



2011 Citizen Survey Results

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Here's what you and your neighbors said:



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- 1.** The U.S. Department of Justice recently adopted rules that apparently entitle disabled people to use pit bulls as service dogs. But the rules do not allow Denver to verify the training or certification of these dogs even though the city has a ban on pit bulls. Should Denver be able to verify the training of any pit bull serving as a service dog?
Yes 74% No 26%
- 2.** In 2004, voters created the Office of Independent Monitor (OIM) to review citizen concerns related to the police, fire and sheriff's departments. The Office includes the Citizen Oversight Board, which holds public meetings and makes policy recommendations concerning discipline and use of force. The cost of the OIM is \$600,000 annually, and its goal is to increase public confidence in city safety departments. Has the OIM increased your confidence?
Yes 18% No 82%
- 3.** Colorado recently joined the Secure Communities program. This program requires fingerprints of anyone arrested to be checked against federal immigration databases in addition to federal criminal databases, making it easier for federal officials to identify illegal immigrants in county jails. Some officials prefer that local communities be allowed to opt out. Do you support or oppose Denver's participation in the Secure Communities program?
Support 92% Oppose 8%
- 4.** Denver's Animal Care and Control Department wants more cats and dogs to be licensed as a way of returning pets to owners, assuring proper vaccinations, and increasing the amount animal owners pay for animal control and care within the city. Some pet owners consider this excessive government regulation. Do you support or oppose increasing fees for registration and penalties for non-compliance?
Support 56% Oppose 44%
- 5.** Which statement, each of which has been advanced by various public officials, best reflects your opinion about charging a fee for trash collection?
 - A.** I am willing to pay a fee for city trash collection, acknowledging tough budgetary times.
17%
 - B.** I am willing to pay a city trash collection fee slightly higher than my individual share to cover trash pick-up for low-income individuals.
7%
 - C.** I already pay for trash collection through the taxes I pay the city. Don't impose a fee because the city is unlikely to reduce my tax rates to compensate.
76%

6. Medical marijuana regulations have been a major issue. A main thrust of Denver's approach has been to treat sales and cultivation like other businesses only with closer regulation. Which statements represent your points of view? **(Choose all that apply)**

- A.** Restrict sales of medical marijuana to business zones, not residential areas. **66%**
- B.** Tax medical marijuana at a higher rate than other commodities. **45%**
- C.** Keep the cost of government regulation down so people who benefit medically can afford it. **25%**
- D.** Allow medical marijuana to be grown in industrial zones where agricultural husbandry is permitted under city/state permitting. **30%**
- E.** Let people who require medical marijuana (state cardholders) grow a small number of plants at home, but otherwise prohibit growing marijuana in residential areas. **22%**
- F.** Refer an "opt-out" choice to voters so Denver can prohibit dispensaries and cultivation within city limits. **41%**
- G.** Encourage the federal government to regulate medical marijuana through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) so it could be sold through pharmacies like other medicines. **53%**
- H.** Promote the federal legalization of marijuana for recreational use and tax it heavily. **22%**

7. The Denver Public Library allows up to 300 items to be checked out to a cardholder at one time. Should the library administration reduce this number? **Yes 91% No 9%**

8. In tough budget times, services and programs must be prioritized. For which of the following areas would you be willing to **REDUCE FUNDING?** **(Choose all that apply)**

- A.** Police **9%**
- B.** Firefighters **7%**
- C.** Mountain parks **43%**
- D.** Recreation centers **37%**
- E.** Street maintenance **6%**
- F.** Trash pickup **10%**
- G.** City parks **29%**
- H.** Security in courts & jails **9%**
- I.** Economic development incentives **49%**
- J.** Arts and culture promotion **65%**
- K.** Libraries **20%**
- L.** Child protection **8%**
- M.** Homeless services **24%**
- N.** Child care **25%**
- O.** Community planning **59%**
- P.** Other
 - **Cut elected and appointed officials' salaries.**
 - **End assistance to illegal immigrants.**
 - **Reduce Safety Department and Police administration.**

9. Denver City Council has two at-large members and 11 district members. Should the number of elected council members be reduced to save money? Possible changes include eliminating one or both at-large members and/or redrawing boundaries to make fewer districts with larger populations. **Yes 74% No 26%**

10. With Denver Water rates continuing to rise, many Southwest Denver residents are letting their yards go to dirt or substituting rock for grass. While city council has no authority over Denver Water, it could adopt landscaping requirements to keep communities from deteriorating. However, that could cause economic hardship on some residents. Should Denver require landscaping (green grass or xeriscaping) for homes in its jurisdiction? **Yes 48% No 52%**

11. RTD officials say that with current revenue streams, FasTracks can't be completed until 2042. However, they also say the program could be finished by 2018 with a 4/10 percentage point sales-and-use tax increase, by 2027 with a 2/10 increase and by 2035 with a 1/10 increase. Which is your preference? **(Choose one.)**

- A.** Keep current tax rates. I'd vote against any tax increase. **49%**
- B.** I'd vote for a 4/10 percentage point increase (4 pennies on a \$10 purchase) **35%**
- C.** I'd vote for a 2/10 increase (2 pennies on a \$10 purchase) **8%**
- D.** I'd vote for a 1/10 increase (1 penny on a \$10 purchase) **8%**

12. Have medical marijuana dispensaries caused problems in your neighborhood?
Yes 11% No 89%

- **Dispensaries are too close to drug and alcohol rehab facilities and schools.**
- **People waving signs for dispensaries distract drivers.**
- **People loiter around the dispensaries.**

13. Jeanne, as my city councilwoman, you can help me most by:

Most frequently mentioned:

Tax burden, illegal immigration, unkempt properties, street repairs, snow removal, unsurfaced parking, and the empty Albertsons store at Dartmouth and Sheridan.

How my survey results are used

Your opinions are critical to making city government work. They guide my positions on policy matters and my votes on City Council. They influence the mayor, other council officials and key members of the administration. And they inform District 2 residents about how their neighbors feel about important issues. Moreover, the questions and problems you write about in Question 13 get individual attention from me and my aide, Dana Montano. **This survey is your voice; thank you for supporting it!**

NEW PHONE NUMBER

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Our Council District 2 office is getting a new phone number. The change will add us to the city government phone system and save tax dollars. **Beginning July 18**, you can reach me or my aide, Dana Montano, at 720-337-2222 or by fax at 720-337-2226. Our e-mail addresses remain the same: jeanne.fantz@denvergov.org and dana.montano@denvergov.org

