

# Colorado Springs Candidate Survey

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Q1

Thank you for completing our survey.

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Office you are seeking: City Council at Large

Q2

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

I believe that the solution is to add more police man as we have a shortage which is the reason why the response times are not where we would like for them to be. Public safety is very important as our Police and fireman are the ones that protect and serve our city on a daily basis and we as a city must make sure that they have the equipment and adequate pay in order to do their jobs effectively. My solution would be to add more policeman.

Q3

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

As of now it stands that only four intersections will be getting the automated red light cameras and I support this because it is for safety reasons and keeping traffic fatalities down and I am all for anything that will save lives and keep our roads safe. The intersections that will have the automated lights installed are said to be high accident intersections and to keep accidents at a minimal this is worth the time and money to save lives. When this happens and it is deemed to be effective I totally would support this throughout the city.

Q4

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

My position is that the city could have done a better job in the planning process and being more transparent and inclusive with the people of the city as part of the discussion process and what that would have looked like which could have possibly been more effective had the majority of the people had in put. Moving forward the city must do better with being more inclusive with major decisions that will effect the city as a whole. I also believe that we all deserve a safe space to commute whether it is by bike or car and we must come up with the most pragmatic solution for where we are as a city collectively.

Q5

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

The initial project stated and quoted by our mayor was to not use local general fund tax money and that collaborations with private partners would pay for this project. I am excited about what this project will bring to our city because there will definitely be economic vitality and jobs created because of it which will ensure that our city will thrive. I believe that when you want something you invest in it with the proper planning so as it stands right now the local tax money was not to fund this project, however long term maintenance is necessary for the up keep and if this is something that will be shifted to the people of the city I believe that this should be voted on and not just shifted to the people with no knowledge. If private partners can fund it they should be able to sustain the maintenance as well without constantly taxing the people of the city.

Q6

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

Our homelessness problems directly effect our city as we cannot have a city that thrives with homeless people laying all over our city and I just believe that whatever we can do as a city to help get those that truly cannot help themselves nor have the proper resources to get back to normalcy that we as a city collectively come together as a city and find a solution to the problem. I suggest working with non profits that are federally funded and churches to utilize their resources would be an initial process to begin with and moving forward as we all want long term solutions for this problem as a city we can vote on what that would look like for us in terms of new taxes or fees. The only issue the city has in my opinion is being bombarded with new taxes and fees that we did not know about up front which is a part of the city not being transparent and honest up front with the people and this must change in order for our city to thrive.

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?

There are pros and cons to growth. My thoughts are that as a city we were not ready for the growth that we are now experiencing and that we do not have the capacity to sustain it as it stands today and it will take proper planning, inclusive input from citizens and much collaboration to come up with the proper solutions to handle the growth that our city is experiencing. I encourage development but the development should cater to all people and there should be development in all areas of the city in order to say as a whole that we live in a thriving city not just one part of town. All areas of the city and its economic development is very important.

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.

With the input of the people I pledge to do what is right for our city as a whole and when issues arise that will cause for these things to be funded that the people of the city will have a right to vote on them. I oppose tax increases and fees that have not been voted on by the people because it is our right to have a say in how our money as tax payers is spent. I pledge to oppose that the people of the city not experience tax increases nor surprise fees. Yes, I would definitely vote against tax increase and fees shifted onto the people of the city.

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?

No I do not support TIF without the vote of the people. COPs reduce risk in financing and what I will support is the best decision for the city projects that has had the input of the city holistically in order to come up with the best possible outcome to benefit everyone.