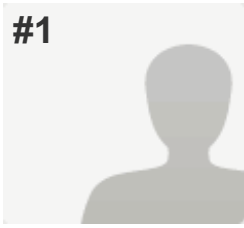


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<b>Q1: What is your name please?</b>	Albus Brooks
<b>Q2: Which Counsel district do you hope to represent?</b>	District 9
<b>Q3: Please tell us the best way to contact you if we have a question..telephone or email. Please provide either or both in the comment box below.</b>	

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<b>Q4: Do you believe it is the ultimate obligation of City Council members to represent and advocate for their constituents in the neighborhoods they represent, rather than expedite the Mayor's office or private businesses that may benefit from these types of transactions between governmental entities?</b>	Yes,  Comment: We are all elected by the people of Denver to make our city great. This can be done by an elected official understanding what it his/her constituents want/need in their community. It can also be done by partnering with the Mayors office to accomplish macro projects. Great cities have leaders who know how to work together even though they may not agree on a particular issue; it is still possible to find common ground. I believe our city has done that in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Collaboration is the key to city building.
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**Q5: Do you believe that preserving strong public neighborhood schools in each of our communities is very important to the viability and strength for the future of our neighborhoods?**

Yes,

Comment:

Yes it is critical that we build strong neighborhood schools to keep the fabric of our communities in tack. It is part of our right as Americans to have freedom of choice, so I also believe that school choice is important. Our future in this City depends on the strength at which are kids are being educated.

**PAGE 5: I. DESIGNATION OF UNDESIGNATED PARKS, PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE, MORE PARKLAND**

**Q6: INC, in response to a request from the Department of Parks and Recreation, formed a committee to aid the department's effort to designate undesignated parks. While this committee has made progress over the past two years, the work is not finished. Would you support a concerted effort within all city departments affected to complete the designation of all undesignated Denver parks that are legally available for designation?**

Yes,

Comment:

I want to provide clarity my answer. I would support this on a parcel by parcel basis. Each parcel and context deserves consideration and study before making a decision on its designation.

**Q7: In addition to designating undesignated parks, we also need to prevent the transfer of open space within designated parks to institutions within parks. Over many years, open space in designated parks has been re-allocated by the Manager of Parks and Recreation to institutions within parks such as recreation centers, museums, and zoos. It is important that open space within parks is protected. Would you ask for policy changes to protect open space within designated parks?**

No

**Q8: There is inadequate urban parkland in Denver given the size, density, and expected growth of Denver's population. For example: The city had 555,000 residents in 2000 and is projected to have 700,000 in 2020. While the Hancock administration may add additional parkland to the park system, the current plans focus on the acquisition of land at the periphery of Denver. We need parkland in the center of the city where the population is growing and "density" is a goal of the administration's urban development plan. Would you support the acquisition of additional parkland and open space within the center of the City of Denver?**

Yes,

Comment:

Yes we need Parkland in Arapahoe square, the part of the city I represent. I would be open to this conversation.

**PAGE 6: II. ACQUISITION OF PLAYING FIELDS AND A FESTIVAL SITE**

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**Q9: The urban parkland that does exist is viewed increasingly as a site for multiple and oftentimes conflicting purposes-- opportunities to experience nature, spaces in which teams can play, and sites for large festivals. These uses of the same land has created problems within our parks including damage to parkland and vegetation, limitation of public access to parks, and distress for neighborhoods bordering parks (eg., unacceptable levels of noise, traffic congestion, threats to public safety, and problems parking). As a result, a site is needed for large ticketed events such as festivals that is not located within neighborhoods. Well-lighted playing fields with bathrooms and parking outside of city parks are also required. Would you support the development of a Festival Site?**

Yes,

Comment:

I would support the development of several festival sites throughout sectors of our City.

**Q10: Would you explore opportunities for and support the development of playing fields outside of city parks for Denver citizens?**

No,

Comment:

People want to play in the parks within close proximity to where they live. I believe if we created regional play parks throughout the city with considerable distance from where people lived, it would be a problem.

PAGE 7: III. USE OF RECYCLED WATER IN PARKS

**Q11: Would you ask the City administration to convene a panel of independent experts in plant physiology, soil chemistry etc. to evaluate the safety of the type of recycled water used in our parks and to report the results to the public?**

No,

Comment:

I believe it is important for us to receive all the facts before we make a decision on this important issue. That said, I would ask the City to preform research over recycled water and and its affects in our parks. I would ask P&R to present all of this information in front of our Council Committee live on channel 8.

**Q12: If the risks of the type of recycled water currently in use are found to be too high, would you support all steps necessary to eliminate these risks?**

No,

Comment:

All of this is conditional on the results in question 11. If the risks are high, we would follow the steps of the professional in that field.

PAGE 8: IV. PARK ADMINISTRATION

**Q13: Effective government requires citizen engagement. INC has received multiple complaints and over many years pertaining to the use of parks. Complaints include the difficulty citizens have in influencing park policies. A new Office of Special Events has been formed by the Mayor and its function will have an impact on what events occur in parks. Would you advocate for INC representation on an Advisory Board for the Office of Special Events?**

Yes

**Q14: Would you direct funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation to ensure enforcement of park rules and regulations within the entire park system?**

No,

Comment:  
This is currently done through the roles and responsibilities of our park rangers.

**PAGE 9: V. PARK FUNDING**

**Q15: Denver's park and parkway system is grossly under-funded. A broad range of funding sources must be pursued in order to sustain and to expand Denver' park system. This funding includes local and state-level dedicated revenue sources. Denver is surrounded by municipalities that fund their parks with a tax levy dedicated to parks. Would you support a tax levy to provide a stable funding source with which to acquire land for parks, open space, a festival site, playing fields, and for maintenance of all these for Denver's park system?**

No,

Comment:  
This involves a much larger conversation before we jump to assigning a new tax levy to resolve this problem. We have many other city priorities to solve (ie: Affordable housing) before we ask for new tax levys for parks.

**PAGE 11: Discretionary Projects**

**Q16: If elected, would you support an increase to Public Works funding for discretionary projects in neighborhoods?**

Yes,

Comment:  
Yes of course. Public Works demand is driven by the demand in permits being pulled in CPD. They need more resources.

**PAGE 12: Committment to Vision Zero**

**Q17: Would you support Denver joining the ranks of cities that target elimination of traffic deaths and serious injuries as a moral priority by adopting a Vision Zero approach?**

Yes,

Comment: Yes this is a priority.

PAGE 13: Best Practices regarding sidewalk installation and maintenance

**Q18: Would you support Denver pursuing and implementing best practices from other cities regarding sidewalk installation and maintenance, with the goal of increasing walkability?**

Yes,

Comment:

I would be interested to do the study, consider the liabilities that we would take on. There is still much to discuss, but I am open to the direction.

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**Q19: . Would you support the City of Denver engaging consultants to study the effects of parking on neighborhoods in areas where high rise development is contemplated prior to approval of the development. If so, what parking study process would you suggest?**

No,

Comment:

I would support adding staff resources to our current department in Public works and doing tailored parking studies for neighborhoods that are experimenting traffic issues. These plans could be referred to during re-zonings.

**Q20: Do you believe the 2010 Zoning Code adopted by City Council in 2010 has benefited all neighborhoods in Denver or some neighborhoods? Please cite examples.**

Yes,

Examples:

2010 Zoning code has worked brilliantly for some of my neighborhoods in District 8, I will cite two as examples. Curtis Park and San Rafael. These two neighborhoods are under threat and constant pressure of downtown development and towers looming over their neighborhood. Because of the work with CM Madison they were able to add some protections in their neighborhood and comment on the height limitations and design aspects that would like to see in their neighboring commercial districts.

**Q21: What changes do you believe need to be made to the 2010 Zoning Code, if any, and why.**

Possible revisit because of the length of time and growth of the City.

**Q22: Will you urge the Mayor and city officials to appoint representatives of residential neighborhood organizations to all city boards, commission, advisory committees, collaborative groups and task forces which consider planning and zoning issues. If so, describe the efforts you would take to ensure such appointments are made.**

Yes

**Q23: INC has been advised that the Director of Community Planning and Development is recommending Blueprint Denver be revised and updated. Do you support such a recommendation and describe what process you would support to ensure neighborhood participation.**

Yes,

Comment:

it is not a top priority for me but I would certainly support and update do to the changes in growth we have experienced thus leading us to reconsider decisions we made in the past.

**Q24: Please describe your vision of “smart growth” for the City of Denver in ten words or less. The vision should capture stakeholder expectations of your anticipated leadership on City Council.**

In line with adopted plans, maintains character of the neighborhood, and accepts community feedback

**Q25: . Entertainment districts which extend the hours for alcohol to be served, often until 4:00 a.m., have been adopted in a few cities throughout Colorado. Would you support an entertainment district in certain areas in Denver? If so, where and until what time?**

Yes,

Comment:

if you would have asked me this questions prior to taking several Police ride-alongs I would have said no. What I experienced with those police officers was a crowd control nightmare; we should not allow people to rush out of the bars at the same time. It is a safety issue for our City, the officers and the patrons of the bar. Staggered hours or adjusting the time later has proven results that it cuts down on the number of people converging on your streets at one time and thus cutting down violent acts. This is a policy change we as a community need to discuss deeply and decide is this the policy we want to have in our City.

**Q26: Short term rentals, that is rentals for less than 30 days are now illegal in Denver residential neighborhoods. Do you support the adoption of an ordinance which would permit short term rentals in Denver residential neighborhoods. If not, why not. If you would support an ordinance to allow short term rentals in residential neighborhoods, please describe the process you would support, including the process for funding.**

Yes,

Comment:

Yes I support a regulatory framework in which we would change our zoning code in allowing Short term rentals in residential neighborhoods. Short term rentals are pervasive in our neighborhoods today; even though they are illegal. To continue to make it illegal is to turn a blind eye to the activity that is occurring. If we regulate and also collect & remit Lodgers tax we can began to track where all these rentals are in Denver. We would also learn a little bit more about how they act, what kind of neighbors they are etc. The sharing economy is here to stay we need to adjust our codes to it.