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Thank you

for taking the time to share your
thoughts by answering the 2005

Citizen Survey

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1,903 constituents in our district
responded to the survey.
Here's what you and your neighbors said:

1. City General Fund shortfalls have reduced library services every year since 2002. The Mayor's Task Force on Future Library Funding recommended a property tax increase to restore and stabilize Denver Public Library services (branch library hours, books, computers). Would you support a dedicated property tax increase for libraries, or not?
Yes: 42% No: 58%
2. The city is considering replacing neighborhood, precinct polling places (about 420) with larger, more centralized "Vote Centers" (about 40 citywide). These sites would save money, guarantee accessibility for those with disabilities, assure enough election judges and could be used for early voting. However, in most cases, voters would have to accustom themselves to new voting sites and travel farther in order to vote. Should Denver switch to fewer, more centralized Vote Centers?
Yes: 49% No: 51%
3. Denver has had difficulty enforcing its laws against those who physically obstruct public parades, particularly the Columbus Day parade. Would you support changing Denver's parade ordinance so physically obstructing a permitted parade would be an enforceable offense?
Yes: 88% No: 12%
4. Denver enacted a pit bull ban many years ago because this breed of dog had shown particularly dangerous tendencies, especially their ability to inflict severe damage when they attack. Opponents of the pit bull ban say it is unfair to single out any specific breed because the temperament of any individual dog within a breed can vary. Do you support continuing to ban pit bulls in Denver?
Yes: 85% No: 15%
5. Individuals or groups can produce their own cable television shows through Denver Community TV. These shows are broadcast on Comcast public access channels 57, 58, & 59 and on Champion public access channels 65, 71, & 95.
 - A. Do you watch DCTV programs on the above cable channels?
Yes: 10% No: 90%
 - B. Should city General Fund monies be used to support this programming?
Yes: 14% No: 86%
6. The city, like the state, is subject to the ratchet effect of TABOR (Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) in low-inflation times. Revenues may be collected that the city is not allowed to spend, even while city services must be reduced. Would you support allowing the city to spend the money it collects within existing tax rates?
Yes: 67% No: 33%
7. Should City & County of Denver resources (personnel, taxes) be used to enforce federal immigration laws?
Yes: 66% No: 34%
8. By writing administrative citations (tickets) to homeowners who violate zoning laws and let their properties deteriorate, Neighborhood Inspection Services has shortened the time residents have to comply with the law. Do you support requiring quicker compliance with zoning laws?
Yes: 85% No: 15%
9. Denver has used photo radar for speeding for a number of years. The city is considering expanding the possibility of red light photo enforcement. Would you support such an expansion of the program, or not?
Yes: 67% No: 33%
10. Would you support greater regulations against toy motorized vehicles (mini-motorcycles and scooters) on public rights of way?
Yes: 90% No: 10%
11. Denver provides many services from General Fund monies. A few of these include police protection, fire/emergency response, inmate supervision, park maintenance, street repair, civil and criminal courts, trash collection, community planning, animal control, public libraries, economic development incentives, zoning code enforcement.
 - A. Is there a Denver service which you feel should receive a higher funding priority than it currently receives?
More police, street repair, better library funding, fire protection, more neighborhood code enforcement
 - B. Is there a Denver service which you feel should receive a lower funding priority than it currently receives?
Economic development incentives, community planning
12. Jeanne, as my City Councilwoman you could help me most by
Many diverse requests, but three topics appeared frequently: Cleaner neighborhoods; Stop illegal immigration; No tax increases

Status Report

Changes have been made in ordinance or contract to implement policies requested in 3, 5, and 9. Question 6 will appear on the November 2005 ballot as Referred Question 1B.