



DENVER VOTERS GUIDE 2023

ENVIRONMENT / CLIMATE SURVEY

MAYORAL AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES



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Denver registered voters may have noticed the races for Denver City Council and Mayor are saturated this election season! With so many candidates it can be difficult to keep track of policy platforms for everyone.

At 350 Denver, bold climate action and climate friendly policy are our priorities. We have compiled this list of candidate responses and opinions of local climate issues for Denver voters to educate themselves on each candidate's climate stance.

- The 350 Colorado Denver Voter's Guide was compiled from a survey that was sent out to all candidates registered with the board of elections. The survey included yes/no/maybe questions, with the option to include additional explanation, as well as long-answer questions. 350 Colorado made a good faith effort to contact all candidates, though some were unresponsive or impossible to contact.
- The charts on pages 3-15 provide a quick view of the short-answer questions from mayoral candidates and the city council candidates from each district and at-large. At the bottom of each chart, or in the table of contents, there is a quick link to the candidates' long answers in each race, and any additional comments to short answer questions.

As a 501(c)(3), we cannot endorse any candidate, nor can we grade them or tell you who to vote for. We hope you will use this information to make an informed vote this upcoming April 4th! We look forward to collaborating with each candidate who is voted into office in the future for bold climate action.

Important elections information:

- Ballots mailed out March 13th
- Elections day April 4th
- [Click here to register to vote in Denver](#)
- [Click here to find out how/where to vote in Denver](#)
- Runoff elections June 6th

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MAYORAL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

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	<i>Renate Behrens</i>	<i>Kelly Brough</i>	<i>Lisa Calderon</i>	<i>Al Gardner</i>	<i>Chris Hansen</i>	<i>Leslie Herod</i>	<i>Mike Johnston</i>	<i>Aurelio Martinez</i>	<i>Deborah Ortega</i>	<i>Terrance Roberts</i>	<i>Trinidad Rodriguez</i>	<i>Andy Rougeot</i>	<i>Kwame Spearman</i>	<i>Ean Thomas Tafoya</i>	<i>Robert Treta</i>	<i>James Walsh</i>	<i>Thomas Wolf</i>
Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 1	Top 5	Top 3		Top 3			Top 3	Top 5 +	Top 3	Top 3		Top 5	Top 3	Top 3	Top 3	?
Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	See below	See below		See below			See below	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	See below	See below	See below
The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and clean environment can and should co-exist – the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes +	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	Somewhat	Yes		Yes			Somewhat	Somewhat +	Yes	Somewhat		Somewhat +	Yes	Yes	Yes	No +
Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	Yes	No		No			No	No +	No	?		?	No	No	No	?
What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	See below	See below		See below			See below	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	See below	See below	See below
Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	See below	See below		See below			See below	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	See below	See below	See below

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AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council At-Large Candidates 2023		Will Chan	Dominic Angelo Diaz	Travis Leiker	Serena Gonzales Gutierrez	Tim Hoffman	Janelle Jenkins (write in)	Sarah Parady	Penfield Tate III	Jeff Walker	Marty Zimmerman
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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	Top 3	Top 10 +	Top 3	Top 3	Top 5	Top 3	Top 3	Top 10 +	Top 5
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes +	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes +	Some-what +
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes +	Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes +	Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes +	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes +	Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project -- to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Some-what +	Yes	?	Yes	Some-what +	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some-what +	?
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	No	Yes +	No	No	No	No	No	Yes +	?
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	See below	See below	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	N/A	See below	See below

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DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 1 2023		Amanda Sandoval	Ava Truckey
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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	N o R e s p o n s e t o S u r v e y
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Some-what	
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project -- to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Some-what	
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	N/A	

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DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 2 2023 A '+' after the answer indicates additional comments. A '?' indicates that the answer was not binary. Comments for both can be found in the "Short Answer Questions - Additional Comments" section below. An "N/A" indicates a candidate chose to not answer a question or left a comment blank. Environmental Survey Questions:		<i>Tiffany Caudill</i>	<i>Kevin Flynn</i>	<i>Chris Herr</i>
1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3+	Top 5	Top 3
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	Some-what	Yes
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	N/A	See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	No +	Yes
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	N/A	No
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	N/A	See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	N/A	See below

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DISTRICT 3 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 3 2023 A '+' after the answer indicates additional comments. A '?' indicates that the answer was not binary. Comments for both can be found in the "Short Answer Questions - Additional Comments" section below. An "N/A" indicates a candidate chose to not answer a question or left a comment blank. Environmental Survey Questions:		<i>Jamie Torres</i>	<i>David Roybal (write in)</i>
1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	N o R e s p o n s e t o S u r v e y
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	
3	Do you believe that the Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	N/A	

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DISTRICT 4 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 4 2023		Tony Pigford	Diana Romero Campbell
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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	N o R e s p o n s e t o S u r v e y
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes +	
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project -- to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	

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DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 5 2023 <small>A '+' after the answer indicates additional comments. A '?' indicates that the answer was not binary. Comments for both can be found in the "Short Answer Questions - Additional Comments" section below. An "N/A" indicates a candidate chose to not answer a question or left a comment blank.</small> Environmental Survey Questions:		<i>Michael Hughes</i>	<i>Amanda Sawyer</i>
1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	N o R e s p o n s e t o S u r v e y
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 5	
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	N/A	

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DISTRICT 6 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 6 2023 A '+' after the answer indicates additional comments. A '?' indicates that the answer was not binary. Comments for both can be found in the "Short Answer Questions - Additional Comments" section below. An "N/A" indicates a candidate chose to not answer a question or left a comment blank.		<i>Paul Kashmann</i>
Environmental Survey Questions:		
1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes +
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	?
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below

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DISTRICT 7 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 7 2023 <small>A '+' after the answer indicates additional comments. A '?' indicates that the answer was not binary. Comments for both can be found in the "Short Answer Questions - Additional Comments" section below. An "N/A" indicates a candidate chose to not answer a question or left a comment blank.</small> Environmental Survey Questions:		<i>Flor Alvidrez</i>	<i>Nick Campion</i>	<i>Adam Estroff</i>	<i>Arthur May</i>	<i>Guy Padgett</i>
1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	Top 3	Top 3	?	Top 3
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project -- to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	Yes	Some-what	No	Yes
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	No	No	No	No
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	See below	See below	See below	See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	N/A	See below	See below	N/A

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DISTRICT 8 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 8 2023		Tyler Drum	Rita Lewis (write in)	Shontel Lewis	Brad Revare	Christian Steward	Leslie Twarogowski
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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	Top 10	Top 3	Top 3		
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	Yes	Yes +	Yes	N	N
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	Yes +	Yes	Yes	R	R
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	See below	See below	See below	e	e
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	s	s
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	p	p
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes	No +	Yes +	Yes	o	o
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	No +	?	Yes +	S	S
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	No	No	No	u	u
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	See below	See below	See below	r	r
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	v	v

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DISTRICT 9 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 9 2023		Kwon Atlas	Candi CdeBaca	Darrell Watson
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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	N o R e s p o n s e t o S u r v e y	Yes	Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?		Top 3	Top 3
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?		?	Yes
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?		Yes	Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?		See below	See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?		Yes	Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?		Yes	Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?		Yes	Yes
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?		Yes	?
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?		No	?
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?		See below	See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?		See below	See below

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DISTRICT 10 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

Denver City Council Candidates District 10 2023		Chris Hinds	Shannon Hoffman	Noah Kaplan	Margie Morris
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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?	Yes	Yes	N o R e s p o n s e t o S u r v e y	Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?	Top 3	Top 3		Top 5
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?	Yes	Yes		Yes
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?	Yes	Yes		Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?	See below	See below		See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?	Yes	Yes		Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?	Yes	Yes		Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?	Yes +	Yes		Yes
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?	Yes	Yes		Yes
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?	No	No		No
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?	See below	See below		See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?	See below	See below		See below

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DISTRICT 11 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES SHORT ANSWER SUMMARY

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1	Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?		Yes
2	Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?		Top 3
3	Do you believe that the <u>Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan</u> outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?		Yes
4	Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources?		Yes
5	How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?		See below
6	The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?		Yes
7	Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?		Yes
8	Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project – to help reduce car dependence in Denver?		?
9	Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?		Yes
10	Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?		No
11	What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?		See below
12	Any other comments you would like to add?		See below

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5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Renate Behrens: I will try to do what is POSSIBLE.

Kelly Brough: My highest priority upon election will be building my administration and ensuring I have content area experts in place to lead critical functions within the City, including the right leader for the Denver Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency. Second, Denver needs resources to turn our climate plans into action. I'll be focused on ensuring Denver maximizes federal funding available under the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure and Jobs Act to supplement dedicated funding available through the 2020 voter-approved sales tax, which supports the Denver Climate Protection Fund. Finally, my unique combination professional experience and track record of successful collaboration makes me the right person to align public, private and non-profit sector efforts to ensure we meet these ambitious goals.

Lisa Calderón: To reduce Denver's GHG emissions it is essential to embed climate mitigation efforts into all areas of city policy. Viewing environmental action as an issue area of its own will overlook critical opportunities to embed climate action into solutions for affordable development, community safety, and homelessness, among other issue areas. Immediate opportunities for Denver to reduce its emissions are tied to its reliance on fossil fuels and vehicle transport, as well as the preservation and expansion of greenspace. I will work to make Denver safer and easier for walking, biking, and taking public transport.

I am also a leading proponent of protecting and expanding greenspace within Denver - it not only improves quality of life but helps increase carbon storage and mitigate extreme heat. My approach centers on addressing the environmental justice crises disproportionately impacting Black and Brown communities, while also ensuring environmental mediation does not lead to gentrification

Paul Noel Fiorino: The new Mayor will set the pace. Green Space must prevail at all costs in Denver. TRANSFORMS for O&G to sustainability. Build green with all aspects of those around, and for the sunshine. Two Wheel Transportation is on the run of this City. However, the Pedestrian has the onus

Chris Hansen: Making Denver the leading city in the United States for reducing GHG emissions and improving air quality is a top priority for my administration. I will help lead a rapid acceleration of the electrification of heating, cooling and transportation in Denver and the build-out of EV charging infrastructure. This is especially important for residents that live in multi-family units. I will work closely with DPS to move forward quickly on heat pumps and EV infrastructure. The combined footprint of the City and DPS will allow for significant economies of scale, jobs and create huge future savings for both entities.

Aurelio Martinez: I believe in finding solutions and not hasty remedies to problem issues. Greenhouse gas emissions is a problem issue.

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: With transportation representing nearly 30 percent of carbon emissions in Denver, I would prioritize building out hydrogen and electric vehicle charging infrastructure for city fleet vehicles and commuters, providing more incentives for alternative modes of transportation such as E-Bikes, and setting ambitious goals with the Denver Climate Action Office to surpass our greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets within my first term.

As Mayor, I will work directly with Governor Polis' team on the planning discussions for Front Range high speed rail from Ft. Collins to Pueblo to ensure that trips to Denver interface with our current transit system and to ensure that if the Burnham Yards site is included, that the adjacent neighborhoods are engaged in those discussions.

I will work with our neighboring jurisdictions to the east and west to connect the Colfax BRT from Golden to Aurora, thus transforming how RTD buses interface with it and reduce the frequency of bus trips into downtown.

Terrance Roberts: Starting with Housing First Initiatives. Propane tanks and gasoline that's needed to be used to keep warm is not a good thing for our ecosystem or our city in general. Recycling initiatives and measures, green roofs and more on the ground initiatives will make a dramatic change. Denver needs to be more in tune with what's happening with the Green New Deal. Regulations on Greenhouse and Carbon Emissions are needed. Suncor being right on our NW border is helped cause the Globeville, Elyria, Swansea communities the most polluted in the nation. We need RTD to operate more energy efficient vehicles and be willing to operate an on time and routine system of trains and busing that keep people from needing cars. We need a train system from Denver to our northern most areas in the state, to our southern most communities, and trains going west into the mountains and east to developing communities in that direction. We need to get more people off our streets and into structures and homes.

Trinidad Rodriguez: As mayor, I will monitor and report to the community continual measurement and evaluation of our progress in completing the plan and getting to our goals. My leadership team and I will constantly be challenging ourselves to ask how we can get to our goals consistent with the values the plan calls for. We have to be prepared to act on unique opportunities that often arise in efforts such as these, including promising new technologies and initiatives in this rapidly evolving sector. Having helped set budgets for outcomes in the public and private sectors, and monitored for results is a core skill I used in my finance career and service to our community. I'm confident our city can get to our climate goals on time—and even sooner.

Kwame Spearman: The interim report outlines not only clear goals, but some clear pathways to getting to them. By working to transition all municipal vehicles and buildings to renewable energy sources, as well as working to make renewable energy sources more utilizable by Denver residents, and improve public transportation options, as Mayor I will work tirelessly to meet the goals laid out in the 2018 plan for 45% reduction by 2030.

David Stevens: Let's go green as a city. Colorado gets more sun and wind than just about any other state in the country, so we should lead by example and get solar panels and wind turbines everywhere in this city, starting with all government buildings.

Ean Tafoya: As a lifelong environmental activist and indigenous water protector, I have a list of policies (send in pdf) and I will continue to work with 350 to implement them. We must ban fracking, hold violators accountable, and fund environmental justice (through public banking, national, and state resources). To do so we must center communities most impacted by environmental injustices and enact climate reparations. We need to upgrade existing properties so that they are energy efficient and require new development to meet those standards. We need to develop walkable/rollable/bikeable neighborhoods with community gardens. We also have to support community solar and community owned renewable energy projects to decrease energy costs and combat green gentrification. I also have a detailed plan to expand accessible, electric public transportation. We need to support workers in renewable and transitioning industries. And finally, we need to support indigenous sovereignty.

Robert Treta: Prove that I lead by example. I installed 28 solar panels my Denver home in 2017. Enough power to power all 3 of my EVs to go 65,000 miles in total. 4 charging stations on the property. I only drive Tesla. Google earth it at 4531 Beach Ct. My next build is a 6-unit Airbnb in limon co already under construction. Will power EVs with solar and wind. After that another project in Denver but the permitting process takes 8 months. The city slows down everything. It's frustrating. I am the most environmentally candidate for mayor ever. My track record speaks for itself.

James Walsh: This will be a matter of setting clear goals that are measured and followed regularly. This allows for any adjustments or changes that need to happen to ensure that the goals are met. I would appoint a commission tasked with ensuring that we are on target.

Thomas Wolf: Rank where the biggest gains can be made, most cost effectively, with available technology right now and execute the plan.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Renate Behrens: FREE!!! public transportation for every one right now - vehicles electric only. commuters leave their cars at home, and their parking spaces can be turned into gardens/parks. Create obstacles like flower beds, big artistic figures, open air markets, entertainment like open air movie theaters, on the roads, so vehicles have to slow down or/and avoid these roads. Remove the lawns and have productive gardens or original Colorado vegetation.

Kelly Brough: Denver's climate goals are ambitious, but achievable if we work together. Given my public, private and nonprofit sector experience, and my history of building successful collaborations, I am uniquely positioned to build the political will and align the resources necessary to make change. I will work with regional, state and federal partners to ensure Denver is a model city for progressive climate policies.

Lisa Calderón: Addressing climate change is at the heart of the other pressing issues Denver faces - only when we address greenhouse gas emissions can we make Denver livable for all. By embedding climate action into solutions for affordable housing, community safety, and homelessness, among other areas, I will ensure climate action is not an

afterthought, but a focus for how we reimagine Denver.

I am also a vocal advocate for protecting and expanding greenspace in Denver as part of climate action. Once greenspace is developed it is rarely returned to its natural state, and greenspace will be essential to both addressing climate change and mitigating its harms. We do not have to choose between greenspace and development but can have both. My approach moves beyond false binary choices to identify how we can ensure both the protection of nature and economic opportunity.

Paul Noel Fiorino: I have been Here. Those that know, know I brought the Environmental hope agenda to the former Geologic Mayor Hickenlooper, who also received from me, coal cookies to go with the fracfluid consumed. Maybe time to elect, by Ballot, write-in or we go again for 2027 Gubernatorial. Water at the tap, could be diminished by half.

Chris Hansen: I ran for public office because of my deep commitment to addressing climate change. I have demonstrated this with the successful passage of more than 60 energy and climate bills in the state legislature, making Colorado a national leader in climate policy. In the 2023 session, I am the author and prime sponsor of SB23-016 (and several other energy and climate bills).

Aurelio Martinez: My commitment to a strong and healthy environment is our reassurance to the residents of Denver.

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Earlier in my career, I led the cleanup of pollution in the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods. The ASARCO settlement required the community cleanup to be at a greater level than what the state settlement was requiring. For the most recent I-70 project, I worked to require unprecedented mitigation measures that included doors and windows being replaced in the homes, portable air purification systems, and \$2 Million funding toward the cost of replacement housing — the state paid for this and more. Further, I blocked the siting of a medical waste incinerator in north Denver. I have helped protect lands and increase neighborhood parks.

As a member of the Colorado Hydrogen Coalition, I'd prioritize exploring hydrogen fuel for public vehicles to create innovative, good-paying union jobs while reducing our carbon emissions across the city. Fighting climate change and protecting our communities from its existential threats has been a major driver in my leadership from day one.

Terrance Roberts: I am a known community organizer for POC and migrant community rights, basically all marginalized people. Climate change reduction initiatives and corporate regulations is something I support. Everything 305 Colorado is championing I have put my life, freedom, and finances on the line for those same changes. I have been blessed to be able to do tremendous work since coming home in 2004 and founding a nonprofit called 'The Prodigal Son Initiative Inc'. My organization was able to significantly lower youth violence and homicides for many years through our award winning after school program. We were also able to build basketball 'Peace Courts', a futsal soccer court, and family gathering areas before securing funding for a youth center in The Holly Square after a huge gang related arson in 2008. I am one of the initial drafters of Senate Bill 217, the Police Accountability Bill after organizing over 36 actions for Elijah McClain, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor.

Trinidad Rodriguez: From the first days of my campaign, I've discussed my vision of a city where every Denverite can achieve their version of success regardless of the neighborhood they're in. This includes mankind Denver where everyone can enjoy life and health; grow and cultivate all that is important to them; honor, dignify and protect neighbors and communities; and live in a city that serves nature.

Kwame Spearman: Climate change is a universal challenge, not only for Denver today, but for everyone in Denver in the future. It is a personal commitment of mine as a leader to work towards combating climate and working towards a greener future.

David Stevens: I will do everything in my power as Mayor to go green as a city and fight for the preservation of our environment.

Ean Tafoya: As 350 knows, addressing climate change and environmental justice is my life's work. In Denver, I have spent decades organizing for environmental justice with other Latino, indigenous, Black, and working-class activists. Together, we fought the I-70 highway expansion and secured a massive settlement for mitigation; we fought against Suncor; we passed the Air Toxins Act. I was responsible for Denver's first protected bike lane, Co-Chaired Colorado's Environmental Justice Task Force, and I've led many successful campaigns for local environmental ballot initiatives, including Denver Green Roof Initiative and Waste No More. This year I traveled across Colorado to discuss environmental racism, reparations, and climate resiliency. I currently serve as the State Director of Green Latinos and am a Community Scholar at UDenver Interdisciplinary Research Institute of (in)Equality researching infrastructure, housing, and environmental justice. I am the candidate who can get this done.

Robert Treta: I've done it in 2017. All electric. Solar and EV. I don't talk the talk. I walk the walk. No other candidate has led by example like this. I have only driven EVs powered by solar for 5 years. I lead by example.

James Walsh: I pledge to make Denver the most climate-friendly city in America. This can be achieved by borrowing from best practices across the world and setting a new standard.

Thomas Wolf: I think actions speak louder than words, and I put more miles on my bicycles any given year than on the one car we share as a family of four. I am a financial professional and chartered analyst, where success is predicated on a keen understanding of risk and reward, I see many opportunities to improve this calculus where it relates to the health of Denver citizens and our planet.

12. *Any other comments you would like to add?*

Lisa Calderón: I have been an environmental champion for years, advocating for, with, and on behalf of communities most impacted by climate change. As a lifelong Denver resident, I have witnessed the harms of inaction, and the unequal impact on historically marginalized communities. Clean air, clean water, and human health should be a basic right, and by prioritizing climate action throughout our energy, transportation, housing, and business sectors, we can build a safer and stronger Denver.

Chris Hansen: I approach this work as an engineer, scientist and trained economist, but most importantly as a father of two boys. We must urgently reduce emissions, or there will not be a livable planet for them to inherit. Failure is not an option.

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: I got into politics to serve my community and create a better future for the city I love. As someone who is lucky enough to consider Denver my home, where our livelihoods depend on clean air and water, cherished public lands and open spaces, and a thriving outdoor economy, there is too much at stake in this race for our city to wait on a mayor who needs to adjust to a learning curve to begin implementing real solutions for the climate crisis. I have the skills, passion, and commitment to step in and hit the ground running to address a multitude of issues Denver is facing and welcome a working relationship with 350 Colorado.

Terrance Roberts: Part of my platform is reducing the mayor's terms from 3 to only 2. If we get a mayor into office who is not concerned with these types of initiatives, with the size of Denver's growth, we need to get them out as soon as possible. 8 years with a nearly \$1.5 billion General Fund is plenty of time and resources to make change for someone serious about it. Denver needs more Public Housing. Environmental justice starts with housing. We also need a Public Banking System in Denver. Larger cities like Los Angeles and Philadelphia are also going to these systems to generate additional revenue. To help get people housed with more Public/Social housing, bank accounts, and generate more revenue for our city these types of initiatives are needed in the city. A Public Bank is owned by taxpayers, and feeds back into the infrastructure of the city. Yes, I would definitely like to have an ongoing relationship with 305 Colorado.

Trinidad Rodriguez: My administration will initiate our climate strategy to substantial economic development, operational, planning, and direct expenditure efforts in high impact areas. DEN, DOTI, DEDO and our regional intergovernmental relations present unique opportunities. Though efforts to enhance comprehensive mobility investments that were widely supported by public and private sector leaders and planners throughout the Front Range did not pass at the ballot box, now is the time for this administration to step forward as a leader in planning solutions that support our regional goals for mobility.

Unlocking the potential for Denver to grow much more of its own healthy produce is critically important. Having researched urban agriculture for nine months, including growing in a community supported agriculture farm, I've seen that it can be an opportunity for so many more in our community to begin to offset the negative impacts food industries have on our climate and health while achieving greater equity.

Ean Tafoya: I am endorsed by leading environment and environmental justice leaders. I am honored to have organized side by side with 350 Colorado for many years. We have had the courage to challenge the establishment and we are winning, now imagine if we could do it together every day! I also sent an email with a longer, more detailed list of my policy plans and experience attached (1000 characters was not enough, I could write a thousand pages).

Robert Treta: My kids got me to test drive an EV and look into solar power. We need to listen to everyone. Young and old. I know how to make Denver more solar friendly. 30 years as a home builder.

Thomas Wolf: I think that relative to the field of candidates for Mayor my depth in numbers and my ability to use them to transform the conversation and policy execution for our planet and those of us in this little prehistoric basin's relationship to it, will yield superior results.

All candidate short answers can be found in the chart on page 3. Additional comments are below.

1. Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?

All Candidates answered "Yes".

2. Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?

Paul Noel Fiorino: Top 3 priority, Introduced Environmental hope for Water etc. Denver 2011 Mayoral

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Top 5 priority. My top priorities are comprehensively solving our affordable housing crisis, providing housing & employment for our unhoused population, and improving upon our community safety. While all three priorities, especially solving for the affordable housing shortage, can have climate-friendly approaches underlying them, these are my priorities, and I am committed to them.

Thomas Wolf: Until encampments are confronted and removed all other priorities must wait.

3. Do you believe that the [Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan](#) outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?

Paul Noel Fiorino: Yes, Suncor is closed, keep moving forward for clean air quality

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Yes, Denver has taken steps to reduce emissions with changes to buildings and with solid waste, however, we know that transportation is where we move the needle the most in reducing GHG. I intend to build out our EV city fleets and charging stations, along with Hydrogen fueled vehicles and filling stations. I will continue the city's efforts to prioritize housing development near public transportation hubs, commercial space, and transit corridors. Doing so will reduce commutes and decrease our city's carbon footprint. Expanding our multi-modal transit networks is a key priority of mine when it comes to advancing Denver's Climate Action Plan.

Ean Tafoya: This goal is not ambitious enough. We have the plan to attain, I want to strive to beat it and get the buy in from Denverites that we are all in this together and can be leaders in this space.

4. Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources? (Per Denver's Climate Action Plan to focus on the top three sectors reported to have the largest impact and best opportunities for GHG reductions: optimizing energy efficiency in buildings, decarbonizing the electricity grid, and transforming transportation)

Paul Noel Fiorino: Yes, Divestment, collection of Royalties, etc.

6. The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Yes, this is not only an opportunity to create a clean environment for our current and future generations to call home, this is an economic opportunity that will create climate friendly jobs of the future - we must also include training programs for these new energy jobs.

7. Colorado has failed to meet national air quality standards since 2012. In September of 2022 the EPA reclassified Denver and the Northern Front Range as severe violators of federal air quality standards. Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Yes, with our city's worsening air quality and year-round wildfires threatening our neighboring communities, Denver deserves a mayor with a proven track record and bold vision for such an important issue. Our degraded air quality has enormous impacts on our quality of life and is creating a public health crisis for our most vulnerable community members - especially those located in industrial areas and highway corridors. On council, I supported and helped move forward the voter-imposed creation of Denver's Climate Action Office and funding to support it, along with staffing to move us towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I'd continue to build off of this work in partnership with advocacy organizations and Denver's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency.

David Stevens: Yes, I have asthma and during the summers of 2020 and 2021 I was forced to spend most of my time indoors to avoid all the smoke from the wildfires. There isn't another candidate that takes air quality more seriously!

Thomas Wolf: Yes, Presumably this is the EPA's domain, I office near there enormous office in Iodo, what the hell is going on with their enforcement? That Suncor operates the way they do, right under the local EPA's nose is a complete joke if it weren't such a disgrace.

Renate Behrens: Yes, Buses/vehicles should run on electricity

Paul Noel Fiorino: Art bus that goes between Districts.

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Yes, one immediate step I'd take to achieve this goal is providing a mass transportation connection from Downtown Denver to River Mile, Auraria Campus, and Empower Field to reduce

dependency on single occupancy vehicles. I will also work with Jefferson County and Aurora to build out the Colfax BRT to create a spine that buses can connect to, thus reducing bus trips into downtown Denver, and providing better commute options that will reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles.

8. Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project, to reduce car dependence in Denver?

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Renate Behrens: Yes, Buses/vehicles should run on electricity.

9. Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?

Paul Noel Fiorino: Somewhat, this is a major challenge but doable.

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: Somewhat, I will look at this very thoroughly to understand current debt obligations and will want to know that banks or other lending institutions would have the capacity to handle any of Denver's portfolio that is not already tied up.

Kwame Spearman: Realistically, this might prove an impractical goal given the broadness of "any financial association with banks or other entities". However, I strongly support working with financial institutions that have strong ESG principles and behave ethically.

Thomas Wolf: No, I think I understand the intent, but it is stated so broadly that the execution with any degree of certainty is not real world, basically lip service with no impact.

10. Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?

Paul Noel Fiorino: TAKES nothing from nobody.

Deborah "Debbie" Ortega: No, None that I'm aware of.

Trinidad Rodriguez: My campaign accepts contributions from all legally allowed donors, which includes fossil fuel executives. We are not aware of any such contributions at this point.

Kwame Spearman: My campaign has only accepted individual donations, none from corporations. We participate in the fair elections fund.

Thomas Wolf: Per the Fair Election Fund I am providing complete transparency on all of my donors.

5. *How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?*

Will Chan: My platform for a Greener Denver includes increasing our tree canopy by 250,000 trees to reduce the urban heat island effects seen predominantly in our communities of color and provide much needed shade in summer months. Transportation will also be key as it is one of the primary contributors to GHG within our city. I will explore options to provide and advocating for fare-free, reliable, and frequent public transit, as well as increasing and diversifying micromobility and multimodal transportation options. Finally, we need to continue building up our green workforce to create good-paying, union jobs to modernize our energy grid, build infrastructure to support multimodal transit, encourage electric vehicles, and improve the health of all our neighbors. Apart from the initiatives that I plan to advocate in my council seat, I would also continue to lobby our executives across the city and state to better enable the growth and support of our green infrastructure.

Dominic A. Diaz:

- Be a consistent advocate for bold climate action
- Set bold policy priorities that invest in public transportation, multimodal infrastructure, and renewable energy sources
- Be an effective partner with our community and city agencies to move the work forward
- Ensure that we are effectively monitoring our progress and nimble enough to continuously refine our approach.

Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez: Transportation and the built environment are the two primary drivers of emissions, and we can make significant progress on both with targeted action at City Council. I will invest in regular and consistent bus service across the city, helping people transition to utilizing public transportation as an alternative to cars. Similarly, we must create incentives and regulatory requirements that reduce the energy demand and increase efficiency of our buildings.

Tim Hoffman: 1) Re-imagining our transportation system so that it is a truly multimodal network. Our built environment ensures that the vast majority of Denverites use a single occupancy vehicle to move around the city because other means of transit 1) don't feel safe and 2) are not efficient. Building out a truly interconnected network of bike lanes and shared streets, as well as safety improvements like raised pedestrian crosswalks and a complete sidewalk network, will get people out of the cars and moving around this city in ways with much less impact on our climate. 2) Bolstering the efforts already underway to improve efficiency when it comes to buildings in Denver. We have strong standards for new buildings coming into the city and should now look to expand the use of incentives, like tax rebates, to transition existing buildings to use greener technology and appliances in their homes.

Janelle Jenkins: Vote yes and support policy initiatives proposed for meeting or goals, increase awareness of our plan & integrated community feedback, host town hall discussions on the importance of community supporting these efforts and how they can be involved,

Travis Leiker: I would support, and expect, periodic reporting from the city and outside groups like 350 Denver to help ensure we are on track. I would then want clear, concrete steps to correct what needs improvement and to celebrate successes along the way.

Sarah Parady: I am a big proponent of equitable decarbonization, where decarbonizing technologies are made available to renters and low-income households as well as higher income households and homeowners. For example, Denver should prioritize making e-bikes available to people with no other means of transportation; heat pumps in large apartment buildings; e-vehicles as a replacement for the oldest and largest vehicles on our roads; and solar on any building where an owner will allow it using a model where the owner pays nothing up front but receives credits back on

the electricity bill over time. I am also very interested in green building codes and ensuring Denver's process of creating a new green code does not get watered down by corporate lobbying. Finally, in terms of transit, Denver should be doing everything possible to augment RTD service, fund RTD, build bus- and bike-friendly roads, and implement the VAMOS plan for a bike network on shared streets in the meantime.

Penfield Tate: The first thing I would prioritize is ensuring we are meeting our 2025 renewable electricity goals for all governmental buildings. We have a lot of work to do to meet that objective. Second, I would work on expanding our heat pump program to help buildings and homes offset energy cost. Third, I would work with CSAR, DDPHE, and the Mayor's office to explore the creation of an "envelope" program for buildings and homes. An envelope is a program that certifies that the structure is 100% energy efficient. In regard to transportation, I would work with RTD and DPS to work on electrifying our buses. I would work to create a local transportation entity that the city runs, similar to Boulder's, to aid in inequitable access of transportation in our communities. Finally, there are a number of businesses working in this arena, and convening them to explore new trends and best practices would be a valuable endeavor.

Jeff Walker: I will support entities working to reduce climate change to determine what actions can be put into place in the short term, mid-term and long-term to accomplish the goal. I will support this effort through budget actions, resolutions related to the building code and collaboration with Xcel Energy to support meeting the timeframe. Full disclosure: I have worked for Xcel Energy since 2006.

Marty Zimmerman: The two areas that I would like to continue to expand upon are reducing greenhouse emissions from buildings and diversifying transportation options to provide more multi-modal options and environmentally friendly approaches. For the first, I would like to lessen or remove the use of natural gas in new construction to rely more on cleaner electricity. For the transportation, it is not enough to only allow electric vehicles for the wealthy, but emphasize a need for equity in access to the vehicles and in charging ports. For example, I want to address incentives for apartment buildings to provide electric car charging ports so that this equity issue can start being addressed.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Will Chan: I am running for office because I have seen our government's limitations and opportunities. I know where the City falls short on its priorities, and what levers to pull and what relationships to leverage to ensure accountability from day one. I am a pragmatic listener and convener who uses data to inform decisions.

Elected officials are liaisons and advocates for their constituents' priorities. They should be able to translate the needs and concerns from the community into implementable policy and/or programmatic budget priorities. I will continue the conversation to ensure that our climate actions address racial and social justice as well. We need to be accountable and transparent, and work to break apart city silos in service of our communities. I believe Denver can be a national leader in environmental justice, not only in terms of outcomes but also in the processes by which we include our neighbors at all levels of decision making.

Dominic A. Diaz:

- I will prioritize substantive action over lip service
- I will engage the community to ensure I represent the people to the city, not the city to the people
- I will have an intentional focus on equity and environmental justice
- I will follow the data and science
- Be accessible to the people to hold myself accountable

Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez: I have been a champion for bold climate action and protecting vulnerable communities at the State Legislature, supporting bills that offered fare-free transit, strengthening our emission reduction targets, and holding corporate polluters accountable. I will continue this track record on City Council.

Tim Hoffman: I have three young daughters that I am excited to be raising in Denver. When I think about the city they will grow up in, and the Denver the next generation will inherit, my goal is to ensure a place that is livable, vibrant, and safe for everyone who wants to call Denver home. We cannot achieve this vision unless we continue the work of mitigating the impacts of climate change and building in additional resiliency to its worst effects. Working to reduce the impacts of climate change will be a top priority of mine on the Denver City Council.

Janelle Jenkins: committed to inform lawmakers and hold them accountable to grant the vote and will of the community. continue to attend climate justice coalition, seek out against companies participating in contributions and associations of fossil fuel corps, work to get Colorado compliant with federal law

Travis Leiker: My past work in public health, education, neighborhoods enhancements, and conservation make me well suited for the role of Denver City Councilperson at-large. I am ready to make sure that all Denverites have clean air and safe drinking water regardless of their neighborhood or zip code.

Sarah Parady: Climate change is existential and is to a large degree an outcome of having handed control of our government and regulatory processes to wealthy corporations. I have spent my career pursuing litigation against teams of far better-funded corporate attorneys, and I will bring that view of corporate power to a council seat. I do not view climate change as a problem above the level of local government, which has considerable control over emissions. And I have small kids who will need to live in the world we leave them!

Penfield Tate: Climate change is already happening, and we have ample evidence of that fact in Denver, Colorado and globally. We need to plan for the inevitable impacts of climate change to ensure our most impacted communities have the resources they need to deal with the variety of things to come. First, we need to reverse the harm being done now. Finding equitable and effective transit solutions to reduce vehicle traffic and auto emissions is a necessary step. Expanding public transportation in our most impacted communities should be a priority. This will require a new and creative relationship with RTD with a goal of reducing barriers to the last mile. Public transportation must be efficient, equitable and accessible for those who want and need the services.

Jeff Walker: A council member is one of 13 votes and 700,000 opinions. I see the actions in my power are not using air conditioning in summer, keeping the thermostat set at 60 degrees or lower in the winter. I purchased a tankless water heater in 2019. I used light-colored shingles to reduce the amount of heat held when I replaced my roof in 2021. I will take public transportation or bike to the City & County Building and other meetings as much as practical. I will support ordinances and resolutions that reduce greenhouse gases. I will work with regional agencies to meet air quality and alternative transportation goals. The best commitment I have is to live the life I encourage others to live.

Marty Zimmerman: I am committed to do everything in my power to ensure that Denver is safe for my parents, my children, my friends, my neighborhood, my community and for any future descendants. I do not believe that my value as a person is greater than anyone else's and so what I pledge for my own circle, I pledge for all of the other families, friends and communities in and around our city.

12. Any other comments you would like to add?

Will Chan: I am excited to work with a diverse coalition of stakeholders in multiple arenas if elected to council.

Dominic A. Diaz: Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this questionnaire. I would love to continue this conversation and receive more info/feedback from 350Colorado.

Travis Leiker: Please contact me at campaign@travisleiker.com or visit my website travisleiker.com for more information about my candidacy and platform.

Sarah Parady: I would love to receive information - there is nothing more helpful and supportive than getting good ideas from people who are passionately engaged on an issue! Thank you for that offer. I would also love to meet with someone from your organization if that's a possibility.

Jeff Walker: I did not turn on my house's air conditioning system once during the summer of 2022, Denver's third warmest on record. I compost food waste and yard waste. I honestly believe that the only way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is by individuals acting on their own. Legislation can support and incentivize the individuals, but the action has to come from recognizing the benefits of being more sustainable. My father grew up in pre-Depression Era rural Mississippi without electricity or indoor plumbing. Most of my opinions on comfort, convenience and conservation come from him. I think of the infrastructure conditions with which he grew and I believe that our society has unrealistic expectations of what is necessary to survive. So I will continue to live with as small of a carbon footprint as I can and I'll hope that others will also.

Marty Zimmerman: In my background, I am the President of ZIM Consulting, a consulting firm that works with nonprofits to make our world better. Through this position we have worked with more than 400 nonprofits, and I have been connected to many environmental serving organizations. Whether is it grant writing to support the efforts of GroundWork Denver or Conservation Colorado, strategic planning and support to start a nonprofit called the Blue Knight Group (reusing bluewood from the beetle kill), or fundraising strategy support for Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, I have been directly involved in a number of initiatives that are impacting our environment. I am also happy to share that I turned down a request to work with an oil and gas association because their values did not align with mine or my company's. For more information about my views, please visit <https://www.martyfordenver.com/>. Thank you!

All candidate short answers can be found in the chart on page 3. Additional comments are below.

1. Do you agree that climate change is not only real, but also poses a major and immediate threat to public health, national safety, environmental health, and social justice?

All Candidates answered “Yes”.

2. Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?

Jeff Walker: The impact of Denver’s actions, as a single entity, will be immeasurable compared to the trillions of tons of greenhouse gases annually released into the atmosphere in the United States. However, I believe any municipal policy will set an example for other jurisdictions at the metropolitan, state, regional and national levels. Also, some actions, such as weatherization improvements, will address not just climate change, but also housing affordability by reducing by some degree household expenses.

3. Do you believe that the [Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan](#) outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?

Will Chan: Yes, while my team and I will do everything we can to push to achieve these goals, much of the responsibility for this specific plan will be vested in Denver’s next mayor. As a council member, I will focus on land use to incentivize greater density across our city, advocate for more frequent and reliable public transit, prepare our current and future workforce for a green economy through career development opportunities, and build coalitions to foster continuous progress towards our collective goals for a more sustainable future.

Marty Zimmerman: Somewhat, I believe that we should do everything possible to achieve these goals, but I do not believe that we will be at this level by 2030.

Jeff Walker: Yes, I believe the goals are attainable without needing a single new ordinance; however, it would require a radical shift in how we live and what we value. Comfort and convenience would have to be redefined. That’s not something an ordinance can accomplish. Utility companies are also looking to technological advances to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Alternative carbon-free generation methods such as molten salt, battery storage and hydrogen are being investigated as replacements of large portions of the energy generation portfolio.

4. Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources? (Per Denver’s Climate Action Plan to focus on the top three sectors reported to have the largest impact and best opportunities for GHG reductions: optimizing energy efficiency in buildings, decarbonizing the electricity grid, and transforming transportation)

Will Chan: Yes, our transition as a state from fossil fuels to renewable energy solutions is making progress. As Xcel is moving ahead of schedule in decommissioning the last coal plant in our state, we need to be prepared to ensure we have the infrastructure in place to sustain the transition and inherent dependence on fossil fuels.

Travis Leiker: Yes, but I want to be mindful of the actions taken and their economic impact on existing jobs/sectors. Further, I want to make sure that measures do not disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color with burdensome expenses and the city must provide support financially to those who are living on low incomes.

Jeff Walker: Yes, I believe we will always use fossil fuels to maintain a baseline. Other fuels, such as hydrogen, molten salt as well as improvements in wind and solar generation, might reach a level where they can largely replace the use of fossil fuels, but the availability and dispatchability of natural gas make it a reliable base for generation. I think a lifestyle change would be needed for fossil fuels to be eliminated from the generation portfolio. The shift in demand is up to the consumer.

6. The principle of “just transition” is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?

All Candidates answered “Yes”.

7. Colorado has failed to meet national air quality standards since 2012. In September of 2022 the EPA reclassified Denver and the Northern Front Range as severe violators of federal air quality standards. Will you work to employ regulations and policies that protect Denver communities from the harmful effects of ozone pollution and from polluting sites such as oil refineries?

Will Chan: Yes, I will work to deploy regulations and policies to protect Denver communities from the harm inflicted by big oil and gas companies for their roles in climate change-related environmental damage. I will further investigate potentially seeking civil penalties and damages in compensation for harm done to Denver residents.

Jeff Walker: Yes, I would assist with implementing policies and programs developed by the Regional Air Quality Council, Regional Transportation District, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and other agencies that work to improve air quality in the Denver metropolitan area.

9. Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?

Will Chan: Somewhat, I support divestment, but know it cannot happen overnight for a city of our size. I will work with the city's CFO, Department of Finance, and other agencies that engage with City investments and procurement to evaluate who is awarded contracts and how we can prioritize our involvement with firms that align with our values.

Travis Leiker: In all likelihood, but I would want to know the financial impact of such an action and what a transition timeline would look like.

Jeff Walker: Somewhat. Divesting from banks is an expensive proposition. I support it in principle, but in some instances, it could be costly because of the needed hardware and software upgrades. I don't know of any banks besides the largest - all of which support fossil fuel projects - that can safely handle the approximately \$2 billion in the city's annual transactions.

Marty Zimmerman: I believe that divestment is a slippery slope that can lead to inequity. Does it include contractors, or third-party affiliates? Instead, I prefer to focus on positive incentives that reward organizations and then publicizing the recipients of those incentives.

10. Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?

Travis Leiker: Yes, there are people connected to fossil fuel organizations who have supported my campaign because of relationships I have formed in other realms (e.g. my work at the Univ of Colorado and Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods). They are well aware of my past work in the environmental movement.

Jeff Walker: Yes, The campaign does not accept contributions from any corporation. I assume that any person contributing to my campaign will know my feelings on fossil fuels. Based on my work on a political action committee, many donors give to candidates whose views align with their own or who are personally known and not to gain influence. This candidate is a firm supporter of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. There is no changing that.

Marty Zimmerman: As a Fair Election Candidate, I cannot accept donations from any corporations. As for individuals, because the maximum gift I can receive is \$350, no individual donor has more influence on my policy making decisions than any other.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Amanda Sandoval: Continue to vote in favor of 2018 Climate Action ordinances.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Amanda Sandoval: Continue to vote in favor of all climate ordinances as I have for the past 3 1/2 years.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Tiffany Caudill: I would accelerate decarbonization — electrify everything and expedite Denver’s Climate Protection 5-year Plan. We need to fund the plan fully, combining both newly available federal and state climate funds with any necessary supplemental local revenues and center climate justice and restorative stewardship. We should make polluters pay, reward protectors, aggressively explore water conservation opportunities, ensure green spaces and urban forestry are forestry can thrive and support green jobs.

Kevin Flynn: No answer

Chris Herr: I'm currently in charge of doing this for the Auraria Campus downtown so I can directly apply what has worked. This includes benchmarking and regular reporting to assess progress, exploration of additional funding sources instead of relying on the single fee, and electrifying buildings while converting the grid to renewables. Efficiency is another strategy that is often overlooked, but we need to make our built environment more efficient very quickly. We can save businesses, consumers, and the government money and reduce energy consumption. We can limit the impacts of climate change if we just keep moving forward quickly.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Tiffany Caudill: Studies prove that when people have access to healthy/safe shelter, healthcare with mental health resources, food security, thriving wages, and clean and green spaces to gather, neighborhoods, communities and cities are healthier with more opportunity to thrive. I am committed to fighting for all of these basic necessities and policies that center environmental justice are interconnected to all of these needs.

Kevin Flynn: No answer

Chris Herr: I have the education and experience necessary to push the fight against climate change forward. You can be sure that I will prioritize the environment and people as we improve the lives of our residents while drawing down our greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

12. Any other comments you would like to add?

Chris Herr: I am fully committed to addressing our climate crisis in a way that will most effectively reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and benefit our people over corporations. Let's work together and realize a better and healthier world.

2. Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?

Tiffany Caudill: Top 3 priority, From the lens of a housing first policy platform which then prioritizes environment, transit, public safety, and thriving wages.

9. Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?

Kevin Flynn: No, Fiduciary responsibility to the people requires more discretion than this question allows.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Jamie Torres: During my tenure, I have supported climate funding and legislation such as The Climate Protection Fund and Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids. I am committed to continuing to support legislation that works to reduce Denver’s greenhouse gas emissions. I supported Denver’s effort to divert waste away from the landfill and provide weekly recycling and composting especially because we were able to ensure it was not funded on the backs of our lowest-income households.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Jamie Torres: If we are truly committed to mitigating the impacts of climate change and improving Denver’s sustainability and health, we have to focus on the groups who are disproportionately marginalized. The impacts of climate change disproportionately impact the most under-resourced and vulnerable populations. This is true in Denver and in District 3. I have supported legislation that aims to influence the effects of climate change from e-bike rebates to expanded waste. Primarily, I am committed to ensuring that these initiatives are accessible and inclusive to our under-resourced communities. That is why I have supported programs such as income-qualified rebates for e-bikes and the rapid assessments of our Climate, Action, Sustainability & Resiliency Office which have been focused on District 3 neighborhoods to identify areas for investment and prioritization. I am committed to advocating for Denver’s climate change policies that focus on climate justice through an equity lens.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Tony Pigford: The plan's first and foremost deficiency is funding. While on Council, Tony Pigford will look far and wide for any and all available funding. When talking about electrification, we need mandates, not only incentives, to get all of our systems to adapt to the crisis before us. We also need more climate justice follow-through — the last persons using gas stoves or cars aren't necessarily right-wing culture warriors, so much as they will be working class folks unable to afford the costs of transition. We also need to be honest with voters about the plan's funding shortages, even with the \$40m/yr fund that voters approved in 2020. (Plan calls for \$200m/yr, currently about 20% of what is needed).

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Tony Pigford: There is little reassurance public leaders can offer to residents who are tired of broken promises and half-measures. But Denver is a city where a majority of voters are, to a large extent, willing to adapt and sacrifice for climate. Voters very much approved the recent asks for more money toward climate. We've been a city where the citizens have had to beg their leaders to do more. I want us to imagine how much greater impacts we can make to improve our health and fight back against climate change when Denver gets itself leaders who in fact lead, instead of waiting to be pushed to do the right thing.

12. Any other comments you would like to add?

Tony Pigford: 350 Colorado does an excellent job pushing the line of climate action and shifting the political windows of viability. Tony Pigford would be honored to have your endorsement in District 4 and continue to work with you in reducing Denver's emissions and living out a vision of climate justice.

SHORT ANSWER COMMENTS

3. Do you believe that the [Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan](#) outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?

Tony Pigford: Yes, Denver can not only achieve these goals, but must do everything possible to exceed them. Emissions reductions targets born of the political compromises of yesteryear should not be the ceiling of our climate agenda.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Michael Hughes:

- Rigorous, objective, carefully gathered technical information
- Thorough analysis of cause and effect, including the potential for unintended consequences
- Decision-making that follows the science and is based on the best possible analysis
- Thorough evaluation
- Continuous improvement

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Michael Hughes: In the 90's, I worked in Pennsylvania when Philadelphia was in severe non-attainment for ground-level ozone. I work as the first executive director of the West Corridor Transportation Management Association, helping employers and employees use travel demand management to reduce congestion and improve air quality. I helped the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Idaho Power and all of the stakeholders from tribal governments, states, federal agencies and local interests develop a viable relicensing plan for the Hells Canyon Dams to provide renewable hydropower and address all of the impacts of ongoing dam operation, including impacts on salmon, archeological and historic resources and the fragile ecosystems of the river. I have worked for EPA and CDPHE. I worked for FHWA to train officials to use environmental justice to meaningfully improve transportation projects. Finally, I convened a national dialogue on the role of nuclear power to produce base load, zero-carbon power.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Paul Kashmann: Continue to propose and support policies that move us in that direction.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Paul Kashmann: I have been working in that direction in my time on Council. I served on the 80x50 task force, and am the council representative on the CASR Sustainability Advisory Council. I sponsored the 20 Is Plenty ordinance, am working with DPD on a new, more effective bicycle registration database, have led Council's efforts to create a more connected and better maintained sidewalk system.

SHORT ANSWER COMMENTS

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Paul Kashmann: Yes, I was on the 80 x 50 task force and felt it could have been more aggressive.

9. Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?

Paul Kashmann: To every extent possible without causing unavoidable financial disruption to our city's wellbeing.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Flor Alvidrez: I will advocate for more effective use of CASR funds and make sure we start spending the funds more quickly. Advocating for more electric vehicles and chargers for e-bikes. Also I will work with our business community to make sure they are taking big steps to reduce emissions. Lastly as city we need to be more responsible and be a leader in minimizing our gas emissions. Tracking use of government vehicles, transitioning to electric and minimizing idling.

Nick Campion: To ensure Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, I would start with working with the office of Climate Action, Sustainability & Resiliency to see how we are measuring our emissions, where our emissions currently are, where our emissions need to be over the years to 2050, and what tactics we are doing to reduce our emissions. Then I will meet with CASR on a recurring basis to check-in to see if we have been making improvements and/or setbacks toward our emissions. For areas of setbacks or slow improvements, I would work with CASR and other organizations on proposing policies that would help reduce emissions. In addition, I would work with the neighborhoods of District 7 to educate the importance of reducing emissions and tactics individuals can take to help be part of the solution.

Adam Estroff: City Council has power over the buildings we live and work in and the transportation options we have to get between them. I am committed to green building codes, changing land use codes to reduce sprawl, and changing our roads to reduce dependence on cars.

Arthur May: I would help inform consumers of the economic benefits of alternate energy sources when they exist. For example, I just got solar panels put on my home. It wasn't until someone showed me what the savings would be on my electricity bill that I decided to do it.

Guy Padgett: First, we must ensure that agencies are reporting on progress made. On the governmental side, we must keep city leadership informed about the status of electric vehicles in the city fleet, the carbon footprint and energy efficiency of city-owned facilities, and the ridership numbers on public transit. On the commercial and residential side, we must track progress toward reduction in energy usage, electric vehicle registration, and net-zero new construction. This data will help inform policy and enforcement as we move towards a more sustainable Denver. It is inevitable that incentives will need to be adjusted to help get homeowners, developers, and commuters moving toward our shared goal. Programs like subsidies for e-bikes, heat pumps, and converting gas appliances to electric -- among others -- will likely need continued support to reach the levels set forth in the plan.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Flor Alvidrez: I commit to being a champion for the CASR fund and fight to combine it with DURA to help our most vulnerable residents transition to renewable energy which can be confusing and costly.

Nick Campion: As a steward of our planet, I am committed to bringing Denver's emissions down 80% by 2050. I will work with office of Climate Action, Sustainability & Resiliency and other organizations to make we are taking steps to reduce our emissions every year so we can achieve our emissions goal. I will work with District 7 residents and businesses to encourage the electrification of homes and buildings, plant more trees, and reduce waste. I will work with City Council to create policies for rebates and incentives to make it easier for residents and businesses to be greener. Last, I will always prioritize public transportation, bicycles, and walking over taking a car.

Adam Estroff: No answer provided.

Arthur May: I will support programs with immediate tangible benefits that impact the City of Denver.

Guy Padgett: I am devoted to ensuring a sustainable future for generation. For years, I supported my husband as he lobbied the Wyoming Legislature to advance policies that steered that state away from reliance on the fossil fuel industry and its impacts on habitat and human health. Growing up, I admired my father as he transitioned away from his job as a coal miner and became an environmental regulator of his former industry. During my time on the Casper City Council, despite significant political headwinds, I fought successfully for the establishment of a public transit system and advocated for higher density residential projects, improving mobility while reducing reliance on cars. Local government is one of the few institutions in modern society that has the power to reshape people's daily habits and steer them towards sustainability. In short, I believe that fighting climate change is not a goal, but rather a standard operating procedure that should be part of every department and policy.

12. Any other comments you would like to add?

Arthur May: CO2 emissions are a global problem, not a Denver problem. We should always consider what we can do locally, but not at the expense of the issues we face locally in the city of Denver. In talking to residents our top 2 priorities are crime and the homeless problem.

SHORT ANSWER COMMENTS

2. Where will protecting the environment and addressing the effects of the climate crisis on Denver and its citizens fall on your list of priorities?

Arthur May: Clean water is a top 5 priority

4. Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources? (Per Denver's Climate Action Plan to focus on the top three sectors reported to have the largest impact and best opportunities for GHG reductions: optimizing energy efficiency in buildings, decarbonizing the electricity grid, and transforming transportation)

Arthur May: Only if there is clear tangible benefit. This does include factoring in health care costs tied to poor air quality. If people can't go to work because they can't breathe, this is a problem.

6. The principle of "just transition" is that a healthy economy and a clean environment can and should co-exist – that the process of transitioning to a new energy economy should be a fair one that should not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Do you support a just transition?

Arthur May: Only if there is clear tangible benefit. This does include factoring in health care costs tied to poor air quality. If people can't go to work because they can't breathe, this is a problem.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Tyler Drum: First, I would work on expanding some of the key programs we have in place already to be more accessible and robust such as the heat pump program to help buildings and homes offset energy costs. I will prioritize that we are meeting the renewable standards we have already set for our governmental buildings in Denver. We had set a goal of having all governmental buildings running on 100% renewable energy and 100% by BBB 2025 and currently, we are far from that important benchmark. I would also work with CSAR, DDPHE, and the Mayor's office to create an envelope program that certifies that the structure is 100% energy efficient for buildings and homes. I would work with RTD, the Denver Department of Transportation, and DPS to work on electrifying our buses. Lastly, I would work to expand the newly created Denver Department of Transportation, to aid in inequitable transportation access in our communities.

Rita Lewis: Put the program platform into action starting in 2024 as much as reasonably reasonably feasible.

Shontel M. Lewis: As an RTD Director for District B, I know the vital role that public transit serves for our Denver community, and the many challenges of meeting the transportation needs of our diverse community. On the next City Council, there will be no fiercer advocate for our transit community or when it comes to justice and equity in Denver's transportation policies. Denver deserves a city with exceptional transportation services and infrastructure — let's build a city where people have all the safe and effective mobility options they need.

Whether we're building out Denver's sidewalks, bike lanes, bus routes, or making our streets safer to drive on, equity and justice will be central to my decision making as your District 8 Councilmember. ADA compliance is not optional — it is essential to creating an inclusive and prosperous city for all. Creating safer routes for children and families to get to and from schools is a high priority for my campaign.

Brad Revare: I believe District 8 should be a leader in achieving the mobility action plan set out by Denver. It should be safe, easy, and effective to walk, bike, and take mass transit to get to where you need to go in order to increase the percentage of people who use those means and decrease emissions and congestion. Further, I believe we should be partnering with CASR to ensure residential building owners are taking advantage of all incentives possible to electrify, with an eye towards equity both in the rebates/incentives, and workforce opportunities for youth and adults from systemically impacted communities. I will be a strong advocate for policies that achieve these goals and help ensure there is uptake in District 8.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Tyler Drum: I have been committed to doing everything I can as a community member to diminish the effects of climate change and advocate for our public health. I am proud to have been a key team member of both the Denver ballot initiative, 2A(2020) and Waste No More (2022) from beginning to end. When I am elected to Denver City Council I will always have an open door to all environmental organizations as well as organizations that work on related intersectional issues. I am committed to not only combatting climate change, equitably but also ensuring our city has the proper policies in place to be resilient to the effects of climate change we are and will be seeing regardless.

Rita Lewis: I am committed to working with fossil fuelers/extractors and climate controls to come to a happy median so we can work together to save the planet. However, people come 1st and I don't believe in mandating a decrease in cars when this is the only mode of transportation for many especially BIPOC communities, the elderly and people with young children. I don't believe that narrowing is a good idea. Instead provide adequate parking for those who most use their cars to work, grocery shop or simply park in front of their homes and provide an alternative gasoline that uses less fossil fuels that are climate friendly.

Shontel M. Lewis: When we talk about climate justice, we're talking about a critical lens to examine and improve all of our social and economic practices towards a sustainable and just future. This includes everything from how we think about public health, to protecting air and water, to building and maintaining infrastructure, to how we move people and goods around, and to what economic practices are rewarded or restricted by public policy. It means understanding how poverty is a barrier to climate action, as well as a risk magnifier for climate-related harms. It means cultivating practices of stewardship toward our natural systems. It means committing, in our part of the world here in the City of Denver, to the proposition that nobody should be left behind in the transition to a sustainable future.

Brad Revare: I am the father of two little girls who believes the future must be one in which we mitigate the effects of climate change so they can inherit a city with clean air and clean energy. Already during the summer, their daycare limits their play outside due to air quality issues. Regardless of whether I get elected, it is the future of my children and other young people that drives me to take action on climate change.

SHORT ANSWER COMMENTS

3. Do you believe that the [Denver 80 x 50 Climate Action Plan](#) outlined in 2018, and its interim goal of a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 (from 2005 baseline) is attainable and that your administration should do everything possible to achieve those goals?

Shontel M. Lewis: Yes, I believe it is both attainable and Denver City Council has a responsibility to significantly move the needle.

4. Do you support transitioning Denver from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources? (Per Denver's Climate Action Plan to focus on the top three sectors reported to have the largest impact and best opportunities for GHG reductions: optimizing energy efficiency in buildings, decarbonizing the electricity grid, and transforming transportation)

Rita Lewis: Yes, I would like to see the development of an environmentally friendly alternative to fossil fuels because the majority of people will not be able to afford to buy electric cars and will need to rely of their current vehicles.

8. Would you support climate-friendly transportation projects in Denver, including projects proposed by DRCOG to overhaul busy streets to help public buses or bicycles move faster while minimizing road widening that encourages more cars, as well as the RTD Bus Rapid Transit project, to reduce car dependence in Denver?

Rita Lewis: No. This is not the right plan. Cars and bicycles should be able to live harmoniously together. Narrowing the roads disadvantages marginalized populations such as BIPOC communities. Realistically, many populations simply cannot rely on bicycles as their only means of transportation. They still need to be able to park their cars at home and at work. It is not realistic for the elderly or people with young children to be expected to get rid of their cars.

Shontel M. Lewis: Yes, AND those projects should be deeply embedded, guided and lead by diverse community's stakeholders.

9. Would you support divesting the City of Denver from any financial association with banks or other entities that fund or invest in fossil fuel projects or other extractive industries?

Rita Lewis: No, This is a pretty drastic step and it will take 10, 20, 30 years to get banks and corporations on board in divesting in fossil fuel or extractive industries. Climate control must work together with the extractors and fossil fuelers.

Shontel M. Lewis: I believe in the transition from fossil fuels and I would be interested in studying what it might take to do so understand the burdens that communities of color might carry with such a transition including the potential cost to communities, including the number of impacted people, transition period, all budgetary impacts, plan for scale down etc.

Brad Revare: I would want to see a list of the City's associations with banks and other entities that fund fossil fuel projects and determine what actions the City Council could take to encourage City dollars to support a clean and just economy.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Candi Lee CdeBaca: I would like to see utilities municipalized or converted to consumer owned. Xcel will never get us where we need to go unless they can engineer it to be profitable and thus more expensive for consumers.

Darrell Watson: 1. Create local transit options within DOTI/CASR to provide for smaller electric micro transit bus options. 2. 15-minute city focus - which requires shared streets with protected lanes for bike commuters (extra boost from e-bikers that are biking to activities instead of driving). 3. provide incentives and expedited permitting to buildings 0 to carbon positive building practice. 4. incentivize CASR to increase placement of e-charging systems along major corridors and current open parking lots so renters and homeowners without ability to hook up e-charging outlets have access.

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Candi Lee CdeBaca: Last year I tried to introduce the first ever Denver Pollution Trespass Ordinance, while we did not have success it sent us on a state partnership to pass the first ever air monitoring bill in state legislature and catalyzed and EPA investigation of Suncor. We plan to keep trying to address the preemption issues so that one day we can pass a pollution trespass ordinance at the local level.

Darrell Watson: I will hire an environmental justice director in my office. One of their primary responsibilities will be to actively coordinate with entities in D9 - National Western Association and Pure Development to expedite their superfund or EPA clean ups. Also, to coordinate inter-governmentally with Suncor & KMP Kiewitt Meridian (for I-70) to increase community monitoring of air quality in D9 communities. These priorities and the carbon neutral to positive initiatives I highlighted above will be their primary focus.

12. Any other comments you would like to add?

Darrell Watson: Reducing and eliminating turf in new development and initiatives to encourage D9 residents to transition to drought tolerant plants, bushes etc. for their yards.

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Candi Lee CdeBaca: 2030 is too late whether attainable or not. I think we need more urgency.

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Darrell Watson: Just transition allows for a 'transition.' This question doesn't speak to that.

10. Does your campaign accept contributions from fossil fuel corporations or executives?

Darrell Watson: Corporations cannot make donations to my campaign. Not certain if any employees of fossil fuel corporations have made any contributions to my campaign.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Chris Hinds: - Limiting plastic bag use, acting faster than the state and federal government. After a year, the fee has resulted in a 75% reduction in bag use in Denver.

- requiring retailers to ask before automatically including single use items
- aligning wallets with behavior we want, including prioritizing recycling and
- composting, by passing pay as you throw. It takes effect as of January 1st of 2023
- encouraging adaptive reuse of buildings, including through a zoning change prioritizing
- adaptive reuse in the Golden Triangle neighborhood
- advocating for and voting for Energize Denver, a program that sets aggressive climate goals for existing and new buildings by 2030
- advocating for the ballot measure that provides \$40m+ in funding each year for climate initiatives and goals in Denver. That passed and is now law.
- I have been very vocal against fracking.

Shannon Hoffman: Thanks to work of many engaged community members and overwhelmingly supported by voters, we now have the Office of Climate, Action, Sustainability, and Resilience which holds the \$40 million annual Climate Protection Fund and has full time staff members to implement the fund. Now, it is incumbent on council members to ensure that we leverage the work of this office to meet the goals outlined in the 2018 Climate Action Plan. I support the goals of the CASR office to support job creation in sustainable fields. In my work in I have worked with GRID alternatives which trains community members in solar installation and supports their transition to this career path. I support the CASR goals to invest in renewables where possible from a city level and can be advocated for during the city budgeting process by council members. And council members need to work closely with CASR to ensure we are doing stakeholder outreach and engagement with BIPOC and/or low-income communities.

Margie Morris: I want to make sure Denver is a city we are all proud to live, work and play in. I will advocate for multi-modal transportation across Denver, particularly non-fossil fuel options, including EVs, electric bikes, electric buses, etc. I'll also continue to support free RTD use in the summer months and beyond, to reduce the use of cars for commuting. As well, I'll push for fast-tracking the Colfax BRT line, which is well beyond its originally anticipated timeframe. In addition, I will always demand higher density housing, which reduces per-home emissions. And, I will work to ensure we are leading the way in sustainability through renewable practices in energy, water conservation and proper land use. I will continue to push, whenever possible, for the use of clean energy technologies like wind, solar, and battery storage.

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Chris Hinds: Our planet will still be here after we dig up all the dinosaurs and spew them in the air. What's really at stake now is human habitability on our planet. We must take bold steps to preserve that habitability for ourselves and our children - and our children's children.

Regarding transportation, multi-modal transit is a priority for me - personally and professionally. It's important enough to me that Denver Streets Partnership made a video about me. You can see it here: <https://vimeo.com/490822721>. I also featured multi-modal access in my original video I created: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8js1Fhp82Q>.

Shannon Hoffman: I am the granddaughter of a coal miner from Appalachia who I have never had the blessing of meeting in this life because he was taken from my mother's family when she was 13 years old due to black lung. Her family was left with no income and living in poverty. I know through my ancestors how the detrimental effects of climate change affect individuals, families and communities. I have been an environmental advocate for many years, pushing for a just transition that both moves us from fossil fuel energy while taking care of workers and communities. I know that the same systems that harmed my family are active here in Denver and harming communities here and I will continue to fight for those families like I would fight for my own.

Margie Morris: As we continue to develop the city I will push for net-zero buildings and as we rehabilitate old buildings, I will champion infill developments that rely on renewable energy. I want to help solve Denver's homelessness crisis not just for the moment but for generations to come. This means, creating sustainable measures to ensure we are creating affordable housing with long term energy efficiency in mind. I am committed to creating a solution that solves the issues we are facing today and putting in place sustainable practices that keep us from facing them again in the future.

12. Any other comments you would like to add?

Chris Hinds: Frankly, protecting our habitability is so important to me and a core tenant of my positions in office. This google form doesn't allow me to provide more than 1000 characters for each answer, and that means I cannot provide you adequate responses - including links to articles that support my firm stances, quotes in the media, votes, and activist livestreams that I believe would demonstrate my full commitment to 350's values. So I'll just leave you with this link from a Food and Water Watch action where I am featured:

<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/2021/04/13/hundreds-of-elected-officials-call-for-fracking-ban-halt-to-fossil-fuel-projects/>.

Shannon Hoffman: I would welcome an ongoing relationship with 350Colorado.

Margie Morris: I am a climate advocate who will leverage any opportunity to support a more sustainable future for all!

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Chris Hinds: Yes, although DRCOG is also considering recommending widening I-25, so I don't fully support lifting up DRCOG as the defacto gold standard as they aren't going far enough to preserve our habitability on our planet. If we build it, people will come. Put another way, if we build a wider highway for cars, more people will use cars.

5. How will you help ensure that Denver is on track to meet its goals in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as outlined in the 2018 Denver Climate Action Plan?

Stacie Gilmore: I will help ensure that Denver is on track through monitoring of the annual and long-term agency goals in regard to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Denver. We must expand our partnerships with nonprofit organizations and provide robust community engagement and outreach to all citizens of Denver including youth.

11. What reassurances or commitments can you offer residents of Denver that you will do everything in your power to help diminish the effects of climate change and advocate to protect our health?

Stacie Gilmore: I have dedicated my entire life to protecting and preserving our environment. First through my co-founding of Environmental Learning for Kids encouraging youth and their families to learn about science and natural resources to encourage career exploration and conservation of our environments. Amplifying the voices of people of color and others who are already negatively impacted by environmental justice issues is a top priority to ensure we are developing policy and process to protect all citizens especially those most vulnerable. I will continue to be a strong advocate to protect both our health and our planet.

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Stacie Gilmore: I support this concept and I ask that we have more direct community engagement and dialogue to bring communities of color, like District 11, into the conversation in meaningful and just ways.

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