

# Councilman Kevin Flynn

# HIGH POINTS

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## 2026: Flynn sets six priorities for the new year

It's a new year and there is a lot of work to be done to continue to make southwest Denver a great place to live. Councilman Kevin Flynn has set six priorities for 2026.

### A QUICK LOOK BACK AT 2025

Budget challenges plagued the city. Declining consumer confidence resulted in decreased spending and therefore a substantial drop in what the city had budgeted for sales tax revenue. Employee furloughs and layoffs were necessary to make ends meet.

Passage of the Vibrant Denver Bond will help with recovery. The bond will allow the city to move forward with major capital projects that will create jobs and put money into the local economy. Southwest Denver has several major projects included in the bond package.

Here in Council District 2, we saw hundreds of you participate in both the Southwest and Far Southwest Planning Initiatives. A huge thank you to everyone who participated at any point in the process. Both plans will set the vision for our neighborhoods for the next 20 years. See the related story on



**Members of the Far Southwest Area Plan advisory committee met for the last time in October, when they voted unanimously to support the plan. The group met eight times over the course of the project to help guide the planners with community engagement. From left to right are: Mike Sims, Peter Whiteneck, Daisy Rocha Vasquez, Andrew Arbuckle, Elin Curry, Jackie Martinez Wells, Lyric McKnight, Marykate Zukiewicz, Leilani Siens and Councilman Kevin Flynn. Other members were not present for the picture. See related story on Page 4.**

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Additionally, southwest Denver pulled through for neighbors in need. Councilman Flynn's office collected 989 pounds of food for Community Ministry at a time when federal SNAP benefits were not available and families were relying on food pantries for supplies. You also donated hundreds of toys for

children in need at our annual toy drive.

"It makes me feel hopeful when I see the community pull together and take action the way southwest Denver did in 2025," Flynn said. "I hope to keep the momentum going into 2026."

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Flynn has set six priorities for 2026. He hopes residents will take advantage of opportunities to participate in these projects and will continue to ensure southwest Denver voices are heard at City Hall.

### 1 UNLOCKING HOUSING CHOICES

It will be critical for southwest Denver to engage in the Unlocking Housing Choices project. The goal of the project is to “preserve existing affordability and ensure that new development adds more attainable housing stock.” But as initially proposed, the project would effectively end single-family zoning by allowing construction of up to 4-unit apartment buildings on any single-family lot. This would overturn existing land-use plans by forever changing suburban-context zoning in southwest Denver and other parts of the city into more urban in nature.

The councilman opposes this blanket approach. “It’s contrary to our adopted plans, which state that in Suburban Context Zoning, different densities of residential are to be adjacent to one another, not mixed together like in urban neighborhoods,” Flynn said. Everything from duplexes and quads to large apartment complexes exist in southwest Denver, but they are next to, not among, single-family homes.

Subscribe to the District 2 digital newsletter for presentations happening in your neighborhood.

### 2 FAR SOUTHWEST REZONING

Now that the Far Southwest Area Plan, which covers most of Council District 2, has been adopted, a legislative rezoning project is taking place that will rezone properties in major corridors along Federal, Sheridan, Wadsworth and around the Bear Valley Shopping Center to align with the newly adopted area plan. A public hearing about the rezoning will take place at City Council on April 13.

### 3 SOUTHWEST AREA PLAN, REZONING

The Southwest Area Plan, that includes the part of the Mar Lee neighborhood that is in Council District 2, is in its final stage and will be wrapped up in February. Watch the councilman’s digital newsletter for details about the public hearing.



**This rendering depicts the main entrance of the Theatre at Loretto Heights. It is anticipated the theater will open in 2028.**

Following the anticipated adoption of the plan, a legislative rezoning will take place to assist with plan implementation. There will be opportunity for public input during this phase of the project as well.

### 4 THEATER GROUNDBREAKING

Ground will be broken toward the end of the year at the Theatre at Loretto Heights. In addition to the complete renovation of the theater, a parking structure will be built to handle the traffic to the theater and the future traffic of the attached library building. A public art project is also underway.

### 5 CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIMING

The councilman is proposing a change in how the City Council reviews and approves contracts. Flynn’s proposal would require that the contract documents themselves, not just descriptions, be submitted when they come to Council oversight committees. That would provide 13 or 14 days for members to read the actual contracts before voting on them, as opposed to the three days they have under the current process.

### 6 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

This is Flynn’s last full year on City Council. His final term will end in July 2027. He and his staff are committed to supporting the residents of southwest Denver with a high level of attention and service. Contact the Council District 2 office at 720-337-2222 or email the councilman at [kevin.flynn@denvergov.org](mailto:kevin.flynn@denvergov.org).



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Sidewalk plan needs input to start the process

Denver is developing its first Sidewalk Implementation Plan that will help determine where, when, and how the city will build a complete sidewalk network. Your input will help kickstart the process.

First, access the easy-to-read and navigate "State of the System Report" at [denvergov.org/SOTS](https://denvergov.org/SOTS). Be sure to click on "Give Your Input!" and take the short survey.

Next, plan to attend a telephone town hall or webinar for more opportunities to engage with the project team.

The Telephone Town Hall will be held Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6-7 p.m. To join call 855-756-7520 and enter extension number 128993#.

A Zoom webinar is planned for – Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 6-7 p.m. Join the webinar at <https://bit.ly/SIPZoomWebinar>.

For more details about the sidewalk program and to sign up for program updates, visit [denvergov.org/sidewalks](https://denvergov.org/sidewalks).

## Trash schedule back on track for 2026

After a confusing trash schedule at the end of 2025, normal trash services will resume in 2026.

Watch the Council District 2, Two-Minute Talk to learn more about the 2026



*Thank you Council District 2 for helping make the holidays brighter by donating toys at Councilman Flynn's annual toy drive. Several car loads of toys were collected and distributed to families in need by the SouthWest Denver Coalition.*

*Also, a huge shout out to AutoNation Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Southwest for collecting two truckloads of toys. Santa gave the toys to children at a holiday event for families that registered for a little holiday help. (Pictures to the left.)*

*A special thanks to Denver Police District 4 for helping make our toy collection events a success.*

schedule and what it takes to get the city's trash picked up. Use the QR code to watch or go to [youtube.com/@FlynnCD2](https://youtube.com/@FlynnCD2).

## Snow Angels needed in Council District 2

Council District 2 has 34 people in need of help shoveling their sidewalks and only nine volunteers signed up to assist. Consider being a volunteer Snow Angel for a neighbor in need.

Volunteers shovel sidewalks, including adjacent ADA ramps and bus stops, but do not shovel driveways or front steps.

Get information and sign up at [denvergov.org/snowangels](https://denvergov.org/snowangels). Use the QR code to watch Councilman Flynn's video for information or go to [youtube.com/@FlynnCD2](https://youtube.com/@FlynnCD2).



## One-stop-shop makes getting city news easier

Links to sign up for a variety of newsletters and updates from city agencies and elected officials is now all in one place, making it easy to find news about city projects, programs and services. Visit the one-stop-shop at [denvergov.org/Signups](https://denvergov.org/Signups).

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# City Council adopts Far Southwest Area Plan

After a 16-month process that involved hundreds of southwest Denver residents, the Far Southwest Area Plan was unanimously adopted by City Council in December.

The plan, which covers all neighborhoods in Council District 2 except Mar Lee, will provide guidance about how we want our neighborhoods to look over the next 20 years. The details of the plan are organized under six key principles:

**Complete Community Centers:** Far Southwest major corridors like Federal Boulevard, Evans Avenue, Sheridan Boulevard, and Wadsworth Boulevard, will grow thoughtfully with high-quality design and be better connected to nearby neighborhoods.

**Quiet Suburban Neighborhoods:** Far Southwest will maintain its peaceful residential feel, while nearby social and commercial areas help neighbors stay connected.

**Local Businesses:** Far Southwest existing businesses will be thriving, and new, locally owned businesses will be able to grow and succeed.

**Safer Streets:** The Far Southwest area will have no serious traffic-related injuries or deaths. Resiliency will be increased, climate impacts will be reduced, and people will be able to make many of their daily trips without needing a car.

**Transportation Options:** Streets and trails will be

FAR SOUTHWEST AREA PLAN



Read the  
adopted plan.



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designed for people of all ages and abilities, with better transit, wider sidewalks, safer crossings, trees, and sustainable landscaping.

**Social Community Spaces:** By 2045, public plazas, open spaces, and local businesses will serve as cultural hubs where people gather, build relationships, and celebrate community.

The next step is a legislative rezoning of the major corridors that will support the plan's goals for complete community centers. The rezoning will go before the planning board in February and will move through City Council starting in March, with a public hearing scheduled for April 13.

## SOUTHWEST AREA PLAN

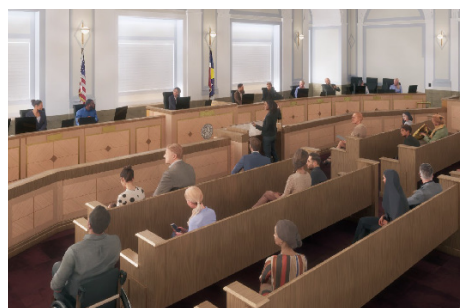
The Southwest Area Plan, which includes the Mar Lee neighborhood in Council District 2, will be before City Council in February. Updates about the Southwest Area Plan can be found at [denvergov.org/southwestplan](https://denvergov.org/southwestplan)

# Renovation to bring chamber into ADA compliance

The Cathy Reynolds City Council Chamber is being renovated to bring the space into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Highlights of the renovation include making the platform where council members sit wheelchair accessible, making the gallery more wheelchair compatible, rewiring the room for better audio and adding safety exits.

Planning for the project began years ago, with funding for the project being set aside in 2024 from Capital Improvement Funds restricted to ADA improvements.



## Rendering of the renovated City Council chamber

Construction began at the beginning of the year and is expected to take until the end of June to complete.

Until then, City Council will meet in the Parr-Widener Room on the third floor of the City and County

Building. Seating will be limited so the public is encouraged to watch meetings streaming on Denver 8, live on Comcast Channel 8 or via Zoom.

“The City and County Building will soon be 100 years old, long before design took disabilities into account,” Councilman Kevin Flynn noted. “Because the president’s desk sits up on a platform, a person in a wheelchair would be unable to serve as president. These upgrades are long overdue.”

For more information on the project and how to participate in meetings during construction, visit [denvergov.org/citycouncil](https://denvergov.org/citycouncil).