

Councilman Hinds,

We appreciate your setting up a townhall meeting for residents of Congress Park regarding the ongoing change in trash policy to on-street trash, recycling, and compost pick up. The current policy has been a failure for over a year now and is deteriorating every week. District 10 is no longer the Perfect 10 but now District 10 with trash, mattresses, and old air conditioners on the street.

This policy change is applied only in our neighborhood and has caused colossal hardship and problems. The policy is extremely discriminatory to 80 plus blocks of Congress Park and unnecessary. The City owns trash/recycling/compost trucks that fit in our narrower urban alleys, DOTI is simply choosing to not deploy them here. As we have pointed out previously, on-street trash pickup interferes with mass transit, bikes and it is not time or fuel efficient. You campaigned on these issues, but now seem to be working against them, at least in parts of Congress Park.

You have stated your disinterest in attending RNO meetings. Registered Neighborhood Organizations are where people in each neighborhood share information and solve problems unique to them. It is worth an elected official's time and effort to engage with them if you are genuinely interested in understanding and supporting your constituents.

This issue – trash pick-up in the street combined with new fees – has been a unifying issue in our neighborhood. Elections are coming and we are looking for solutions. We will be publishing all our letters to you and your responses and the results. We will assure that all information is published and disseminated on social media.

Congress Park Neighbors board has one demand, based on an overwhelming outcry from our residents - Return bins and large item pick up to the alleys where it had previously been picked up. That includes all bins – trash, recycle, compost, Christmas tree recycle program and large item pick up. Even the narrowest alleys had pickup previously and the vast majority have functioned well. At your townhall, please come prepared to discuss why you have not been advocating for the appropriately sized trucks to be used in our neighborhood as they are used in other neighborhoods in Denver. Furthermore, with the added revenue coming into the City, the City should be purchasing smaller, more fuel efficient trucks for use in all its neighborhoods, which we hope you are advocating for future use.

Below is a link to a previous meeting with Congress Park Neighbors and DOTI. Charlotte Pitt is explaining to neighbors that DOTI will be using small trucks and returning recycle to the alley.

<https://www.congressparkneighbors.org/audio/cpitt.MP3#t=389>

We look forward to hearing from you.

Congress Park Board of Directors