

**Colorado Springs Candidate Survey**  
**Response date: 3/10/19**

Q1

Thank you for completing our survey.

**Name:** Val Snider

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**Office you are seeking:** City Council

Q2

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

I will ensure Public Safety remains the top priority for budgeted city funding. Already Public Safety is over one half of the city General Fund budget. I support the additional 120 police officers the city is requesting.

Q3

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

Yes. I support Mayor Suthers's initiative here and believe he has thought through the re-implementation of red light cameras. As the effectiveness of the red light cameras are evaluated, changes may need to be made.

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 a big reason for eliminating vehicle traffic lanes was to increase safety on the roads by slowing traffic down with the slower traffic increasing the safety of cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. . This is feedback I have gotten by the affected neighborhoods with the recent bike lanes.

Q5

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

No. The City for Champions needs to pay for itself. To date the City Council has agreed, dating back to around 2013, that there will be no additional local taxes to pay for City for Champions.

Q6

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

No. The city is working to address the homeless problems through such things as the new 2019 Homelessness Initiative which does not call for new funding.

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?

The city is addressing all of these items in its newly passed PlanCOS, the city updated comprehensive plan. The growth of development should be encouraged.

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 choose to not make such pledges as it ties the hands of city council. We could have another Waldo Canyon Fire, or extensive local flooding which could call for new revenue sources.

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?

I do support the state law authorizing TIF Financing without a vote of the people. I am not familiar with any projected use of Certificates of Participation for City financed projects (COPs) and generally do not favor the use of COPs. An exception could be a city emergency that requires quick financing.