

City News

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By speaking out in my survey you speak up for us all

My 2010 citizen survey results went out to constituents in July, reflecting the opinions of the 2,099 of you who shared your views. Already your opinions are making a difference.

City Council has taken up your most frequently mentioned issue – illegal immigration – by moving to embrace E-verify, a system to confirm the immigration status of workers at companies with city contracts. Councilman Chris Nevitt and I introduced a bill and I shared your support for the measure with colleagues.

Your views on immigration focused on two other measures as well:

- Keeping the 2008 citizen initiative that lets Denver police tow cars driven by unlicensed drivers, including illegals, and requiring a bond to get the car back. (I opposed a measure to repeal the initiative and that repeal has been tabled temporarily by its sponsors, Councilmen Doug Linkhart and Paul Lopez.)
- Opposing in-state tuition for undocumented students who graduate from Colorado high schools.

And you made yourselves clear on other issues too. You favor a zoning code that doesn't degrade neighborhoods, add density or let residents have chickens without first hearing from neighbors. The new code doesn't include these, but we must be vigilant.

You made it clear you like the pit bull ban, and oppose recreational use of marijuana. You don't favor returning streetcars to Colfax Avenue, and you want government debt and taxes reigned in.

On "photo radar" you were divided, as you were about fencing off portions of city parks to allow movies and concerts that require a ticket.

You said the reduction in overflow trash pickup was the biggest problem caused by city budget cuts.

To see the full survey and your responses, go to my website at www.denvergov.org/councildistrict2. Above all, keep this in mind: I hear you, I share your views with other city officials, and I'll go to bat for you!