

High Points

Council District 2 has the highest natural point in the City and County of Denver



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Loretto Heights plan needs your input

The Loretto Heights Steering Committee met Oct. 30 to kick off the small-area plan that will result in a community-driven vision for the historic hilltop campus that is arguably the most iconic symbol of southwest Denver.

But you don't have to be on the steering committee selected by Councilman Flynn to have an impact on the result.

"I need all of you to participate in the many public outreach opportunities that will be available during this planning," Councilman Flynn said. "I have ensured that led by the southwest community, the city will produce a plan that truly reflects a genuine, consensus-derived vision to guide the future of the campus."

The easiest way is to visit the project website at <https://tinyurl.com/Loretto-Heights-Plan>. There you will find all documents, presentations, meeting notes and other information as they are being produced. But there also will be plenty of other opportunities for input. The website will offer online comment submission and surveys. Comment cards will be available at all meetings. We are planning the first major all-



The 1890 Loretto Academy building is the anchor of the 72-acre campus at the center of Councilman Flynn's community-driven small area planning process.

community meeting in January. The project team will go out into the community to gather input right here in our district.

The members selected by the councilman for the steering committee represent the surrounding community most affected by development of the campus. They include the Registered Neighborhood Organizations, the Sisters of Loretto,

Loretto Heights College alumni, community-based organizations representing the Latino and Vietnamese residents of southwest Denver, Catholic Charities, Historic Denver, Denver Public Schools, the neighboring City of Sheridan, Denver agency experts in housing, parks and open space, transportation and mobility, RTD and the new owner of the campus,

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How Dist. 2 voted on ballot issues

In addition to all the candidates running in November, you also decided on 22 ballot issues. While you already may know how everything turned out, Councilman Flynn wants you to know how Council District 2 voted on each issue.

Of the seven tax increase issues, voters in southwest Denver voted yes on two – an income tax increase for public education, which nevertheless lost statewide, and a city sales tax hike for mental health and substance abuse programs, which passed. We voted no on five other tax increases, four of which passed regardless.

You can view maps of precinct results on all 22 issues by going to tinyurl.com/Denver-Election-Results, and clicking on “Mapping.” Here is how the 26 precincts in Council District 2 voted, according to final unofficial results:

STATE ISSUES:

- Amendment 73, Education income tax increase: Passed in 16 precincts, failed in 10. Failed statewide.
- Amendment 74, Property value lawsuits: Passed in 2, failed in 24. Failed statewide.
- Amendment 75, Raise campaign donation limits: Failed in every precinct. Failed statewide.
- Amendment A, Remove slavery reference in constitution: Passed in every precinct. Passed statewide.
- Amendment V, Lower age for legislature to 21: Failed in every precinct. Failed statewide.
- Amendment W, Shorten judicial ballots: Passed in 25, failed in 1. Failed statewide.

- Amendment X, Industrial hemp: Passed in every precinct. Passed statewide.
- Amendments Y and Z, State and federal redistricting: Passed in every precinct. Passed statewide.
- Prop 109, Highway bonds: Failed in all precincts, failed statewide.
- Prop 110, State sales tax for transportation: Failed in all precincts. Failed statewide.
- Prop 111, Limit on payday loan interest: Passed in every precinct. Passed statewide.
- Prop 112, Drilling setbacks: Passed in 12, failed in 14. Failed statewide.

CITY ISSUES:

- Initiative 300, Sales tax to subsidize college tuition: Passed in 2 precincts, failed in 24. Passed citywide.
- Initiative 301, Sales tax for mental health/substance abuse treatment: Passed in all precincts. Passed citywide.
- Initiative 302, Sales tax for healthy food for kids: Passed in 7, failed in 19. Passed citywide.
- Measure 2A, Sales tax for city parks: Passed in 8, failed in 18. Passed citywide.
- Measure 2B, Signature threshold for initiatives: passed in 19, failed in 7. Passed citywide.
- Measure 2C, Police hiring: Passed in all precincts. Passed citywide.
- Measure 2D, Clerk appointees: Passed in 15, failed in 11. Passed citywide.
- Measure 2E, Public financing of city elections: Passed in every precinct. Passed citywide.
- Measure 7G, Urban drainage tax: Passed in 9, failed in 17. Passed citywide.

Meeting to review Bear Valley tennis courts design

You are invited to attend a meeting to give feedback on the designs for the reconstruction of the tennis courts in Bear Valley Park. The \$1.8 million, bond-funded project will replace the existing courts, which have deteriorated over the years due to poor soil conditions. The new facility addresses soil conditions.

The meeting will be in the cafeteria at Traylor Elementary School 2900 S. Ivan Way, on Tuesday, Dec.

11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Denver Parks and Recreation's design consultant will display conceptual alternatives for the new courts, located in the park on Dartmouth Avenue at Saulsbury Street. The project involves reconstruction of the courts, modernization of lighting, site furnishings, sidewalks, landscaping and irrigation. Construction is scheduled to begin next year.

Each issue of High Points is hand-delivered in selected neighborhoods. But the easiest way to keep up on city and southwest Denver news is to sign up by email and have the newsletter sent to your inbox. Get on our list by contacting dana.montano@denvergov.org or 720-337-2222

HIGHLIGHTS

LORETTO CHAPEL TO HOST CHRISTMAS EVENT

The chapel at Loretto Heights will be open to the public for a Christmas service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23, heralding the rebirth of the closed campus.

The event was put together by Pastor James Hoxworth of the Bridge Church at Bear Creek. Also participating will be Fr. Joseph Dang and Councilman Flynn, who will lead some of the singing. The councilman has been a choir director for 50 years, and leads one of the choirs at Mother Cabrini Shrine on Lookout Mountain.

You can RSVP to attend the event through the councilman's Facebook page at [tinyurl.com/Loretto-Christmas](https://www.facebook.com/Loretto-Christmas).

The chapel, designed in 1911 by renown Denver architect Frank Edbrooke, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and along with the main Loretto Academy building is among the campus buildings being preserved by the new owner.

HARVEY PARK LAKE TO BE USED FOR IRRIGATION

The lake in Harvey Park is being drained as part of a project to convert the irrigation system in the park to use raw lake water instead of treated drinking water. After the lake is drained, work will begin this month to build an outlet structure, pump house and a wet well. This is phase one of the overall work to be completed at this park.

Using the lake's water is a more sustainable practice than spraying potable water on the grass. Harvey Park lake is fed with water that flows down the Ward Canal system from Bear Creek, and enters from Riviera Lake to the west. The



The interior of the 1911 Loretto Chapel, location for the public Christmas event.

project is part of the overall Harvey Park improvements funded through the voter-approved 2017 general obligation bonds.

POLICE DISTRICT 4 ADDS ATV TO FLEET

Councilman Flynn's office has purchased an All-Terrain Vehicle to be housed at Denver Police District 4 station, supplementing a small fleet of ATVs the city has purchased for patrolling parks, trails and other areas hard to access by automobile.

Because the other ATVs were being housed at a police facility north of downtown, making them difficult to use in southwest Denver, the councilman authorized \$14,800 from his district budget to purchase an additional 2018 Kawasaki Mule Pro FXT for primary use in Police District 4.

SANDOS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Needy families in southwest Denver will benefit from the Annual Sam Sandos Christmas Basket program. The late Sam Sandos served three terms on the city council from

District 3, north of our district. He and his wife, Ethel, started the Christmas food basket program in 1978 by helping out a few families through their own kitchen. A few years later, the Sandos and Lucero families joined together to start the wider program.

Last year, more than 2,200 families, mostly in west and southwest Denver, received individually packed boxes of food including a frozen turkey, fresh produce, bread and other goods. The boxes will be assembled and delivered by hundreds of volunteers at North High School on Dec. 22.

Councilman Flynn, who with his wife has distributed some of the boxes of food, has donated \$3,000 from the district budget to support the program this year.



DPS to build healthy food greenhouses

Denver Public Schools will build greenhouses to grow fresh “salad bowl” items for students on a 12-acre parcel in the Glenbrook neighborhood it has owned since 1979.

The site on Field Way will include a community garden area for the neighborhood along with up to four greenhouses. Part of DPS's Farm to School initiative, the greenhouses will provide year-round cultivation of, first, tomatoes and eventually salad greens, peppers, cucumbers and strawberries.

DPS officials presented the project to about 75 community members in October at a meeting



organized by Councilman Flynn and the Glenbrook-Park West-Village West Neighbors, a Registered Neighborhood Organization. You can see the presentation at tinyurl.com/CM-Flynn-Presentations. Construction is expected to begin next year

As part of this initiative, DPS's Food and Nutrition Services will partner with Career and Technical Education to launch an urban agricultural curriculum. It would include a “learning lab” greenhouse located at one of DPS' high schools with intern opportunities for students at the commercial greenhouse. At build-out, there will also be workforce development opportunities for the community as well.

Telephone Town Hall Dec. 12

Councilman Flynn will be holding another telephone town hall meeting for Council District 2 on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants will be able to ask questions or make comments while receiving updates on issues and events in southwest Denver and the city.

If your phone number is listed, you may receive an automated call shortly before the start of the meeting. To participate, just stay on the line. If you use a mobile phone, you can pre-register now to receive a call by texting “CD2” to 828282. If your number is not listed or you don't want to register it, you can still participate that evening by calling 1-877-229-8493 and entering 19878# starting at 6 p.m.

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Westside Investment Partners.

The steering committee meetings are open to the public, and you will have the opportunity to provide comments there. The meetings are held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the campus library at 3001 S. Federal Blvd., except this month it will be Dec. 18 due to Christmas.

Housing proposed for open Kipling site

A developer with an 8-acre site under contract on Kipling Street presented its proposal for 53 housing units to the Glenbrook-Park West-Village West Neighbors. The project would require a rezoning from Open Space-B.

The developer, Meritage Homes, will seek an increase in density that would allow it to put up 17 single-family houses along the edges of the site that back up to Glenbrook and Park West, but to build 36 duplex units inside the site.

The Bowles Lateral irrigation ditch runs diagonally through the site, and would be routed along the south side, providing the last link in a trail connection out to Kipling Street from Garrison-Union Park. To see the presentation, go to tinyurl.com/CM-Flynn-Presentations.

Access to and from the homes would be only from Kipling Street. If the developer submits a rezoning application, the neighborhood organization would be asked to weigh in on the specifics.