

Colorado Springs Candidate Survey

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Q1

Thank you for completing our survey.

Name: Tom Strand

Office you are seeking: Colorado Springs City Council- At Large

Q2

What is your solution to ensure adequate Public Safety response times throughout the City? Please explain.

We need more sworn Police Officers (120 plus up in the next three years). New equipment (vehicles) and more trained 911 operators.

Q3

Do you support the implementation of automated red light cameras throughout Colorado Springs? Please, explain.

Yes. Because of the need for more patrol officers today, and the dramatic increase in 2018 vehicular accidents and fatal crashes, we need a moderate number of red light cameras at strategic locations.

Q4

What is your position regarding the elimination of motor vehicle traffic lanes (road-dieting) in favor of installing bicycle lanes? Please, explain.

I believe we are in a transitional period of implementing the Master Bike Plan and the newly Installed Plan COS. We must take time to access the safety of all methods of transit , vehicle, cycle and pedestrians. The key is be open to the community engagement process while stressing Safety for everyone.

Q5

Should City for Champions projects — either initial construction or long-term maintenance— be funded through additional local taxes? Please, explain.

I am opposed to local taxes used to fund the primary C4C investments for structural elements and infrastructure, but do realize that additional public safety , some roads and utilities may require consideration of public and private investment.

Q6

Do you support the implementation of new taxes or fees to solve the City's growing homelessness problems? Please, explain.

I do not support "new taxes" to initiate more robust plans to assist people in a homelessness status. I do want to examine reorganizing how we use current City funding to partner with private and faith- based resources to assist this families and individuals who genuinely need a hand up.

Q7

What are your thoughts on in-fill, sprawl, and the growing population in Colorado Springs? Should the growth of development be encouraged or restricted?

I believe growth, especially in a City that is exploding with " good news & opportunity " is inevitable. We have been recognized as one of the "best" in multiple categories with wonderful accolades. But this growth and infill must be balanced and measured accordance with our Master development Olans and our new Plan COS.

Q8

Do you pledge to oppose and vote against any increases in taxes or fees? Do you pledge to oppose and vote against the establishment of new taxes or fees? Please explain.

I pledge to do what is in the best interest of the majority of our almost 500, 000 residents. I please to do everything I can as an elected official to protect and look after each individual's safety and quality of life.

Q9

Do you support local Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) dollars for City for Champions projects without a vote of the people? Also, would you support or oppose any new proposals of Certificates of Participation (COPs) for City financed projects?

TIF finding should always be carefully reviewed and assessed. Never automatically approved. I would promise look st all options and proposals to explore and appreciate what is best for people on fixed and controlled incomes and what will provide good jobs and increased sales tax revenue that we properly use for public safety (police & fire) and infrastructure and transit.