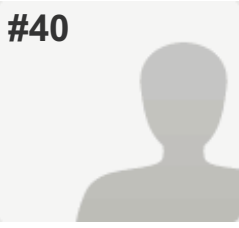


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| <b>Q1: What is your name please?</b>                                                                                                                     | Paul Lopez              |
| <b>Q2: Which Counsel district do you hope to represent?</b>                                                                                              | District 3              |
| <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> | Paul@lopezfordenver.com |

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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 |
| <b>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?</b>                                                                                                                         | Yes |

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

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| <p><b>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?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Yes</p>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>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?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Yes</p>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>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?</b></p> | <p>Yes,<br/><br/>Comment:<br/>We need to make sure that we are adding park acreage to areas that are difficent in parks space across the city, not just in the city center.</p> |

**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:  
Neighborhoods and council districts should have a say whether those parks can be used for festivals or not. Some neighborhoods have different cultures that value festivals in parks, and some don't.

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

Yes,

Comment:  
Need more info, but generally speaking, 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

**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,

Comment:  
Is advocated for more general participation from the public as well.

**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,

Comment:

We get what we pay for. In this case, it's isnt much.

**PAGE 11: Discretionary Projects**

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

Yes,

Comment: I like the idea.

**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

**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: We need more funding to do this.

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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:

Of course we should study impact. Not all neighborhoods are the same.

**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:

This isn't a yes or no answer. Again, it depends on who your asking and where you live. It's benefited the district I represent because it concentrates density appropriately and allows for alternative uses like ADU's in areas where it can be sustained and makes sense.

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

yes, we need to increase the distance between retail liquor Liscensing in areas of high poverty. All we've been doing invthebweatside is fending these predatory uses off.

**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.**

No

**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.**

No,

Comment:

Denver is changing, and we should revise it only to reflect our changes and the direction we are heading. For example, the west corridor light rail was not accounted for in blueprint denver. We should invite residents to learn and participate in these updates.

**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.**

Denver's growth must not be on the backs of the working class.

**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

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**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:

If It is already happening, we should regulate it. Currently I don't have enough information about this use. Regardless, there has to be strict and clear policies in regards to Permitting, parking, boarding, safety etc.