

1,504 constituents in our district responded to the survey. Here's what you and your neighbors said:

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1. RTD's FasTracks program is billions over budget, even given the sales tax increase voters approved to build it. Which of the following is the best strategy going forward? (Choose one)

- A.** Build the light-rail lines that receive federal subsidies and shorten the lines that don't. Stop construction in 2017, the original completion date. **17%**
- B.** Build the light-rail lines that receive federal subsidies and shorten the lines that don't. Stop construction in 2017, but continue to build out the shortened lines over time as funds allow. **68%**
- C.** Build the original FasTracks program and complete it in 2017. Raise taxes, as needed, to pay for it. **15%**

2. The city administration has proposed a change to Denver's constitutionally required Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) reserve. The reserve is supposed to be for declared emergencies, but the administration wants to put part of it in a fund for strategic real estate purchases. The first transaction could be buying the Market Street bus terminal from RTD, which could give the transit agency money for Union Station. Which of the following best reflects your view?

(Choose One)

- A.** Good idea. This is a creative way to free money from a cumbersome reserve for a valuable purpose. **23%**
- B.** Bad idea. In difficult times, real estate is not a good substitute for cash. **66%**
- C.** No opinion. **11%**

3. Gov. Bill Ritter says that if the 2016 Summer Olympics are not awarded to a U.S. city, Denver could become a serious candidate to host the 2018 Winter Olympics. Should Denver bid for the Winter Games?

Yes: 39% No: 61%

4. Some small businesses want to use "sandwich board" signs as a low-cost way of attracting passers-by and livening the street-scape in commercial areas. However, Denver Public Works rules do not permit this type of signage. DPW views sandwich boards as a hazard to pedestrians and a barrier to sidewalk accessibility for the disabled. Should the rules be changed to allow sandwich board signs on sidewalks?

Yes: 32% No: 68%

5. The city's "1% for Art" ordinance requires 1 percent of the cost of construction projects over \$1 million to be set aside to buy art for the project or to utilize more design-pleasing materials. But the requirement also applies to street-widening and curb-cut programs. Is this application of the "1% for Art" program a reasonable use of program funds?

Yes: 30% No: 70%

6. Some state and local governments are putting detailed budget information online in an effort to make government more open and transparent. Should the City and County of Denver post its checkbook and contracts online in a searchable database?

Yes: 87% No: 13%

7. If you have telephoned the city's 3-1-1 information number in the last six months, please check the box below the statement that best reflects your experience.

- A.** I got the information and results I was seeking. It was a good experience. **29%**
- B.** I was glad to talk to a real person, but my issue wasn't resolved. **6%**
- C.** I had to wait too long to reach a real person or that person gave me incorrect information. **3%**
- D.** I file complaints and/or get information online. **2%**
- E.** I haven't called 3-1-1. **60%**

8. Some voters want the convenience of having their marked mail ballots picked up at their homes and delivered to the polls. Other voters say this threatens ballot security and could compromise an election. Should political campaign workers be allowed to go door-to-door to collect completed mail ballots?

Yes: 3% No: 97%

9. The giant blue "Mustang" sculpture near Denver International Airport is loved by some people, who call it a "spectacular silhouette," but hated by others, who say it's "unwelcoming." Should the Mustang sculpture at DIA be removed?

Yes: 44% No: 56%

10. Declining revenue requires the city to reduce General Fund appropriations. Below are some of the services funded by the General Fund. Circle in answer 10A the three (3) city services you believe the city should fully fund. Circle in answer 10B the three (3) services where you believe spending could be cut.

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| 10A. Fully fund | 10B. Cut funding |
| 1. Fire protection | 1. Community planning |
| 2. Police protection | 2. Economic development |
| 3. Street maintenance | 3. Library services |
| 4. Trash removal | 4. Parks and recreation |

11. Social service programs are funded by a separate county mill levy on property taxes, plus grants, and state and federal funds. Below are some of those services. Circle in answer 11A the three (3) programs you believe should be fully funded. Circle in answer 11B the three (3) programs where you believe spending could be cut.

11A. Fully fund

1. Child protection from abuse or neglect
2. Elderly or disabled adult services
3. Fraud control and recovery of funds
4. Victim assistance protection from domestic violence

11B. Cut funding

1. Adoption services
2. Day care for children
3. Homeless services
4. Food stamps

12. City Council has the authority to name city buildings after prominent individuals. But the process is often controversial. Please answer the following:

A. Buildings typically have been named after one individual for simplicity and enhanced honor, but naming them for two individuals could spread that honor to more people. Should buildings be named after more than one individual?
Yes: 20% No: 80%

B. Legislation used to prohibit naming a building after a "person who is holding local, state or federal public office at the time the ordinance is considered or adopted." This provision was deleted by a previous council. Should it be reinstated?
Yes: 65% No: 35%

C. Should the honoree be deceased before his/her name can be considered?
Yes: 53% No: 47%

D. Do you prefer a generic name for a building (i.e. Denver Courthouse) as opposed to naming it after a specific person?
Yes: 80% No: 20%

13. For years, Denver has been supporting Social Services programs well above what the federal government requires. Now that funds have shrunk, some suggest lowering income eligibility levels to fit the money available and to correct the "overspending" problems of the past. Others say Denver should use city contingency funds and keep eligibility levels close to where they are. Denver has been generous in providing assistance in the past. Is it important to you to continue that high level of assistance in the future?

A. Yes: 34% No: 66%

14. Jeanne, as my city councilwoman, you could help me most by:

Most frequent requests were:

1. Stop Illegal immigration
2. Curb spending
3. Lower my taxes
4. Keep me informed
5. Clean up / stop graffiti

Should you have questions or need help concerning city government, please contact me. I am anxious to help you in any way I can.
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Denver's Proposed New Zoning Code

Denver's current zoning code is 53 years old. Incremental changes over the years have made it complicated, inconsistent, and cumbersome, according to city zoning officials and a citizen task force convened by our mayor. They recommend city council adopt a new code.

The proposed code creates more zoning options. It attempts to match zoning designations to current land patterns. It uses city planning documents to guide changes. It includes sample drawings of allowed structures within each zoning designation and changes terminology to describe neighborhoods.

How does this affect southwest Denver? **In our council district, little will change.**

Council District 2 is primarily a single-family-housing district. The old "R-1" and "R-O" designations will be renamed and further refined by creating categories of lot size. The advantage for residents who want to preserve the character of their existing neighborhood is that designation of lot size prevents lot assemblage and crowding of residences onto smaller lots. From a day-to-day perspective, there is no expected change in allowed usage of the property.

According to Community Planning and Development staff, current townhome and apartment designations will remain, just with different names. All Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) will stay the same. Our commercial areas will have equivalent zoning.

The reason southwest Denver will see little change is that current zoning designations largely match the building patterns on the ground. In some areas of town, single family homes or duplexes sit on land zoned for higher density. Controversy has arisen where homeowners bought the land with intent to redevelop it. The new zoning could preclude owners from previously existing options, affecting their property rights. Fortunately, southwest Denver does not have that problem.

There are other areas of contention in some parts of the city. One is the ability to add accessory dwelling units (ADUs), sometimes called granny flats, which allow renting but don't limit it to relatives. ADUs will not be an issue for our council district as the zoning designations planned for our area do not allow ADUs.

A second concern is whether the code's bulk plane rules will increase shading on residents' homes, affecting solar installations. Zoning officials tell me our deeper setbacks and larger lots keep this from becoming a problem for southwest Denver.

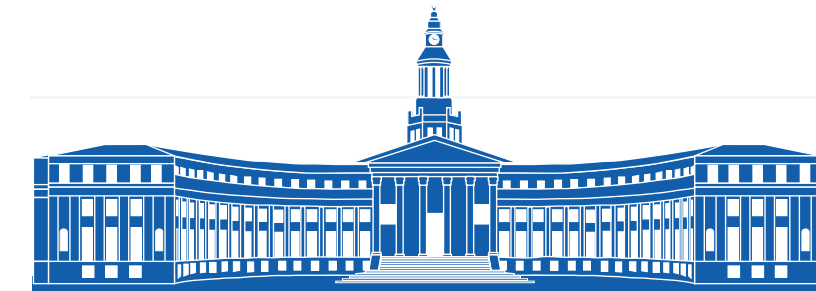
City planners have hosted meetings citywide to acquaint people with the proposed code. A May meeting at Lincoln High School attracted only five citizens from our council district. For the next round of meetings, I have asked zoning officials to brief citizens at regularly scheduled homeowner association meetings to ensure higher attendance. I anticipate additional concerns will be raised. Please call my council office at (303) 763-8562 or contact your homeowner group to find out where briefings will be in September.

To see the draft code and maps of how the new proposal would affect neighborhoods, go to www.newcodedenver.org. I urge you to examine the proposed code carefully. Please let the city planners and me know what you think.



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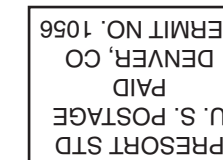
Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts by answering the 2009 Citizen survey

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