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Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

INC RESOLUTION RE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CB16-0306

(Amending the Municipal Code Re: Storm and Sanitary Fees)

Whereas, Ordinance CB16-0306 provides that:

- the proposed \$300M increase is the largest wastewater fee increase in the history of Denver and involves the largest bond ever issued by the Wastewater Management Division.
- residents throughout Denver will be paying an additional \$340 per household over the next five years.
- the Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge will be increased after Jan. 1, 2021 in perpetuity, without a vote by City Council and

Whereas Denver Public Works contends that the Platte to Park Hill Storm Drainage Plan (P2PH) is the highest priority Denver storm water project and a solution to neighborhood flooding, although:

- \$1.5B in Storm Drainage infrastructure needs were identified in Denver's 2014 Storm Drainage Master Plan.
- the P2PH project did not exist in Denver's 2014 Storm Drainage Master Plan and proceeding with this project will delay other fixes identified in the plan.
- the P2PH project costs will consume a majority of the fee increase - \$200M P2PH of the \$300M Wastewater Fee increase
- the P2PH project, in contrast to the City's representations and photos, will provide little to no flood benefit to the majority of Denver residents who are paying for it, including neighborhoods located within the Montclair and Park Hill basins.
- according to the January, 2015 MATT Letter of Recommendation, P2PH provides storm drainage primarily for new development: the I-70 expansion, the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative and the RTD North Metro Rail Line and

Whereas, the INC Delegation passed a Resolution (64 to 1) at its March 13, 2016 meeting expressing grave concern with the P2PH plan and asking the City to more carefully study alternatives

Now Therefore, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation calls upon Denver City Council in its fiduciary capacity and as trustee of City funds:

- to carefully consider the long term implications of a \$300 million Storm Drainage Service Charge over the next five years followed by a perpetual increase of such charge thereafter,
- to request further study and prioritization for capitalizing the more than \$1.5 billion citywide storm drainage infrastructure needs and
- to remove the Platte to Park Hill funding from the Storm Drainage Service Charge increase so that needed sanitation projects and regular storm water maintenance can begin without committing the city to a controversial mega-project.