



¡VIVA DISTRICT 3!

An update from the Office of Councilman Paul D. López

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Dear Neighbor,

As I reflect on the first six years as your councilman, I am proud to represent and eager to fight for the great residents of our district. We have made great progress in improving our neighborhoods despite the challenges. **Through our combined work and advocacy, our district is finally getting the attention and respect that it has long deserved.** Our community efforts are receiving national attention as examples of responsible community development.

Historically important projects are moving towards completion: The new *Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales* library will open Fall of 2014, *Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds* park in the Summer of 2014 and a new *Denver Health Community Clinic* is in the works for Southwest Denver. We continue focusing on paving streets and alleys, rebuilding outdated bridges, creating more park space, replacing dumpsters with roll-off trash barrels and recyclers, and finally, working with the Denver Police Department to improve response times.

At what I hope is the midway point of being your City Council representative, I am seeking your input in a variety of ways. First, my goal next year is to personally knock on every door in the district to understand your ideas, concerns, and learn ways to keep improving our communities. Second, **inside this newsletter, you will find a survey** that asks for your input on a variety of ideas and issues. Please **complete and return to my office**, so we have a better understanding of your opinions. United as a district, we can defy any odds. Together, we have, and will continue to help balance the inequity that District 3 residents have long experienced.

¡VIVA DISTRICT 3!

Sincerely,

Hon. Paul D. López, Councilman
City & County of Denver, District 3

Estimado Vecino,

Cuando reflexiono sobre estos primeros seis años que han pasado siendo su concejal, siento orgullo, entusiasmo y muchas ganas de seguir luchando por los residentes de este distrito. Siento que hemos podido hacer mucho progreso mejorando nuestros vecindarios a pesar de los obstáculos. **Juntos, con el esfuerzo de todos, el distrito finalmente está recibiendo la atención y el respeto que siempre ha merecido.** El esfuerzo de nuestra comunidad ha recibido atención nacional como un ejemplo de desarrollo comunitario.



Proyectos históricamente importantes están en su recta final a punto de ser concretados: La nueva biblioteca *Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales* abrirá en el otoño del 2014, el parque *Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds* en el verano del 2014 y una nueva *clínica comunitaria de Denver Health* está proyectada en el Suroeste de Denver. Continuamos enfocados en pavimentar calles y callejones, reconstruir puentes antiguos, crear más parques, reemplazar los contenedores de basura con contenedores individuales y de reciclaje. Y finalmente seguimos trabajando con el Departamento de Policía de Denver para mejorar la rapidez con que responden.

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Encontrándome en el punto medio de lo que espero que sea mi período como su representante en el concejo municipal, estoy buscando su opinión en varias maneras. Primero, mi meta el próximo año es tocar cada puerta en el distrito para entender sus ideas, preocupaciones, y aprender maneras de seguir mejorando nuestra comunidad. Segundo, **dentro de este boletín encontrará una encuesta** pidiendo su opinión sobre varios temas. Por favor **complete y regrésela a mi oficina**, para tener un mejor entendimiento de sus prioridades. Unidos como un distrito podemos desafiar cualquier obstáculo. Juntos continuaremos balanceando la desigualdad que los residentes del Distrito 3 han experimentado por tanto tiempo.

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Sinceramente,

Hon. Paul D. López, Concejal
Cuidad y Condado de Denver, Distrito 3

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District 3: A National Model

Through the efforts of Livewell Westwood, Westwood Unidos, BuCu West and Councilman López, the Westwood neighborhood was one of three communities in the state to be selected by the Colorado Health Foundation to participate in **Healthy Places: Designing a Healthy Colorado**.

The initiative aims to reduce obesity by fostering a built environment that promotes an active lifestyle. As part of the grant application, Westwood hosted a group of national experts from the Urban Land Institute, who spent the week touring and interviewing over 100 neighborhood stakeholders to produce a set of recommendations to achieve this goal. Westwood is now eligible to receive up to \$1,000,000 to implement recommendations to increase physical activity.

Transforming Morrison Road into a pedestrian-friendly main street that celebrates the strong Latino culture in the neighborhood was a top recommendation. Their recommendations also identified: improving sidewalks, better use of alleys and park space, as well as the need for a recreational center in the neighborhood.

A full report, with all recommendations, will soon be published and available in our office. If the grant is awarded, we could start seeing some of the changes that residents have been requesting very soon.



From left to right: Maricruz Herrera, Councilman López, Reyna Zarate, and Norma Brambila lead a tour of Westwood.



Urban Land Institute panel presents their recommendations for Westwood.

Longtime Community Effort Pays Off



Longtime residents Fern Veasman (center) and Robert Duran (second from right) along with Councilman López thank alley paving work crews.

"I'd like to see something done before I die," seems like a drastic remark. But for longtime Westwood resident, Fern Veasman, who waited nearly 6 decades to have the alley behind her home paved, the expression was heartfelt.

This past summer many of these undedicated alleys in Westwood were finally paved after decades of frustration by countless residents. Now residents won't have to deal with dirt-rutted, muddy, trash-filled alleys!

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López's Amendments Adopted in Denver's Marijuana Regulation Bill

In the 2012 election, Colorado voters overwhelmingly approved the legalization of recreational marijuana, with over **61 percent** in Council District 3 supporting the measure. With no federal oversight, it fell to state legislators and City Council to regulate an entirely new and complex industry. While many in City Council felt that the regulations should heavily favor the industry, Councilman López fought hard to protect Denver from an overabundance of pot shops in neighborhoods and to give residents a strong voice in the process. He was able to successfully pass the following four amendments to Denver's retail marijuana ordinance:

- Mandatory public hearings concerning safety and neighborhood impact will be held prior to the issuance of a retail marijuana license, which will turn into full needs and desires hearings starting in 2016.
- Members of the surrounding neighborhood, registered neighborhood organizations and applicable council members can testify in the license hearings, cross examine witnesses, seek judicial review and will be considered parties of interest.
- Parties of interest can request to have the public hearing scheduled on or after 5 pm, allowing for working families to participate in the process.
- Going forward, the 1,000 feet distance requirements from schools, child care centers, drug and alcohol treatment centers or other marijuana retailers will now be measured in a straight line.

The City began accepting applications for only current medical marijuana centers that want to obtain a retail marijuana license on October 1st of this year. We will continue to work towards ensuring that resident's voices are heard through the licensing application process as city regulations continue to evolve.

To stay informed about retail marijuana, visit www.MarijuanaInfoDenver.org.

“ We refuse to become a neighborhood of liquor stores, payday lenders and pot shops. We expect grocery stores, cafes, and other community serving businesses as well. ”

– Councilman Paul López



Councilman Paul D. López
City & County of Denver District 3

Dear Neighbor, please take a minute to share your thoughts on this survey. Your opinions are important to me and will ensure that you have the best representation possible. The survey is anonymous, unless you choose to include your contact information so we can respond to any questions. The format allows for two respondents per survey. Feel free to make additional copies to share with friends and family in the district.

Contact our office if you have any questions at (720) 337-3333 or paul.lopez@denvergov.org

What neighborhood do you live in? _____

Councilman Paul López – District 3 Resident Survey

In an effort to revitalize the Denver portion of Morrison Road to create an economically viable corridor and a vibrant cultural district, would you be in favor of renaming the street to César E. Chávez Boulevard?

Respondent 1:

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

Respondent 2:

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

In an effort to reduce illegal dumping, would you support updating trash collection by replacing dumpsters with city issued trash barrels and recycle bins?

Respondent 1:

- Yes
- No
- Undecided, need more information

Respondent 2:

- Yes
- No
- Undecided, need more information

If trash collection was improved in our City, would you support one of the following?

Respondent 1:

- Increase in property tax for general fund
- Flat fee rate
- Fee based on usage
- Trash service is satisfactory and would not support any of the above

Respondent 2:

- Increase in property tax for general fund
- Flat fee rate
- Fee based on usage
- Trash service is satisfactory and would not support any of the above

Denver Fire Department, Denver Police Department, and Denver Sheriff's are currently allowed to participate in collective bargaining (the act of employees being able to negotiate wages and benefits with their employer) for their pay and benefits contract. Which of these best expresses your preference?

Respondent 1:

- Extending collective bargaining rights to all full time city employees
- Keep collective bargaining only for the Denver Fire Department, Police Department and Sheriff's and keep current system for city employees
- Allow city employees to create a union
- Not allow any department to participate in collective bargaining

Respondent 2:

- Extending collective bargaining rights to all full time city employees
- Keep collective bargaining only for the Denver Fire Department, Police Department and Sheriff's and keep current system for city employees
- Allow city employees to create a union
- Not allow any department to participate in collective bargaining

Should Denver keep its breed specific ban on pit bulls?

Respondent 1:

- Yes
- No
- No, unless a vicious dog ordinance exists (Pit bulls would be allowed within city limits but dog owners could be found criminally liable if dog shows vicious behavior)

Respondent 2:

- Yes
- No
- No, unless a vicious dog ordinance exists (Pit bulls would be allowed within city limits but dog owners could be found criminally liable if dog shows vicious behavior)

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Councilman Paul López
City and County of Denver, District 3
4200 Morrison Road, Unit 7
Denver, CO 80219

Currently, in City Charter liquor stores cannot be within 1,000 feet of each other (measured by the most direct, walkable route). City Council has discussed extending the distance between where liquor stores can be located to avoid high concentrations in neighborhoods. If this ordinance were to move forward, which of the following would you be most likely to support?

Respondent 1:

- Extend distance between liquor stores to 2,000 feet
- Extend distance between liquor stores to 1,500 feet
- Keep all restrictions how they currently are
- Remove all restrictions

Respondent 2:

- Extend distance between liquor stores to 2,000 feet
- Extend distance between liquor stores to 1,500 feet
- Keep all restrictions how they currently are
- Remove all restrictions

Based on your experience or information, how well do you believe that Councilman López represents Council District 3 to the City and County of Denver?

Respondent 1:

- Represents it outstandingly
- Represents it well
- Represent it adequately
- Represents it poorly
- I don't know

Respondent 2:

- Represents it outstandingly
- Represents it well
- Represent it adequately
- Represents it poorly
- I don't know

The principal language spoken in my household is (select only one):

Respondent 1:

- English
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Other (please specify): _____

Respondent 2:

- English
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Other (please specify): _____

Any additional comments or suggestions for Councilman López? _____

If you would like a response to a question, please include your contact information:

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

For return mailing, please fold in 1/3's along the dotted lines, so the mail panel at top is showing, tape closed at top and affix first class postage. Or you can drop the survey off at our office: 4200 Morrison Road, Unit 7, Denver, CO 80219. *Thank you for taking the time to provide your valuable input.*

Please return your survey by February 1, 2014.

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Councilman Paul D. López
City & County of Denver District 3

Estimado Vecino, por favor tome un minuto de su tiempo para compartir sus ideas en esta encuesta. Su opinión es importante para mí y para asegurar que reciba la mejor representación posible. La encuesta es anónima al menos que decida incluir su información de contacto para que respondamos a sus preguntas. El formato permite que dos personas respondan. Siéntase libre de hacer copias adicionales para compartirlas con sus familiares y amistades que vivan en el distrito.

Contacte a nuestra oficina por cualquier pregunta al (720) 337-3333 o paul.lopez@denvergov.org

¿En qué vecindario vive? _____

Concejal Paul López-Encuesta de Residente del Distrito 3

¿En el esfuerzo para revitalizar la porción de Morrison Road en Denver y crear un corredor económicamente viable y un distrito cultural vibrante, estuviera a favor de renombrar la calle a César E. Chávez Boulevard?

Respondedor 1:

- Si
- No
- Indeciso

Respondedor 2:

- Si
- No
- Indeciso

¿En el esfuerzo para reducir el tiradero ilegal de basura, apoyaría reemplazar todos los basureros de los callejones con contenedores individuales para basura y con contenedores para reciclaje distribuidos por la ciudad a cada domicilio?

Respondedor 1:

- Si
- No
- Indeciso, necesitaría más información

Respondedor 2:

- Si
- No
- Indeciso, necesitaría más información

¿Si mejoraría la colección de basura en nuestra ciudad, cuál de las siguientes opciones apoyaría? (seleccione solo una respuesta)

Respondedor 1:

- Aumentar los impuestos de propiedad para el presupuesto general de la ciudad
- Una tarifa igual para cada domicilio
- Tarifa que depende de cuanta basura un hogar tire
- El servicio de colección de basura es satisfactorio y no apoyaría ninguna de estas opciones

Respondedor 2:

- Aumentar los impuestos de propiedad para el presupuesto general de la ciudad
- Una tarifa igual para cada domicilio
- Tarifa que depende de cuanta basura un hogar tire
- El servicio de colección de basura es satisfactorio y no apoyaría ninguna de estas opciones

Actualmente los departamentos de bomberos, policía, y sheriffs son los únicos empleados de la ciudad que pueden negociar colectivamente un contrato, que es el acto de los empleados negociando su pago y beneficios con su empleador. ¿Cuál de estas opciones expresa más su preferencia?

Respondedor 1:

- Expandir el derecho de negociar colectivamente a todos los empleados de la ciudad de tiempo completo
- Que los departamentos de bomberos, policía, y sheriffs sigan negociando colectivamente, y que los otros empleados mantengan su sistema actual
- Permitir a los empleados de la ciudad crear un sindicato
- Eliminar la negociación colectiva a todos los departamentos de la ciudad

Respondedor 2:

- Expandir el derecho de negociar colectivamente a todos los empleados de la ciudad de tiempo completo
- Que los departamentos de bomberos, policía, y sheriffs sigan negociando colectivamente, y que los otros empleados mantengan su sistema actual
- Permitir a los empleados de la ciudad crear un sindicato
- Eliminar la negociación colectiva a todos los departamentos de la ciudad

¿Cree que Denver debe eliminar su prohibición específica de la raza pit bull?

Respondedor 1:

- Si
- No
- Solo si hay una ley en contra de perros agresivos (La raza pit bull se permitiría dentro de la ciudad, pero el dueño pudiera ser criminalmente culpable si su perro se comportara en forma agresiva)

Respondedor 2:

- Si
- No
- Solo si hay una ley en contra de perros agresivos (La raza pit bull se permitiría dentro de la ciudad, pero el dueño pudiera ser criminalmente culpable si su perro se comportara en forma agresiva)

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**Councilman Paul López
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Actualmente, la Acta Constitutiva de Denver dice que licorerías deben estar a una distancia mínima de mil pies entre una y otra (medido por la ruta más directa que un peatón camina). El Concejo Municipal ha discutido extender esta distancia donde licorerías pueden funcionar para evitar una alta concentración en vecindarios. ¿Si esta ordenanza se moviera adelante, con cuál de estas opciones estaría más de acuerdo?

Respondedor 1:

- Extender la distancia entre licorerías a 2.000 pies
- Extender la distancia entre licorerías a 1.500 pies
- Mantener la restricciones como son actualmente
- Eliminar todas restricciones

Respondedor 2:

- Extender la distancia entre licorerías a 2.000 pies
- Extender la distancia entre licorerías a 1.500 pies
- Mantener la restricciones como son actualmente
- Eliminar todas restricciones

¿Basado en su experiencia o información, ¿qué tan bien cree usted que el concejal López representa al Distrito 3 frente a la Ciudad y el Condado de Denver?

Respondedor 1:

- Nos representa extraordinariamente bien
- Nos representa bien
- Nos representa adecuadamente
- Nos representa mal
- No se

Respondedor 2:

- Nos representa extraordinariamente bien
- Nos representa bien
- Nos representa adecuadamente
- Nos representa mal
- No se

El idioma principal que se habla en el hogar es:

Respondedor 1:

- Inglés
- Español
- Vietnamita
- Otro (Especifique) _____

Respondedor 2:

- Inglés
- Español
- Vietnamita
- Otro (Especifique) _____

¿Otros comentarios o sugerencias adicionales para el Concejal López? _____

Si usted desea una respuesta, por favor incluya su información de contacto:

Nombre _____ Correo electrónico _____ Teléfono _____

Para regresar por correo: doble la hoja en tres partes iguales siguiendo las líneas punteadas dejando la sección con la dirección visible. Cierre con cinta y póngale una estampilla de primera clase o devuelva la encuesta a nuestra oficina: 4200 Morrison Road, Unit 7, Denver, CO 80219. *Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para compartir sus valiosas opiniones.*

Por favor devuelva su encuesta antes del 1 de febrero del 2014.

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Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds Park Finally Breaks Ground



Community members and stakeholders celebrate the ground breaking of their new park.



Native American blessing of park by Tomás Lopez.



From left to right: Gordon Robertson (Parks and Rec), Tim Wohlgenant (Trust for Public Land), Manager Lauri Dannemiller (Parks and Rec), Norma Brambila (PRAB) and Councilman López officially break ground on Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds park.

The first snowfall of the season was full of excitement when our much anticipated first park in 30 years broke ground for construction on November 21st. Along with a backhoe, Councilman Paul López, was joined by Parks and Recreation Manager Lauri Dannemiller, representatives from Great Outdoors Colorado, Trust for Public Land, and Stream Design. Residents from Westwood and Barnum participated in this historic

event which ended with a Native American blessing. From the beginning, the park was meant to represent the diversity of our neighborhood's people and history. Inspired by the Indigenous philosophy of the Four Winds, residents collected over 450 signatures to

officially name the park, "Cuatro Vientos/Four Winds." Community members helped design the park to include artistic features such as a playground with a soaring eagle and a splash pad in the form of a medicine wheel. The completion of the park is expected in late summer of 2014.

Local Job Fair for U.S. 6 Bridge Replacement



Illustration of pedestrian bridge over U.S. 6.

Beginning in 2014, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Federal Highway Administration and the City and County of Denver will replace six bridges over 6th Avenue from Knox Court to the BNSF rail yards.

This will include the creation of a new Federal Blvd. entrance ramp, redesign of Barnum East ball fields, Barnum dog park and the construction of a new pedestrian bridge connecting Barnum and Barnum North parks. Councilman López became involved from day one, advocating for top quality design, better pedestrian access, and reconstruction of affected parks; while also making it a top priority that the selected contractors create good jobs for as many qualified West Denver residents as possible.

This is the first project in the CDOT's history that mandates a job fair in the neighborhood where the construction will occur. On **January 22nd, 2014, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Kramer and Sons Company, along with several of their sub-contractors, will be hosting a job fair at **St. Cajetan's Church Community Center located at 4335 W. Byers Place.**

We invite residents to stay informed by registering for CDOT updates on the project at www.coloradodot.info/projects/US6Bridges.



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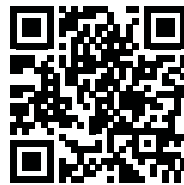
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Useful Phone Numbers and NIS Information

Abandoned Vehicles	303-295-4367	District 4 Police Office	720-913-0200
Ask A Nurse	303-777-6877	Food bank of the Rockies	303-371-9250
Attorney General's Office	720-508-6000	Foreclosure Hotline	1-877-601-HOPE
CO Aids Project	303-837-1501	Graffiti Hotline	311
Community Mediation Concepts	303-651-6534	Landlord/Tenant Disputes	303-831-1935
Denver Adult Protective Services	720-944-2994	Medicare Info	1-800-633-4227
Denver Area Youth Services	303-698-2300	Mile High United Way	211
Denver Asian Pacific American Commission	720-913-8471	Police Non-emergencies	720-913-2000
Denver Cares	303-436-3500	RTD Access-A-Ride	303-299-2960
Denver Center for Crime Victims	303-894-8000	RTD Route/Schedule	303-299-6000
Denver Commission on Aging	720-913-8477	Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center	303-436-4200
Denver District Attorney	720-913-9000	Servicios de la Raza	303-458-5851
Denver Health Medical Center	303-436-6000	Social Security and SSI Info. 1-800-772-1213	
Denver Indian Center	303-936-2688	Southwest Improvement Council	303-934-2181
Denver Office of Colorado Legal Services	303-837-1313	Vital Records (Birth/Death Certificate)	303-692-2000
Denver Safe House	303-830-2660	Volunteers of America Meals on Wheels	303-294-0111
District 1 Police Office	720-913-0400	Westwood Family Health Center	303-602-4660
		Xcel Emergency Repair	1-800-895-1999
		Emergency Gas Problems	1-800-895-2999

Call 311 for CITY SERVICES including pot-holes, missed trash collection, recycling, lost and found animals, and city services: permitting, zoning, licenses, assessments, official city documents, city and county reports, court dates, claim process and case status.

Neighborhood Inspectors and boundaries they cover

For complaints call 311.

Antonio Navarra - Villa Park north of Lakewood Gulch / Westwood east of Perry Street

Amelinda Whitley - Barnum / Barnum West / Villa Park south of Lakewood Gulch / Westwood west of Perry Street

Luisa Martinez - MarLee / Ruby Hill (Godsman)

DeeDee Nguyen - Athmar Park / Valverde

For NIS problems, it is important to call 311. For follow up information, call your NIS inspector, 720-865-3200.