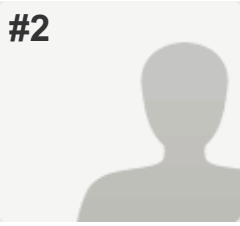


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Q1: What is your name please?	Ean Thomas Tafoya
Q2: Which Counsel district do you hope to represent?	District 9
Q3: Please tell us the best way to contact you if we have a question..telephone or email. Please provide either or both in the comment box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

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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?	Yes, Comment: Yes, I believe that Councilmembers have a direct obligation to the residents of communities to make sure that public processes are transparent and are organized in a way that allows the most amount of people to participate. It is from this process that Councilmembers can truly derive and advocate for the community's will.
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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, neighborhood schools build community and promote public health and public safety. These schools serve as networks that engage and inform people about community activities and bring people together to solve community problems. Furthermore, neighborhood schools provide opportunities for families to walk and bike to school, which has a direct impact on public health and neighborhood safety. Lastly, I'd like to see greater partnerships with DPS and Denver Parks and Recreation to create stewardship opportunities for neighborhood parks, which I believe would further strengthen the schools and then neighborhoods.

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

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?

Yes,

Comment:

I would support a robust public process to discuss any policy changes in parks.

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:

In addition to acquiring more urban space, Denver needs to work with Jefferson County and the municipalities within Jefferson County, and RTD to provide access to Denver Mountain Parks. RTD's EV line makes several stops along the Lariat Loop, but it is not scheduled in a way that makes the parks accessible to urban dwellers. Furthermore, Red Rocks is located close to the end of the West Line light rail, but there is no circulator bus to provide public transit access. Over 1 million people attend concerts there each year, not to mention those that recreate there. By providing public transit access we can increase the amount of open space that is accessible to those in the urban core. I'd also like to make mention of the coordinated planning taking place between the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and the Denver Parks and Recreation. The close proximity of the Arsenal to the East Commuter Rail a stop on Pena Blvd, will also increase the amount of open space available to those in the urban core.

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

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:

Yes, I support the creation of a festival site that is accessible to multi-modal transportation and has permanent infrastructure, such as water fountains and bathrooms.

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

Yes

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?	Yes, Comment: Yes, we must be certain that the recycled water that is being used in the park is safe for park users and the underlying ecology of the parks.
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?	Yes

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?	Yes

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?	Yes
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PAGE 11: Discretionary Projects

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

Yes

PAGE 12: Commitment 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:

I was struck by a car on my bike when I was seven years old. My helmet split in half and saved my life. Since then I have been a strong advocate for education and safe infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists, which I believe are important pieces in a Vision Zero strategy for Denver.

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

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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?

Yes,

Comment:

Yes, large developments will have impacts on the service levels of roads. There are many tools that can be use to study parking on neighborhoods including, but not limited to: inventorying current parking facilities, looking as the level of service of public transportation in an area, studying conducting accumulation counts, conducting duration and turnover surveys, and conducting user information surveys. I am am certain that together neighborhoods, the city, and consultants can find the best practice for identifying parking needs before and after a development.

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

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

I believe the code should become a dynamic document, similar to the the Storm Water Master Plan. By having hyperlinks that connect figures, tables, and provision I believe we can make the zoning code more user friendly.

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,

Comment:

First of all, I think that appointments to any of these groups should be more widely advertised so that the public knows they exist and so the pool of applicants can be larger. I do believe having neighborhood organization representatives on the

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:

Our comprehensive plan should be updated at least every 10 years, in order to reflect the changes that have occurred. When this process should include neighborhood organizations and the city should provide assistance/resources that enable rnos to keep their neighbors informed and engaged. The city should also lead a multi-faceted outreach campaign to ensure that people know this is happening and how they can be involved.

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.

Smart growth is transparent, involves community, and is informed by historic context.

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?

No,

Comment:

My answer is maybe. I can see the arguments that having areas that stay open later may alleviate some of the issues of having a large concentration of people leaving the bars all at once, especially in Iodo. However, I can see how neighbors might be against having near by establishments staying open later. As of of right know I don't think I could list specifics on time or place. I think if this idea is to be examined more then residents should be given ample opportunities to stay informed and to engage.

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:

I believe that short term rentals should be allowed in Denver. I do believe that the lodgers tax should be applied to these stays. We must create a system that makes it easy to register and remit taxes. Some have suggested that rentals should be restricted to owner-occupied properties. Perhaps this is appropriate or maybe it is not. Before any regulations are created there needs to be a meaningful public process that seeks meaningful community participation and discussion.