to earn extra income from their property as a way to combat the encroaching forces of displacement. Many RNOs would criticize such a zoning change by claiming it would alter "neighborhood character," to which we would respond by suggesting that the biggest change to the character of a neighborhood would be the forced exodus of its residents and the removal of existing housing stock to make room for new buildings. Adding ADUs will be the gentlest way for our neighborhood to adapt to the pressures of gentrification, by allowing us to float with the rising tide, rather than letting it drown us. While we understand that the zone change may impact the tax assessment of some properties, we believe that it will be negligible compared to trend in property value increase that we have seen in the last few years. Legalizing ADUs will allow us to adapt along with inevitable change.

The CPNA is also aware of the Denveright Comprehensive Plan's positive attitude toward Accessory Dwelling Units. We feel that our neighborhood is very well suited (with our close proximity to the CBD, large lots and an overabundance of street parking) to take the lead on carving a path for the rest of the city to follow. Legalizing gentle density in a growing city is a crucial step toward combating the connected problems of housing affordability, transportation issues and the climate crisis. Legalizing the production of alternative housing will provide affordable options for our city's workforce. The closer these houses exist to the job centers, the fewer vehicle miles traveled on our highways. When we

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reduce vehicle miles traveled, there is less pollution from transportation. Our neighborhood understands this and we are more than willing to do something about it. It is our hope that this change will serve as a model for the rest of the city, and our willingness to act will inspire others to join us.

Weigle, Elizabeth K. - CPD City Planner Senior

From: Joan Engler <jcengler@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Weigle, Elizabeth K. - CPD City Planner Senior
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chaffee Park neighborhood rezoning

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Hello,

We received a notice of zoning changes to allow easier permitting for ADU. From what I understand is that the \$1000.00 fee would be forgiven for building ADU's. I do not agree with this. If the city cannot use the \$\$ this neighborhood sure could use a nice park!

Also I don't think the infrastructure could handle this. We are told that we don't have enough police and firefighters to respond quickly enough. Also do we have good enough water and sewer system to handle twice as many households? Where would they park at? In the alley?

The city says this will help with affordable housing but all of the neighbors are saying they will use them as short term rentals, which is NOT good for the neighborhood. Would there be restrictions on using these as short term rentals? My thought is if neighbors use these for Short term rentals then they should still pay the 1000.00. Also it has been said at the neighborhood association meeting that I went to that even though it was said you need to live on the property it's only a problem if you get caught, same with short term rentals— that it's ok not to register them with the city. I am concerned with this type of language coming from the neighborhood association especially when it is the leader saying this.

I would like a limit to how many can be built and to make sure that they are registered if they are used for short term rentals as well as checking to make sure the owner is living there. I just don't know how Denver would have the checks and balances to do this. Some in the neighborhood are already operating illegal short term Rentals. It's on the unofficial Chaffee Park Facebook page.

Thank-you for reading my reply.

Joan Engler

Sent from my iPad

Weigle, Elizabeth K. - CPD City Planner Senior

From: Darlene Rohr <ruckusdc@q.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Weigle, Elizabeth K. - CPD City Planner Senior
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rezoning Chaffee Park area

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Dear Ms. Weigle,

We live at 5120 Bryant Street and oppose this rezoning. It will cause the area to become too dense and crowded. Already there have been box style townhouses and condos being built which are not consistent with the demographics and appearance of the neighborhood. Yards will be filled in and cluttered with buildings not consistent with neighborhood demographics. It will be unsightly.

Celestine and Darlene Rohr
5120 Bryant Street
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From: [Planningboard - CPD](#)
To: [Weigle, Elizabeth K. - CPD City Planner Senior](#)
Subject: FW: Denver's Planning Board Comment Form #13263403
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:34:11 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Planningboard - CPD <planningboard2@denvergov.org>
Subject: Denver's Planning Board Comment Form #13263403



Thank you for submitting a comment to the Denver Planning Board. Your input will be forwarded to all board members as well as the project manager. For information about the board and upcoming agenda items, visit www.DenverGov.org/planningboard.

Name	Dolores Nicholl
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Agenda item you are commenting on:	Rezoning
Address of rezoning	Federal Blvd-Tejon St/I-70-52nd Ave

Case number

#2019I-00191

Would you like to express support for or opposition to the project?

Strong opposition

Your comment:

Against higher density residential development as proposed with single unit-detached accessory dwelling units

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