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**Q1** What is the name of the RNO where you live?

Cherry Creek North Neighborhood Association

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**Q2** Are you a member? **Yes**

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**Q3** How many of their meetings have you attended in the last year?

four of five general resident meetings

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**Q4** What in your opinion is the role of an RNO?

Denver is fortunate to have an organized registered neighborhood organization that has a formalized structure to give residents a voice in City decisions that affect their neighborhood and the City. The quality of life and character of our neighborhoods is one the City's greatest assets.

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**Q5** What are your strategies for engaging with residents in district 10?

I strive to communicate and listen to residents in a number of ways - our newsletter with current relevant information; Friday morning community coffees; resident surveys on key City issues; email blasts on immediate issues; funding significant studies to address solutions to neighborhood issues; and attending neighborhood RNO and other community meetings. My office prides itself in being responsive to resident quality of life needs and questions addressing problems and questions on a daily basis.

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**Q6** Bus Rapid Transit or BRT is currently being designed along Colfax and commercial property owners are proposing new eight story building heights and deeper lots to make building profitable. How would you respond to rezoning of residential properties to create larger commercial property assemblages and buildings?

BRT is one of the key catalysts for transit development for residents and for economic development on Colfax. In our discussions on development it seems clear that development has occurred on the parameters of Congress Park with commercial development and multi-unit development on both Colfax and Colorado. Protecting the internal residential housing character within Congress Park has been emphasized in our East Central Neighborhood Planning Initiative discussions led by Myles and from other neighborhood leaders and residents. It will be important for Congress Park to clearly state its requirements on the vision and future of its residential and commercial areas in the NPI section on Congress Park.

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**Q7** Congress Park Neighbors conducted a survey within the last year that found a large majority of residents support protecting our neighborhood character. Tell us what strategies you might employ to assist us in this matter?

A desire and effort to establish an historic district was initiated by some residents but has not been successful to date. Congress Park and other neighborhoods are investigating the creation of design and conservation overlays to protect neighborhood character. Another important responsibility will be to monitor the implementation of Blueprint Denver and its zoning vision to ensure that it meets neighborhood vision and planning on its future.

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**Q8** Congress Park has a very low vacancy rate, 1% or less, for rentals. Rents are rising. We have a low inventory of low income housing. What would your strategy be to provide more low income housing throughout the city?

Doubling the City's contribution to the Affordable Housing Fund in order to fund a \$100M+ bond should accelerate the development of all AMI levels fo housing. Part of the affordable housing fund can also be used for rental housing support to prevent residents from losing their rental unit and becoming homeless. The City is also considering tightening its affordable housing requirement for new development by mandating actual affordable housing creation rather than buying out of the requirement into a housing fund that may take years to produce housing. In many ways, owners of existing multi-unit housing properties may be incentivized to allow affordable rental arrangements.

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**Q9** The City Charter of the City and County of Denver assigns responsibility for land use to City Council. The 2010 Zoning Code update assigned unilateral, blanket responsibility for all use decisions for Park OS-A zoning to the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, a non-elected appointee. Would you support an ordinance moving OS-A zoning from the Executive Director of Parks and Rec back to City Council?

**Yes**

**Q10** Do you support Initiative 300 - The Right To Survive?

**No**

**Q11** Do you support initiative 301 - decriminalizing the use and possession of psilocybin also known as magic mushrooms?

**No**

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**Q12** Do you support the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation resolution passed in February to delay the adoption of the of Denveright and The Game Plan until after the election and all newly elected are seated? **No**

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**Q13** Have you accepted a donation of \$1000 or more from a registered lobbyist during this campaign? **Yes**

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