The Thomas Jefferson High School Sustainability, Interact and DECA clubs created art for the TJ bus shelter on Hampden and Ivanhoe. All three art pieces were made with sustainable materials. This project was in support of the southeast Denver Racial and Social Justice Work Group promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.

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COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BLACK PRESENTS:
SOUTH BY SOUTHEAST
AN INCLUSIVE, FREE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL!
BANDS, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, FUN AND MORE!

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SAVE THE DATE:
SOUTHEAST DENVER TOWN HALL
OCT. 27
HAMPDEN & HAVANA IMPROVEMENTS

- A “Southmoor” placemaking sign for the median at Hampden & Monaco is under review.
- The Locust intersection redesign is anticipated to begin fall 2021.
- Planning for improvements west of I-25 will begin after a CDOT/Englewood Hampden corridor study.
- Some improvements recommended in the 2020 Hampden & Havana Road Safety Audit (from Dayton to Dartmouth) will be implemented in 2021-2022. Other elements will be implemented when funding is identified.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- The former Safeway at HAPPY CANYON will open as an Amazon Fresh grocery store in 2022.
- Construction on an apartment project will begin this year at the OLD KMART AT MONACO & EVANS. Learn more at monacoevansdenver.com.
- MARINA SQUARE is expected to be redeveloped into a vibrant neighborhood gathering place with residential options, retail and offices. Learn more at marinaredevelopment.com.
- The CVS at HAMPDEN & TAMARAC is expected to open this year. There are no plans at this time for the parcel to the south, but the owner hopes to develop it in the future.
- PRINCETON AVE NEIGHBORHOOD BIKEWAY (from Eastmoor to Tamarac) is scheduled to be installed late summer or early fall 2021.
- The MILO’S property on MONACO & EVANS has been sold and will be redeveloped into a gas station and convenience store in 2022.
- UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER STREETS consists of bicycle and pedestrian improvements, enhanced lighting, major intersection realignment on Buchtel from University to Colorado and improvements at Evans & Colorado. Learn more at bit.ly/univsafestreets.

NEAR SOUTHEAST AREA PLAN

Denver’s Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI) brings residents together with the city’s planning team to create a vision and plan for their areas that will help guide future land use and development.

The Near Southeast Area Plan kicked-off this summer and may take up to two years. The area includes Washington Virginia Vale, Virginia Village, Indian Creek, Goldsmith and University Hills North. It includes a variety of housing types, significant commercial corridors including Colorado Boulevard and Leetsdale Drive, and amenities like the Colorado Light Rail Station and sections of the Cherry Creek Greenway and the High Line Canal.

Residents are invited to participate through surveys and community meetings. Sign up for updates and learn more at denvergov.org/nearsoutheastplan.

TRANSIT STATIONS, MOBILITY HUBS & MORE

The Southeast Denver Mobility Hub Study’s recommendations include improvements to station amenities such as weather shelters, bike lockers, wayfinding to and from the stations, safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists and programs to encourage transit use. Learn more at bit.ly/semobilityhubs.

YALE STATION RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

- Widen sidewalks.
- Improve crosswalks at the I-25 off and on ramps.
- Install wayfinding for pedestrians and bicyclists along low stress routes to the station.

Note: The Yale Corridor Study also made recommendations. Learn more at bit.ly/eastyalecorridorstudy.

SOUTHMOOR STATION RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

- Organize a collaborative art project to brighten and activate the station tunnel.
- Establish a connector route shuttle and micro-transit service area to provide more frequent and direct transit service to the station.
- Create a feasible development plan near the station.

Note: Councilwoman Black rezoned the station area and much of the Hampden corridor to the S-MX-3a and S-MX-5a zone districts to ensure that future development will be walkable, safer and more aesthetically pleasing.

BELLEVIEW STATION RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

- Install a sound wall or weather/noise shelter at the station platform.
- Analyze multimodal streetscape improvements in the immediate station area to prepare for repaving in 2022.
- Improve safety for pedestrians across right turn “slip lanes” at intersections in the station area.

Note: The Belleview Station continues to evolve into a true Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) with housing, retail and office space. Taking advantage of the proximity to light rail, two Fortune 500 companies are headquartered at the station as well as other businesses. Residents love the dog park, restaurants, farmers market and The Big Wonderful’s weekly live music, food and drink.

BELLEVIEW/I-25 INTERCHANGE:

Denver continues to evaluate possible improvements to reduce congestion at this interchange while preserving the current bike and pedestrian access on Union Ave.
RACIAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK GROUP

The Southeast Denver Racial & Social Justice Work Group was created in 2020 after the southeast Denver Solidarity Walk when thousands of southeast Denver residents came together and walked from Southmoor Park to Rosamond Park and observed 9 minutes of silence in honor of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement.

MISSION STATEMENT: The District 4 Racial & Social Justice Work Group, in support of the City of Denver’s diversity, equity and inclusion goals, seeks to promote racial and social justice in our community and create an inclusive district where everyone is welcome and can thrive.

We are excited for what we have in store for this year. Everyone is invited to join. Work group meetings are on the fourth Thursday of every month from 6 – 7 PM. For more information, email taylor.cohn@denvergov.org.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY DURING COVID-19

During the peak of the pandemic, the District 4 team distributed hundreds of personal protective equipment kits to small businesses and apartment residents in the district. We also donated hundreds of goodie bags to residents in our highest need neighborhoods. The bags were filled with masks, hand sanitizer and candy.

SOUTHEAST DENVER FARMERS MARKETS

U-HILLS PLAZA FARMERS MARKET
2500 S Colorado Blvd | Saturdays through October | 9 AM - 1 PM
70 local vendors, fresh produce, coffee, pastries and more! Stay tuned for the Fall Festival in October and Holiday Market in November and December.

PEOPLE & PRODUCE FARMERS MARKET AT BELLEVIEW STATION
4910 S Newport St | Every Sunday through September | 9 AM - 1 PM
Local vendors, fresh produce, food trucks, fashion trucks and more!

COFFEE TALKS

In-person Coffee Talks are returning this fall with Frauds & Scams, Marijuana 101, Talk with a Doc and our ever popular holiday lunch. Please check our website denvergov.org/district4 or sign up to receive our e-newsletter, The Scoop, at bit.ly/southeastdenverscoop for dates and locations. If you have an idea for a Coffee Talks program, please email kathy.gile@denvergov.org or call 720-337-4444.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Councilwoman Black and the District 4 team are available for one-on-one and/or community meetings in person or virtually. Please contact taylor.cohn@denvergov.org or call 720-337-4444 to schedule.
DENVER PARK TRUST

The Denver Park Trust, co-founded in 2018 by Councilwoman Black and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member, Frank Rowe, was developed with a mission to right historical inequities in Denver’s park system. Through the improvement of existing parks and the creation of new parks in underserved areas, the Denver Park Trust’s work focuses on community-driven projects that make parks demonstrably better for all. In its first 18 months, the Denver Park Trust provided the final funding for the creation of a natural playground at St. Charles Place Park, worked with the Whittier neighborhood to develop and fund the creation of new interpretive signs at Madam C.J. Walker Park, raised significant contributions for a Land Acquisition Fund for the creation of new parks and is developing a Community Small Grant Program to provide funding to park projects led and supported by neighborhood groups.

In addition to the Denver Park Trust’s work in and around Denver parks, the organization administers Denver Parks and Recreation’s Commemorative Bench Program—allowing donors to commemorate a bench in any one of Denver’s 260 parks. For more information about the Denver Park Trust or the Commemorative Bench Program please visit Denverparktrust.org, write to info@denverparktrust.org or follow @denverparktrust on social media.

UNIVERSITY HILLS NORTH PARK

The city purchased the Groundcovers Greenhouse property near Iliff and Birch for a new neighborhood park. Park planning and community engagement is scheduled for 2022. Construction date is TBD.

PARKS PROJECTS

HAMPDEN HEIGHTS TRAILS:
- Trails on the east side of Yosemite are under construction and will be completed this summer.
- Trails on the west side of Yosemite are currently in design. Construction is anticipated to begin fall 2021, with completion in early summer 2022.

ROSAMOND PARK improvements include tennis courts, playground and basketball court resurfacing. Design will begin in 2022 with construction in 2023.

SOUTHMOOR PARK:
- Basketball court and path upgrades are funded, but are not designed or scheduled.
- A new playground is being considered for future funding.

EISENHOWER PICNIC AREA upgrades are funded, but are not designed or scheduled.

WELLSHIRE GOLF COURSE/SKEEL RESERVOIR:
- New drainage infrastructure has been installed to keep the reservoir drained and the fairways dry. If awarded grant funds through FEMA, construction will begin in 2022 to further address the fairways, dam and stormwater detention.
- The related South Adams Way stormwater project is planned to begin in 2022.

JEFFERSON SQUARE PARK ADA UPGRADES are needed, but funding has not been identified.

BIBLE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS will be completed this year.

AMERICAN BISON DONATED TO TRIBAL NATIONS

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) maintains two conservation bison herds in the Denver Mountain Parks system at Genesee Park and Daniels Park. DPR presented 13 American Bison from the herd to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the Tall Bull Memorial Council. This gift returns wild bison to their native homes and supports conservation efforts on tribal lands. Read more at bit.ly/dprbison.

DO YOU KNOW?

Denver owns more than 14,000 acres of mountain parks including Red Rocks, Daniels Park and Genesee Park.

University Hills neighbors excited for the future U-Hills park!

American Bison at the April 2 Bison donation to Tribal Nations
HIGH LINE CANAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

- A crossing enhancement at the High Line Canal Trail under Yale and Holly has been funded by the Elevate Denver Bond. It has not been designed and the project timeline is TBD.
- The pilot stormwater project along the High Line Canal, between the Wellshire Golf Course and I-25, is under construction. Three structures were installed to hold stormwater and release it slowly over an extended period of time to clean the water and increase water for trees along the canal. To stay up to date with project progress and to learn more, visit bit.ly/hlcstormwater.
- Replacement for the High Line Canal bridge at Holly and Eastman is underway.

HIGH LINE CANAL UNDERPASSES RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On June 3, we celebrated the grand opening of the High Line Canal underpasses at Hampden and Colorado with Denver’s Mayor Hancock, Cherry Hills Village’s Mayor Stewart, Councilwoman Black and the High Line Canal Conservancy. This fun event included a ribbon cutting, bike parade and fun run through the new underpasses.

UPDATE FROM THE HIGH LINE CANAL CONSERVANCY

The High Line Canal continues to be a tremendous resource for our community as a path for our feet and wheels, a home for wildlife and a respite of fresh air. The High Line Canal Conservancy is continuing their work to preserve, protect and enhance our beloved canal by advancing improvements including the installation of 168 new signs, nature play areas, pedestrian bridges and amenities, as well as over 225 new trees this year. See below for key updates from the Conservancy and ways you, our Canal community, can get involved in caring for the 71-mile trail:

NEW MILE MARKERS: The Conservancy has installed new Colorado red sandstone mile markers along the Canal. You’ll notice the mile locations have shifted slightly from that of the old markers, as they now match the mileage of the trail itself rather than the Canal channel. These new mile markers were generously funded by the Conservancy’s Founding Partners.

CANAL CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC): Help care for the Canal this summer! Join one or more stewardship events along the Canal, including trash and weed removals, and become part of the Canal Conservation Corps to help keep the Canal healthy and vibrant for years to come. Find out about upcoming events at highlinecanal.org/stewardship.

WALK FOR THE CANAL: After your incredible support of our inaugural Walk FOR the Canal in 2020, the 71-day event is coming back for a second year. Join us for a challenge to get active while raising critical funds to preserve, protect and enhance the High Line Canal starting August 1. More information about a new Bike FOR the Canal challenge this year can be found at highlinecanal.org/bike.

Follow along with this important work. Sign up for the Conservancy newsletter and connect on social media and stay up to date on current Canal improvement projects and trail updates by visiting highlinecanal.org.
MEET ARTIST ANDREW WOODWARD

Denver native and Manual High School graduate, Andrew Woodward, moved to Boston in 1999 after college and spent most of his time living and painting in the Fort Point Arts District. There he met his wife Jessica, a furniture designer, and the two moved back to Denver in 2012. They currently live in the Wellshire neighborhood with their two children, Annabel and Anderson.

Since 2017, Woodward has featured his series, “FIFTY STATE ANIMALS,” on utility boxes throughout southeast Denver. Over twenty animals are currently roaming with all fifty arriving in 2021. Learn about these unique American animals, find a map of the boxes and explore the series at fiftystateanimals.com. Learn more at andrewwoodward.com.

Wyoming Bison
Massachusetts Boston Terrier
Delaware Ladybug
Utah Rocky Mountain Elk
CO Rocky Mountain Bighorn
Oregon Swallowtail Butterfly
California Quail
Montana Grizzly Bear
Michigan Wolverine
New York American Beaver
Mississippi Red Fox
West Virginia Black Bear
There are many ways to get involved when it comes to being aware of safety in our community. The Citizen’s Advisory Group (CAG) meeting is one way you can get involved. Not only do you hear about the statistics for the entire district, you also get to ask Commander Kyle your specific questions. It’s a great opportunity to meet your local Denver Police officers while staying informed. CAG meetings are held the first Tuesday of most months. The meetings are from 6 - 7 PM and are virtual in 2021. Email 3.Dist@denvergov.org for more information.

You can also get involved by joining the Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighbors on a designated block agree to keep an eye on one another’s properties and report suspicious incidents to law enforcement. Contact our CROs to learn more.

Community Resource Officers (CROs) are your liaisons to the Denver Police Department. Contact a CRO to help set up a Neighborhood Watch Program and learn tips aimed at preventing crime and increasing safety in your neighborhood.

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SAFETY TIPS FROM OUR CROS:
• Get to know your neighbors.
• Everyone is responsible for our community’s safety.
• You are not bothering the police by contacting them.
• Get involved.

YOUR HOME:
• Keep your doors and windows locked.
• Never let anyone know you are home alone.
• Make sure your house numbers are visible for police or fire response.
• Keep your shrubs trimmed below your windows.
• Install a motion sensor to light up your driveway and doorways.

YOUR VEHICLE:
• Always lock your car and roll up your windows.
• Remove valuables and bags from your car, even when you are parked in front of your home.
• Park in a well-lit, highly visible area.

YOUR BICYCLE:
• Always lock up your bicycles if they’re kept outside or in a garage.
• Register your bike. It aids officers in the recovery of stolen bikes and ensures the bicycle is returned to its rightful owner.

PERSONAL SAFETY:
• Always be aware of your surroundings.
• When approaching your residence or workplace, have the entry keys in your hand ready to unlock the door.

Street racing is illegal and dangerous. The Denver Police Department works with other jurisdictions and the Colorado State Patrol to monitor for street racing events, disrupt gatherings and enforce traffic and criminal offences. To report street racing, call 911 or go to the Colorado State Patrol’s website reportstreetracing.com.

The Colorado State Patrol encourages a legal and safe alternative, “Take it to the Track” at Bandimere Speedway. Learn more at bit.ly/takeittothetrack.

Mayor Hancock and safety officials announced a new collaborative, community-based approach to addressing violent crime in specific areas of the city, as well as a plan to build on years of reforms and to improve policing.

The Denver Police Department will be deploying a precision policing model utilizing evidence-based, data-driven strategies focused on those individuals who are causing the most harm. In addition to reducing violent crime, this approach will free up officers for proactive patrols and to respond to other calls for service throughout the city. Learn more at bit.ly/denversafety.
SOUTH BY SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL WITH BANDS, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, FUN AND MORE!

This is a CERTIFIABLY GREEN event! Walk or ride your bike to the festival!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 21
11 AM - 7 PM
BIBLE PARK

FESTIVAL KICK-OFF SOLIDARITY WALK
10:15 AM | AROUND BIBLE PARK

Join us to kick-off the festival with a 2-mile walk around Bible Park honoring Black, Asian & Pacific Islander, Hispanic and LGBTQ lives.

This is a CERTIFIABLY GREEN event! Walk or ride your bike to the festival!

SCHEDULE & BAND LINE-UP

10:15 AM
SOLIDARITY WALK

FOLLOWED BY:
11:00 AM
DENVER MUNICIPAL BAND

11:55 AM
TJ FOOTBALL TEAM

FOLLOWED BY:
1:25 PM
JUSTUS AND THE LIMITS

1:05 PM
TJ CHEER TEAM

SCHEDULE & BAND LINE-UP

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are crucial to the success of South by Southeast. If you’re interested in covering a shift, please contact kathy.gile@denvergov.org or call 720-337-4444.

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SOUTH BY SOUTHEAST
AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL WITH BANDS, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, FUN AND MORE!
ENTRY & EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

FOOD TRUCKS & BEER
SAVORY FOOD TRUCKS
- Pericos Tacos
- Rocky Mountain Slices
- Henry's Hotdogs
- Gyros Town
- Cupbob

SWEET FOOD TRUCKS
- Repicci's Italian Ice & Gelato
- Ba-Nom-A-Nom
- Sweet Treats by Melissa

BEER
- Comrade Brewing Co.
- Colorado Cider

ACTIVITIES
LIVE MUSIC from local bands
Community BEER GARDEN with local beers
Local VENDORS & NONPROFITS
KIDS’ PLAY AREA from Streetscapes
Giant, solar-powered BUBBLE TOWER
Family-friendly YARD GAMES (Giant Cup Pong, Frisbee Golf, Streetscapes, etc.)
Denver FIRE TRUCK

This event is CERTIFIABLY GREEN by Denver’s Department of Public Health & Environment.
BE GREEN! Walk or bike to SxSE (parking is limited).
Bring your own water bottle to refill and take home the reusable beer cups.
denvergov.org/certifiablygreen
Despite Denver’s “green” reputation, we have low recycling and composting rates. Denverites send about 76% of our waste to the landfill - that is 172,593 tons of trash every year and 50% of that is material that can be composted.

Why does so much waste go to the landfill? We throw too much away! Just think about all of the non-recyclable packaging and single-use items that we send to the landfill. Americans throw away enough plastic to fill a football stadium every 16 hours! Only 50% of Denver’s aluminum cans are recycled.

Council members and our climate team continue to discuss ways to decrease the waste that goes to the landfill, and increase recycling and composting for residents and businesses. Stay tuned for updates.

**Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases**

Denver’s infamous brown cloud is a regular reminder of our poor air quality. Much has been done over the years to address it. Population growth, increased traffic, new development, expanding energy extraction and wildfires continue to contribute to ozone, greenhouse gases and that brown cloud.

In 2017, Denver voters passed the Green Roof Ordinance and in 2020 approved a 0.25% sales tax increase to create the Climate Protection Fund. The fund is expected to raise up to $40M per year and is dedicated to eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, supporting climate adaptation and creating new jobs to improve the lives of Denverites.

Denver’s Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency was established in 2020 to oversee the city’s efforts and is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050. Below are some of the ways Denver is working to reduce emissions and address climate change:

**Buildings:** Do you know that houses and buildings are a major source of greenhouse gases? The Green Building Ordinance requires large buildings to include green technologies like green roofs, solar panels or getting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Energize Denver requires large buildings to measure energy use and work to reduce it by increasing energy efficiency. The city also provides resources to help homeowners make their homes more energy efficient.

**Transportation:** We encourage people to reduce their time in single-occupant vehicles by providing safe mobility options like bike lanes, sidewalks and better access to transit. We’re also committed to increasing electric vehicle charging stations. City Council recently approved a Transportation Demand Management bill that requires new, large buildings to accommodate mobility options for occupants.

Councilwoman Black serves on the Regional Air Quality Council, which works to reduce ozone and improve air quality in the Denver metro area. Together we can make a difference to improve air quality for all of us. It is possible for the brown cloud and those summer ozone alert days to be a part of the past and not our future. You can learn more about Denver’s efforts at bit.ly/casrdenver.

**Earth Day Cleanup**

Thank you to the 40 volunteers who came to Hampden Heights Park to celebrate Earth Day! Residents of all ages mulched trees, painted playground equipment and picnic tables, picked up trash and more! Shout out to the Thomas Jefferson Sustainability Club for helping. We will be having another park service day in the fall.

**Bring Your Own Bag**

To reduce waste, litter and the use of single-use bags, shoppers are now encouraged to bring their own bag when shopping at grocery and other retail stores.

Single-use plastic and paper bags are still available, but shoppers will be charged $.10 per bag. A new state law will require all cities to charge a $.10 fee beginning in 2023. In 2024, single-use plastic shopping bags will be banned statewide.

**Opt-In for Cutlery and Condiments**

Do you have a drawer full of plastic forks and ketchup packets? To reduce single-use waste, Councilwoman Black initiated an ordinance that requires restaurants and delivery companies to ask customers if they want cutlery and condiments before providing them with take-out and delivery orders.

**Where Does All That Trash Go?**

Despite Denver’s “green” reputation, we have low recycling and composting rates. Denverites send about 76% of our waste to the landfill - that is 172,593 tons of trash every year and 50% of that is material that can be composted.

To reduce waste, litter and the use of single-use bags, shoppers are now encouraged to bring their own bag when shopping at grocery and other retail stores.
Please fill out this survey to help guide the work of the council team.

Take the survey online at surveymonkey.com/r/southeastdenver2021, or return this form to the office (3540 S. Poplar Street, Ste. 100, Denver 80237). The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Thank you!

1. How old are you?
   - <18
   - 18 - 30
   - 31 - 45
   - 46 - 60
   - 61 - 75
   - >75

2. What neighborhood do you live in?

3. Do you live in a:
   - Single family house
   - Apartment
   - Townhome
   - Condo

4. Do you:
   - Rent
   - Own

5. How long have you lived in Denver?
   - 0 - 5 years
   - 6 - 15 years
   - 16 - 30 years
   - 31 plus years
   - All my life

6. How long have you lived in southeast Denver?
   - 0 - 5 years
   - 6 - 15 years
   - 16 - 30 years
   - 31 plus years
   - All my life

7. Are you concerned about climate change and air quality?
   - Yes
   - No

8. Do you think apartment tenants and office tenants should be required to recycle and compost?
   - Yes
   - No

9. Two major sources of greenhouse gas emissions are buildings (including houses) and transportation. In the future, what would you do to reduce these sources of emissions (Select all that apply):
   - Get an electric vehicle
   - Install solar panels
   - Convert to an electric furnace
   - Drive less
   - Insulate your home

10. With an increase in deliveries, are you concerned about the increase of single-use packaging going to the landfill?
    - Yes
    - No

11. What do you do with the receipts you get after a purchase at a restaurant or grocery/convenience store?
    - Immediately throw away
    - Throw away at home
    - Save

12. Do you think restaurants and stores should ask customers if they want a receipt?
    - Yes
    - No

13. Pop quiz! Are plastic bags and bagged recyclables accepted in the purple cart? (Hint: the answer is NO! Plastic bags do not get recycled and damage the equipment at the recycling facility. Bagged recyclables do not get recycled.)
    - Yes
    - No

14. Due to the events in the past year, there has been a social awakening in our country regarding equity and inclusion.
    - Has your level of awareness changed?
      - Yes
      - No
    - Have your thinking or actions changed?
      - Yes
      - No

    - Are you doing anything differently?
      - Yes
      - No

    Comments: __________________________________________
15. Denver’s population has increased by 25% since 2010. There is a housing shortage resulting in very high housing costs. Because housing costs are so high, we have a large population that is unhoused.

Do you support Safe Outdoor Spaces and regulated camping in church parking lots?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you or someone you know having a hard time finding or affording a place to live in Denver?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

16. Have you been a victim of a property crime? (car theft, car break-in, porch pirate, burglary, etc.?)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

17. Are you concerned about crime rates?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

18. What do you think about the level of policing in your neighborhood:

☐ Too much  ☐ Just right  ☐ Need more

in Denver:

☐ Too much  ☐ Just right  ☐ Need more

19. There is a lot of conversation about defunding the police. Do you support redirecting police funds to support social services including mental health care and crime diversion?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

20. Do you think funding for the Denver Police Department is

☐ Too little (needs more funding)  ☐ The right amount  ☐ Too much (needs less funding)

21. Do you attend the monthly Denver Police Department Citizen’s Advisory Group meetings?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

22. Are you concerned with the number of mass shootings in our country?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

23. Do you think gun safety laws

☐ Need to be strengthened  ☐ Are just right  ☐ Need to be decreased

24. What is your favorite park in southeast Denver?

☐ Babi-Yar  ☐ Bible  ☐ Eastmoor  ☐ Eisenhower  ☐ Southmoor

☐ Golden Key  ☐ Hampden Heights  ☐ Hentzel  ☐ Hutchinson  ☐ Wallace

☐ Jefferson Square  ☐ Magna Carta  ☐ Rosamond

25. How often do you go to the park?

☐ Daily  ☐ A few times a week  ☐ A few times a month  ☐ A few times a year  ☐ Never

26. How do you use the park?

☐ Walk/Bike/Run  ☐ Use the playground  ☐ Play sports  ☐ Other

27. How often do you use the High Line Canal Trail?

☐ Daily  ☐ A few times a week  ☐ A few times a month  ☐ A few times a year  ☐ Never

28. Do you think there is a need for a skate park in southeast Denver?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Do you think there is a need for an additional recreation center in southeast Denver?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

We need to hear from you! To advocate, please email kathy.gile@denvergov.org.

If there is anything else you’d like to share, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Thank you for completing the survey!
DENVER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (Back row, from left): Chris Herndon, Candi CdeBaca, Kevin Flynn, Kendra Black, Paul Kashmann, Amanda Sawyer, Jolon Clark (Front row): Chris Hinds, Stacie Gilmore, Jamie Torres, Amanda Sandoval, Debbie Ortega, & Robin Kniech

COUNCIL 2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Council Members met this summer to develop budget priorities to ensure that all Denverites are provided the city services and support needed to recover from the many challenges faced over the past year and move forward into a more equitable, just and prosperous future. The City Council 2022 Budget priorities are:

1. Improve community engagement and customer service to support residents navigating city services, resources and accessibility including language access.
2. Increase affordable housing options and support for those experiencing homelessness. Mitigate and reduce involuntary displacement of community members and businesses.
3. Reframe safety in a public health, evidence-based and anti-racist approach with community investment to ensure safe and healthy neighborhoods.
4. Encourage innovation and prioritize the recovery and sustainability of local businesses, our workforce and community organizations.
5. Protect our natural environment and invest to combat climate change.
6. Increase multimodal transportation connections throughout the city.

RISE TOGETHER: REBUILDING FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

With job losses, closed businesses and reduced budgets, the pandemic had some devastating impacts. Denver's recovery strategy focuses on community and business support as well as infrastructure investments to build back Denver's economy in a way that is equitable, sustainable and supports communities most impacted by the pandemic. The city is set to receive $308 million over the next two years from the American Rescue Plan Act and has proposed a $400 million General Obligation Bond to fund job-creating infrastructure projects. The combined $708 million in funding will support residents and industries hit hardest by the pandemic, revitalize businesses and create thousands of good-paying jobs. Learn more at risetogetherdenver.org.
WHY WAS THE AMENDMENT NECESSARY?
Denver’s zoning code was inequitable and outdated and unfairly concentrated certain uses in low income neighborhoods. 

**Household Size:** Since the 1950s, Denver restricted the number of unrelated people living in a house to 2 unrelated adults plus their unlimited family members. This limit was one of the lowest in the country and is inconsistent with the way people live. Most cities allow 3-8 unrelated people. In Denver, it was illegal for 3 unrelated roommates to share a home. (Note: There was no limit to the number of related family members who can live together in a home.)

**Residential Care:** Many people cannot live alone and require some care. For example, older adults and people with disabilities or mental health issues often need the care provided in a residential setting. These types of homes are called “residential care.” Residential care can include single-unit houses where a group of 8 residents (and up to 20 in certain situations) live with a caregiver. There are also larger facilities that house many more people, including shelters and community corrections (half-way houses), which are unfairly concentrated in low-income neighborhoods.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND HOW COMMUNITY INPUT CHANGED IT
In early 2020, the Group Living Advisory Committee shared their initial recommendations that included increasing the maximum household size to 8+ unrelated people plus their unlimited family members and allowing all types of residential care (including community corrections) in every neighborhood. Councilwoman Black communicated with neighborhood organizations, groups and individuals throughout 2020 to discuss the recommendations and listen to concerns. Most community members understood the need to increase the maximum household size and expand residential care. While many groups and individuals did not have concerns and some expressed support, many were uncomfortable with the recommended 8+ person maximum household size and allowing community corrections in residential neighborhoods. Councilwoman Black worked with other council members and staff to substantially change the proposal to alleviate these concerns. Council approved the amended proposal in February. More than 50 organizations supported the amended proposal including AARP, Denver Metro Association of Realtors, Interfaith Alliance, Urban Land Conservancy and the St. Francis Center.

WHAT CHANGED IN THE ZONING CODE?
- To be consistent with the way people live today, the maximum household size was increased from 2 unrelated people and their unlimited family members to a maximum of 5 unrelated adults plus minor children (not unlimited family members) which is typical of most front range cities. (Note: There is no limit to the number of related family members who can live together in a home.)
- To ensure that there are more options for people who cannot live alone and require care, the zone districts where residential care can be located were expanded. There are new spacing and density restrictions to ensure that residential care is not concentrated in certain areas.

WHAT DID NOT CHANGE?
- Families of any size may occupy any home.
- Since 1968, the Federal Fair Housing Act (FHA) has mandated that cities allow group homes in residential neighborhoods. 8 people (or more if certain requirements are met) who are protected under the FHA (like elderly, disabled, recovering or mentally ill) can live in a group home. These types of group homes exist throughout Denver.
- Shelters operated by churches, nonprofits and government agencies are allowed citywide, including in residential areas. Some can operate year-round, and others can only operate seasonally or in emergencies.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT MY SOUTHEAST DENVER NEIGHBORHOOD?
- The number of unrelated adults who can live in a home increased from 2 plus unlimited family members to 5 plus minor children (not unlimited family members.)
- Residential care homes for up to 10 adults will be allowed. Under the Federal Fair Housing Act (1968) these types of homes are already allowed and exist in our neighborhoods today.
- Residential care for 11-20 are allowed on lots larger than 12,000 sq. ft that were previously used for residential care, or a civic, public or institutional use - **not a house**. (Shelters have always been allowed seasonally and in emergencies throughout the city.
- Community Corrections are **not** allowed in residential areas with Single Unit, Two Unit or Row House 2.5 zoning.
- Rules regarding parking are now more restrictive allowing one car per licensed driver for a maximum of 6 cars. (Previous law did not have a maximum total number of cars.)

Denver’s Community Planning and Development staff and council members worked hard to solve the issues in the Denver Zoning Code while listening to the concerns of residents. Learn more at denvergov.org/groupliving.
Since 2010, Denver’s population grew almost 25% from about 600,000 to an estimated 750,000 and is expected to continue to grow. Our housing stock has not kept pace with population growth, and when demand exceeds supply, prices go up. Housing costs are at an all-time high, increasing the number of people who are unhoused.

Denver City Council and the Mayor are committed to helping people get housing. Denver’s Office of Housing Stability (HOST) is dedicated to this effort. In addition to city funding and the voter-approved Homelessness Resolution fund, the federal government provided over $77 million in pandemic relief and economic recovery funds to support our efforts. Federal and local funds support the following:

**Eviction Prevention** - Helping people stay in their current housing is the best way to prevent homelessness. Denver has received more than $49 million in federal emergency rental assistance funds, and the city provides legal defense to people facing eviction.

**Shelter Expansion** - In response to the pandemic, HOST and service partners expanded operating hours of many shelters to 24/7. The addition of new shelters supported a 60% increase in the number of individuals sheltered as compared to pre-pandemic levels (from 1,350 to 2,200). Service providers continue to work with residents to find transitional and permanent housing.

**Safe Outdoor Spaces and Safe Parking Sites** - More than 100 households were able to temporarily stay at these sites while receiving assistance to find transitional and permanent housing.

**Hotels** - More than 3,000 at-risk people were housed in hotels managed by service providers. The city is working to acquire a 95-room hotel in northeast Denver to provide shelter with future plans to convert the facility into permanent supportive housing.

**Rehousing Supports** - Over 1,000 households transitioned from shelters into permanent housing with the help of vouchers, rental subsidies, bridge housing and supportive services.

**Outreach and Services** - Bringing together professionals, agencies and partner organizations, the city supports integrated teams of social workers and mental health professionals helping people experiencing homelessness including the Denver Street Outreach Collaborative, Strategic Outreach to Large Encampments, Early Intervention Team, Denver Police Homeless Outreach team, Support Team Assisted Response, Crisis Intervention Response Unit, Substance Use Navigators and the Denver Public Library Community Resource Program. Partners include Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, St. Francis Center, Urban Peak working with Denver Human Services, Denver Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver Police and Fire, Denver Health and Mental Health Center of Denver.

**What is the Homelessness Resolution Fund?**

In November 2020, Denver voters approved a sales tax creating the Homelessness Resolution Fund, a dedicated revenue stream to support residents experiencing or exiting homelessness. Over the next 10 years, the fund will help build approximately 2,400 housing and shelter units as well as support services. Long-term uses of the fund will be determined through strategic plans.

**Who Builds and Manages Affordable Housing in Denver?**

The Denver Housing Authority (DHA) is a quasi-municipal corporation with a portfolio of over 12,000 units and housing choice vouchers, providing affordable housing to more than 26,000 very low and low- middle income individuals representing over 12,000 families. DHA's mission is to serve the residents of Denver by developing, owning, and operating safe, decent and affordable housing in a manner that promotes thriving communities. DHA is governed by a nine-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of Denver and approved by the City Council. While the city does support and partner with DHA in a number of ways, it is not funded by the City and County of Denver. Approximately 79% of DHA's funding is derived from the federal government and about 21% from DHA operations.

Denver partners with other nonprofit and private developers to help fund affordable housing projects. Some of our partners are Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Brothers Redevelopment, Mercy Housing, Mental Health Center of Denver, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver and Urban Ventures. Recent developments include Yale Station, Garden Court, Legacy Lofts, Capitol Square and Valor on the Fax Apartments.

**What is Denver Doing to Address Housing Costs?**

In addition to the Homelessness Resolution Fund, Denver's affordable housing resources come from fees on new development, marijuana, property tax revenue, transfers from the General Fund and grants from the federal government. These dollars are used to help fund new housing projects and programs, shelters and services. Denver's Expanding Housing Affordability Project is a community-wide effort examining ways to increase affordable housing units in new construction, particularly in areas with good access to transit. They are considering increasing fees on new construction that will fund new affordable units, zoning incentives to increase the number of affordable units and mandating affordable units in new construction which was made legal by a new 2021 state law.

Over the next 10 years, Denver will have invested well over $700 million in affordable housing and homelessness resolutions. That’s based on revenue projections of approximately $40 million a year from our Homelessness Resolution Fund, and $30 million a year from our Housing Fund.
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