

Next INC Meeting

Saturday, February 10

Lumber Baron Inn
2555 West 37th
Bryant and 37th
(park in Payless Drug lot, across street)

9:00 a.m.- Coffee and donuts
9:15 a.m.- Around the City
10:20 a.m.- Short break
10:30 a.m.- Short discussion of
Social services site plan
10:40 a.m.- Safe City Summit
presentation
Noon - Adjourn

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January 13 Meeting

Around the City

By Jim Zavist
Temporary Secretary

Janey Hanley convened the meeting, which was held at Washington Park Community Center. **Alamo Placita:** Concerned about a proposal for a proposed new Safeway at 6th & Downing. **Bowmar Park:** Concerned with proposal to locate the Juvenile Detention Facility at Ft. Logan.

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods: Supporting Senate Bill to address multiple applications for a liquor license at the same site in Congress Park; also monitoring one-way streets, hospital boundaries and the Botanic Gardens. **Cherry Creek North Business District:** Concerned with increasing traffic and parking problems. **Citizens Appreciate Police:** If you have any nominations or recommendations, please forward them to Chief Michaud. **Colfax on the Hill:** Police District 6 will move into new HQ in April. **Congress Park:** Concerned about repeated liquor license applications on 12th Avenue and about DPS's proposed boundary changes.

New Recreation Center

Cook Park: New rec center is progressing - expected to open January of 1997; work is also proceeding with flood-control improvements to Goldsmith Gulch. **Cory Merrill:** Rezoning for the St. Thomas Seminary site is close to being approved; new name will be Pope John Paul II Center. **Denargo Market Coalition:** Concerned with group homes and Zoning's definition of "transitional" homes. **Denver Auditor:** Don Mares encourages all groups to make use of his office's resources. **Denver Office of Citizen Response:** Tina Scardina reports the new office is up to speed; new phone number is 640-5827.

Denver Planning: Reminds all groups that the re-registration deadline is NOW! **George Washington:** Reported that the Denver Fire Department is collecting books to send to our troops in Bosnia. **Globeville Civic Association:** Concerned with group homes and Zoning's definition of "transitional" homes. **Greater Bible Park Civic Association:** Improvements to Goldsmith

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Neighborhood Connection Articles

Articles for *Denver Neighborhood Connection* must be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication to the Editor, Craig Eley, 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver, CO 80237. 758-9499 (hm); 757-5000 (wk); 689-9627 (fax).

Upcoming INC Events

Saturday, February 10

9:00 a.m.
Monthly INC delegates' meeting
Sponsor: Northwest Neighborhood Coalition
Location: Lumber Baron Inn
2555 West 37th
(park at Payless Drug, across street)

Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m.
INC Annual Meeting
Sponsor: Southmoor Park East Homeowners Association
Program: Approval of position statements; Good Neighbor Awards

Good Neighbor Nominations Due

The 1996 INC Good Neighbor Award nominations are due February 19. This award provides an opportunity to honor the unsung heroes of our city. Activities deserving recognition might include providing food or clothing to the needy, volunteering regularly for neighborhood activities, or working as a volunteer with children, the disabled, or elderly.

Nomination forms were published in the January, 1996 *Denver Neighborhood Connection*. Information required for nomination is the name and address of both the nominee and the nominating organization, and a statement explaining the qualifications of the nominee.

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Chairwoman's Column

By Janey Hanley

First, I want to say thank you to those of you who came and worked on the position statements. I was glad to see so many of you stay for the committee meetings. That is our most important meeting of the year.

Secondly, our city is in the midst of much change, and development. This state of change presents INC with an opening to better serve its membership, and to continue its growth. The idea that INC sponsor education about city processes is very worthwhile. Hopefully we will have a schedule for you by the February meeting.

However, I also have some cautions for you. INC can take stands on citywide issues, and issues that relate to the accountability of our elected officials or government. INC must not take a stand on any issue that pits one neighborhood against another. Any stand INC takes must be consistent citywide. INC must constantly protect its existing relationships with city agencies, and must continue to nurture new relationships.

Finally, INC cannot solve all the problems that development is causing for the city's neighborhoods, but it will be there to help, and to provide information and networking. INC has a sound and flexible structure in place to deal with most issues that arise. Our membership is continuing to grow, and the organization is financially sound. Why do we need to restructure?

Now that I have expressed my concerns, an opportunity exists for us to work together to make INC a stronger organization. Let's make the most of it!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On January 6, 1996, I participated in a meeting of approximately thirteen individuals, six of whom were members of INC. The primary purpose of the meeting was to address how neighborhood associations can be more supportive of each other in addressing issues that have a negative impact in their particular area and how INC can assist in that endeavor. As a result of the growth of the economy in Denver, much of the vacant land in the City is being developed, and in some areas existing development is being altered. Neighborhood organizations are struggling with the impacts to their particular area and in many instances are not adequately prepared to mitigate the situation.

Based on my own experience in Indian Creek, and subsequent discussions with individuals, I presented a motion which was unanimously adopted. The individuals in attendance suggested that I, as the author, present the motion to INC at the January 13 meeting. During "Around the City" I presented the following motion for consideration by INC at the February meeting.

Recommend to INC to devote the earliest possible meeting to pursue and request of its members a review of the concerns of neighborhoods and a possible restructuring of INC.

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INC Members

(Patrons in Bold)

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Associate Members

Keep Denver Beautiful • Denver Board of Realtors • Downtown Denver Partnership • Governor's Community Partnership Office • King & Associates • Mary DeGroot • Dan Oredsen • Tim Sandos • RTD • League of Women Voters

INC Position Statements

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period of time, or at sale, or that non-conforming uses be rezoned to reflect their actual use.

11. INC ~~shall work to amend~~ supports amending the Zoning Ordinance so that failure of a non-conforming business to obtain legally-required licenses will immediately terminate the non-conforming status of that property.

12. INC ~~shall~~ encourages the City to procure, develop and maintain sufficient usable park space in all areas of the City to ~~maintain our per capita needs for~~ provide open green space for all Denver residents, and ~~shall~~ opposes any action which would diminish such open green park space.

13. INC ~~shall work to limit~~ opposes the expansion of existing, ~~and an or any~~ increase in the number of, parking lots in residential neighborhoods which serve non-residential uses; ~~to~~ INC encourages cooperative parking in existing lots, and ~~to~~ INC supports the required landscaping of all existing parking lots in Denver.

14. INC ~~shall~~ encourages all neighborhood organizations and all providers of group homes and institutional services, including "transitional" uses, to communicate and work with each other to improve understanding and reduce hostility between neighborhoods and providers;

15. ~~shall~~ INC encourages the mandatory notification of neighborhood organizations when the services or management of group homes or service providers are changed or expanded, and to oppose any efforts to extend the licensing period for group homes and service providers beyond the present one year period.

16. INC supports the maintenance of existing spacing requirements for group homes and transitional uses.

17. INC supports making the locations of group homes and transitional uses a matter of public record, and INC supports a requirement to have a comprehensive list of group homes and transitional uses be made available to registered neighborhood organizations on an annual basis. INC also recognizes and supports the need to maintain the confidentiality of those locations that shelter victims of parental, spousal or partner abuse.

18. ~~45-~~ INC ~~shall~~ opposes any attempt to allow 3.2 beer-licensed establishments to automatically receive full liquor licenses.

19. ~~46-~~ INC supports all efforts to require suburban users to pay their fair share of both the services and the physical infrastructure used by suburban users and paid for with Denver resident's tax dollars. INC supports metropolitan cooperation in addressing issues of a regional nature, such as air pollution control measures, transportation improvements, homelessness, and indigent health care.

20. INC supports policies requiring areas of growth to pay the full cost of providing additional water supplies to the metropolitan area, and that Denver be given due consideration from suburban areas to address problems created within Denver by growth outside Den-

ver's city limits.

21. INC supports the imposition of impact fees on developments having a significant impact on Denver's existing infrastructure.

22. ~~47-~~ INC shall work to ban all billboards in the City, and to support the strengthening of the current City sign code.

23. ~~48-~~ INC ~~shall~~ encourages the City to update its record keeping to a central registry so that all pertinent information is available by both specific property address and by owner's name, and that agencies inform each other of violations.

24. ~~49-~~ INC shall work to adjust the allowable density and uses within those pockets of zoning that allow the construction of structures that are grossly out of character with adjacent residential neighborhoods.

25. ~~20-~~ INC shall work to amend the PUD and PBG sections of the Denver Zoning Ordinance to require a PUD or PBG to expire after a stated, set period of time (~~2-5 years~~) if no new construction of a substantial nature has been started within that time period.

26. ~~24-~~ INC supports providing priority in appointments to members of neighborhood groups representing those living closest to the site or issue when coalitions of neighborhood groups, citizen advisory committees or redevelopment authorities are established by governmental entities to address issues at a specific location or within a specific area of the City. ~~INC supports providing priority in appointments to neighborhood groups representing those living closest to the site or issue.~~

27. ~~22-~~ It is the position of INC that governmental authorities request and affected registered neighborhood associations be encouraged to submit up to three names of qualified individuals to represent the neighborhoods on citizen advisory committees or redevelopment authorities established by such governmental entities, and we encourage said entities to select representatives from the list(s) submitted.

28. ~~23-~~ INC encourages the Denver Planning Department, the Denver Planning Board, and the Denver City Council to implement the provisions of approved neighborhood plans through appropriate rezoning of properties not in conformance with the provisions of the adopted plans.

29. INC supports a requirement in all zone districts, when objections are raised to a conditional use, that the matter be dealt with in a public meeting, and that the issue(s) not be decided administratively.

30. INC supports an amendment of Denver's ordinances to require the City, upon application, to reimburse applicants for reasonable attorney and court costs incurred when the City is not sustained on appeals made from Denver's Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals to district or appellate courts.

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4. INC supports funding of the replacement/ improvement of infrastructure that enables neighborhoods to maintain and improve access while promoting residential quality.

Person Mobility

- 1. INC supports improved maintenance and expansion of the City's bikeway system.
- 2. Pedestrian walkways should be maintained and improved: ~~development of additional walking malls on streets such as 16th Ave. between downtown and East High School should be pursued.~~

~~3. Handicapped access to sidewalks, public areas, and places of business should be improved.~~

Air Traffic/Heliport Airport/Vertiport

- 1. INC supports efforts to reduce noise and increase safety from air traffic patterns in the City and County of Denver.
- ~~1. INC supports the continual use of only Denver International Airport as a means of reducing the impacts of airplane noise on Denver neighborhoods and fostering economic development.~~
- 2. INC supports continuing study of locating a City wide heliport. The location should be determined after agreement and discussion from all surrounding neighborhoods with regard to noise, safety, air traffic patterns, and automobile traffic.

Design Considerations

- 1. Existing parkways should be *satisfactorily better*-maintained and improved. Additional parkways should be developed where feasible with adequate planning for continued maintenance.
- 2. INC strongly supports the preservation of the residential character of Denver's *streets*, parkways and remaining one-way streets.
- 3. The historic character of streets and parkways should be recaptured and maintained.
- 4. INC supports efforts to improve public right-of-way, including tree planting, continual care, linear parks, installation of new or historic lighting street lights, and cleanup activities.

ZONING, LAND USE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE POSITION STATEMENTS

- 1. ~~8.~~ INC shall work to protect the existing character and scale of residential neighborhoods, of historic landmarks and landmark districts, of parks, and of views of the mountains and the Denver skyline, and to oppose any action which would work against these values.
- ~~2. INC shall support an amendment to the Neighborhood Notification Ordinance to specifically allow registered neighborhood organizations to appeal the decisions of the Zoning Administrator to the Board of Adjustment~~

~~for Zoning Appeals.~~

- ~~2. 3.~~ INC shall supports the strict enforcement of all requirements of the existing Denver Zoning Ordinance.
- ~~3. 4.~~ INC ~~shall~~ encourages Denver's Zoning Administration to become proactive in their enforcement efforts, and ~~shall~~ encourages *Denver's* Zoning Administration to support neighborhood requests for special enforcement efforts.
- 4. ~~1.~~ INC shall supports a comprehensive revision of Denver's 1956 Zoning Ordinance, and shall seeks the inclusion of neighborhood groups and their interests and concerns in the revision process.
- 5. INC shall work to maximize the participation and involvement of citizens and neighborhood groups in all zoning, land use, liquor license, and permit decisions in the City and County of Denver, and to oppose any practices which minimize such participation.
- ~~6. The neighborhood notification ordinance of the City and County of Denver is an extremely valuable tool which enables registered neighborhood organizations to participate more effectively in City decisions affecting neighborhoods.~~ INC shall work to expand the neighborhood notification process to increase timely written notice to each registered group of each of the following activities located inside the boundaries of the neighborhood group:
 - A. Any change in land use or traffic patterns of any park;
 - B. Any application for transfer of location or ownership, or renewal, of any liquor, beer *and wine*, or cabaret license;
 - C. Any industrial revenue bond or housing bond application;
 - D. Any capital expenditure proposals by ~~any~~ City agencies;
 - E. Any permit for ~~any~~ institutional uses;
 - F. Any application for a demolition permit;
 - G. *Any application for a conditional use in an industrial zone district.*
- 7. INC supports a requirement, incorporated into ordinance language, for the agenda of each meeting of the Zoning and Land Use Committee of the City Council ~~shall~~ to be mailed to each neighborhood group, regardless of whether an item appears relating to the specific boundaries of the group.
- ~~8. 9.~~ INC shall work to minimize the negative impacts of businesses or heliports which are immediately adjacent to residential districts.
- 9. INC opposes the use of suburban airports for scheduled commercial service, and encourages the use of flight paths that minimize the intrusion of aircraft noise on residential areas.
- 10. INC ~~shall work to amend~~ supports amending the Zoning Ordinance so that all non-conforming uses will be required to be brought into compliance within a specific

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Around the City

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Gulch and Yale Avenue are making slow progress.

Harmon/Cherry Creek: Concerned with continuing PUD applications and Council's review process.
Hilltop: Concerned with pop-tops and decreasing water pressure. **HUNI:** Trying to address problems with cruisers as early in the new year as possible. **Inclusive Communities Task Force:** Focus is on group homes; goal is a social contract to make homes welcome in all areas. **Indian Creek:** Made motion to look at "restructuring" INC's operations; motion tabled pending better definition of problems and proposed changes.

DPS Insurance Policy

Inspiration Point: Flood Control and park improvement projects are under way; reports that DPS proposes allowing neighborhood groups to use DPS's umbrella insurance policy when using DPS facilities. **Mayfair:** Have concerns with Lowry Redevelopment Authority and with its contract with Trammell-Crow for reuse of existing residential properties. **Mayfair Park:** Their Neighborhood Guide has been a very

Denver Neighborhood Connection Publishing Guides

Articles submitted to *Denver Neighborhood Connection* stand the best chance of being published, and published without editing, when they are less than 300 words in length. Articles must be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication.
Material for publication should be submitted on an IBM compatible disk, either 5¼" or 3½" size. The article should be saved as an ASCII (DOS) file, which all word processors can do. A printed copy of the article should accompany the disk. Files can also be submitted in WordPerfect 5.1 or below format. If a computer is not available, material may be submitted as an original (not a fax or photocopy) in Courier 10 type.

Dues Due

1996 INC dues must be received by March 9, 1996 in order for an organization's delegate to vote on INC position statements during the March meeting. Dues are \$30 per year (\$60 for those who wish to be INC patrons) and can be mailed to P.O. Box 300116, Denver, CO 80218.

successful fundraising project.

Stokes Place: Concerned with traffic problems at Colorado Blvd. and Cherry Creek Drive South. **Sloan's Lake:** Healthy Neighborhoods Program is going well; work has begun on new trail in the park. **South Washington Emerson Action Team:** Waiting patiently for the central Denver traffic study to be completed. **Upper Downtown Development Organization:** Concerned with drug distribution and homeless issues; looking forward to re-opening of Crofton School. **United Berkeley:** Berkeley School renovation has begun. **University Park Community Council:** Colorado Blvd. TMA is getting started, the Buchtel Trail construction has been delayed approximately 6 months due to DBE/MBE compliance problems. **Virginia Village/Ellis:** Working on a historic walk in Fairmount Cemetery. **West Wash. Park Neighborhood Association:** Welcome to our neighborhood; continuing to fight proposed McDonalds at Lincoln and Alameda. **UCD:** Dennis Champine encourages all INC members to consider attending the Extended Studies Citizen College, which consists of ten 3-hour courses.

Letter to the Editor

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Chairwoman Hanley requested a definition of restructuring as it relates to the motion. First of all, let me state that restructuring was used for lack of a better word. I believe that INC officers and board of directors have done a great job in providing a forum for the member organizations and interacting with City officials and departments. However, periodically it can be beneficial for an organization to ask its members how it might better serve them. In terms of the motion, restructuring (revamping, revitalizing or energizing) may mean revising the bylaws, evaluating the effectiveness of the position statements, reviewing the format of the monthly meeting agenda or redefining the focus (education?) in conjunction with the number of members, their issues and the City's goals. At the same time INC members should take into consideration the importance of achieving a desired resolution that will provide a benefit to every member organization and will be to the detriment of none.

Judy Anne Kriss
President
Indian Creek Neighborhood Association

Proposed INC Bylaws

A committee whose charge was to draft new INC bylaws has submitted those which appear below for consideration by the delegates. They will be discussed at the February 10 meeting and will be voted on at the March meeting.

PREAMBLE

We, the independent neighborhood organizations of Denver, in order to represent the interest of neighborhoods and to encourage autonomy, diversity, and power for neighborhoods, and collectively address issues of common interest while adhering to the principles of democracy, openness to all Denver neighborhoods, and social and economic justice, do hereby accept responsibility for shaping our own future by forming Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation.

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, hereinafter known as INC.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE & ACTIVITIES

Section A. The purpose and activities of INC shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Information gathering and sharing;
2. Direct assistance to neighborhood groups when aid is requested;
3. Nominating neighborhood representatives to public commissions and boards. The political party of any nominee shall not be a factor in such nominations;
4. Taking stands on neighborhood issues which may have citywide impact;
5. Provide information to neighborhoods concerning organizing and registering with the city and dealing effectively with city agencies.

Section B. The Delegation shall consider taking a public stand on any neighborhood-related issue proposed by a member organization through its delegates. These stands will be developed in the following manner:

1. General position statements shall be formulated and voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Delegation;
2. Committees shall be charged with delineating the details of such position statements throughout the year as situations call for the public expression of INC's stand, consistent with general position statements;
3. As needed, INC position statements may be applied to issues and situations by the Executive Committee, which by a two-thirds (2/3) vote may make public INC's stand, consistent with general position statements;
4. A public stand also may be taken by a vote of a majority of eligible delegates at a regular or emergency meeting, provided that the proposed stand had been conveyed in writing to each member organization at least 30 days prior to the Delegation vote.

Section C. INC shall not be involved in the following activities:

ities:

1. Endorsement of political candidates for elective offices;
2. Using a substantial monetary amount of resources to influence legislation;
3. Distribution of INC's assets to its members, officers, trustees or private persons for their personal benefit other than reasonable compensation for services rendered and payments necessary for the furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Members.

To be eligible for membership in INC, an organization must:

1. Have geographic boundaries that are set by the residents and which are not the entire city;
2. Have a minimum of 20 residential members;
3. Hold at least one open general meeting a year;
4. Have elected officers, if it has officers;
5. Be organized primarily to meet neighborhood's needs and wishes;
6. Have membership which is open to all residents of the neighborhood;
7. Pledge to INC's membership that it will participate in the activities of INC, to the best of its abilities;
8. Be approved as a new member by a majority vote during a regular INC meeting.

Section B. Associate Members.

Organizations and individuals who do not meet the qualifications of Section A may become associate members by paying dues established under Section C. Associate members enjoy rights and benefits of regular members except for the right to vote.

Section C. The amount of dues to be paid by member organizations shall be established by the Delegation.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of officers, the immediate past Chairperson of the Delegation, and six at-large members, elected by the Delegation at the annual meeting.

Said Committee's duties shall include management of INC funds, application of position statements under article II, Section B(3), recommendation of policies and actions for approval by the Delegation, and any other functions assigned to it by the Delegation. The Committee shall develop an annual budget for adoption by Delegation with policies on allowable expenditures.

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be 5 members.

ARTICLE V. DELEGATION

Section A. The Delegation shall consist of two delegates

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rapid mass transit system. This support is contingent on the following criteria:

A. The rapid mass transit system must be built at a reasonable cost.

B. C. Neighborhood representatives must be allowed substantial input into the planning process to ensure that transit lines and stations are compatible with the residential character of neighborhoods near the system.

~~B. The public must be able to vote on any system requiring new taxes.~~

C. D. The rapid mass transit system must be well integrated with the existing bus system to maximize access for Denver residents.

D. E. Every effort should be made to integrate other means of mobility with mass transit such as pedestrian ways and bikeways.

~~2. INC supports the expansion of the proposed RTD Metro Area Connection (MAC) as the beginning of a metro-wide rapid mass transit system. This support is contingent upon the following criteria:~~

~~A. Neighborhood representatives must be allowed substantial input into the planning process to ensure that the transit lines and stations are compatible with the residential character of neighborhoods near the system.~~

~~B. The rapid mass transit system must be well integrated with the existing bus system to maximize access for Denver residents.~~

~~3. INC supports the construction and expansion of the proposed Air Train from Denver Union Terminal to Denver International Airport. This support is contingent upon the following criteria:~~

~~A. Neighborhood representatives must be allowed substantial input into the planning process to ensure that the transit line and stations are compatible with the residential character of neighborhoods near the system.~~

~~B. The rapid mass transit system must be well integrated with the existing bus system, light rail, and future commuter rail and trolley to maximize access for Denver residents and suburban commuters.~~

E. 4. INC supports an equitable distribution of mass and/or rapid transit throughout the City -- north/south, east/west.

F. 5. INC supports strong public participation in determining the alignment and sequence for the expansion of any new mass transit system. INC encourages the use of specific definitions and projects laid out in previous plans.

~~6. INC supports the expansion of the vintage trolley system from the Central Platte Valley into Lower Downtown.~~

2. 7. INC supports strong *community* participation ~~by RTD~~ to make every effort to explore, promote, and utilize existing mass transit programs and new alternatives to provide superior transit in the metropolitan area.

Air Quality

1. INC supports all efforts ~~of the Better Air Campaign~~ to ~~voluntarily~~ reduce personal vehicular traffic to improve the quality of Denver's air.

2. INC supports the use of cleaner automobile fuels in the Denver area, especially during winter months. This includes the replacement of present diesel fuels with cleaner diesel varieties.

3. INC urges the consideration of air quality goals in all transportation and land use planning. This is particularly important in planning future development in the high pollution downtown and Platte Valley areas.

4. INC ~~supports encourages~~ employer incentives for use of mass transit and carpools.

5. INC ~~supports encourages~~ the removal or mitigation of the pollution from older cars.

6. INC supports the goal of no further increase in air quality degradation over the entire metro area.

Effects of Traffic on Denver Neighborhoods

1. INC supports efforts to study the one-way street system and conversion one way commuter streets to residential streets where practical. ~~INC urges the City to implement Phase 11 of one-way street conversion.~~

2. In general, INC supports efforts to keep automobile traffic on freeways and major arterioles, minimizing the noise, ~~reducing traffic volume and speed~~, and ~~maximizing~~ safety impacts for Denver neighborhoods.

~~3. INC Supports efforts to reduce traffic volume and speeds on streets in residential areas in the City and County of Denver.~~

~~4. INC supports efforts to mitigate noise in residential areas on or near major arterioles and freeways.~~

3. 5. INC supports adequate planning to mitigate parking impacts in residential areas.

4. 6. INC ~~supports encourages~~ neighborhood participation and input be included in all *local, regional, state, and federal transportation planning and funding decisions* studies by both the City and County of Denver and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Street Maintenance and Improvement

1. INC urges improvement of the City's snow removal system to maintain passable arterial and residential streets.

2. INC supports study of ways to reduce particulate pollution resulting from sanding of streets.

3. INC supports adequate long range planning for street maintenance and improvement.

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assure the opportunity for our citizens to live their lives and raise their families in peace. Enforcement of the existing laws, prosecution of criminals and prioritizing of public safety will assure the safety of our citizens. To assure these ends INC resolves to support those policies and officials that place public safety as a primary role of government.

~~2. Since citizens are not obeying City laws and ordinances automatically, INC will support all efforts to raise the consciousness level of the general public regarding our responsibility to our neighbors. Denver's future will be built on a foundation of safe and economically secure residential neighborhoods. This foundation requires that our elected and appointed officials capture the opportunity to strengthen the quality of life for those who choose to live in our City.~~

3. The level of criminal activities in our City is unacceptable. These activities produce a clear and present danger for our citizens. INC therefore calls for the elected and appointed representatives to place campaigning against crime as a top priority. This campaign must be charged with the reduction of the crime rate in Denver.

~~3. INC has placed a top priority on assuring that Denver citizens are provided basic personal safety and protection of their homes and property. We will not be a community that celebrates its openness, diversity and quality of life for long if we don't assure the opportunity for our citizens to live their lives and raise their families in peace. Enforcement of the existing laws, prosecution of criminals and prioritizing of public safety are the keys to assuring the safety of our families. To assure these ends INC resolves to support those policies and those officials that place public safety as a primary role of government.~~

~~4. The level of criminal activities in our City is unacceptable and a clear and present danger exists for all of our citizens as a product of that activity. INC therefore calls for the elected and appointed representatives to establish a campaign against crime focused on the most serious crimes confronting our citizens: Drugs (their use and sale), burglary (including the sale of stolen merchandise), and assault (including rape). This campaign must be charged with the reduction of the crime rate in Denver.~~

4. 5. Crime remains a significant problem in Denver's neighborhoods, and neighbors watching out for each other have been found to be an effective deterrent to neighborhood crime. Therefore, INC encourages every block in every neighborhood in Denver to implement a Neighborhood Watch program.

5. 6. There is a need for ongoing dialogue between the community and City officials regarding crime prevention. Neighborhoods/police communication is vital to successful crime prevention efforts, and INC provides an important communication link for Denver neighborhoods regarding crime prevention issues. Therefore, INC requests that the Monthly Police Report be mailed to INC. INC

recommends that each neighborhood organization provide a name of a neighborhood contact person to the police for their district, and the police utilize INC neighborhood leaders in organizing district meetings. INC will hold open meetings twice a year with City officials on the issue of crime prevention.

6. 7. Crimes committed by parolees and residents of half-way houses are a danger in the neighborhood, and poor supervision of half-way house residents increases opportunities for crime. Therefore, INC recommends closer supervision of parolees and half-way houses, and that half-way houses be distributed among all neighborhoods in the City, not concentrated in a few neighborhoods.

7. 8. Police visibility is an important crime deterrent in neighborhoods; youth continue to test the curfew laws; prompt follow-up reports from detectives after crime contribute to a feeling of neighborhood security; and current gun laws continue to foster an unsafe situation. Therefore, INC supports increased police visibility, enforcement of the curfew laws, follow-up reports within thirty days from detectives after a crime, and revision of current gun laws.

8. 9. Many neighbors do not know what to do to prevent crimes against themselves and their property. Therefore, INC will place highest priority on communications with police and police visibility in the communities. The INC Crime Committee will develop guidelines and help to implement strategies for neighborhood policing. INC will continue to cooperate with City officials in the education of citizens on crime prevention and will encourage other groups to do this, as well as emphasize the importance of calling 911; the crack hotline, 640 KRAK; and the crime line in each police district: District 1, 964-1111; District 2, 331-4070; District 3, 698-3330; and District 4, 937-4444 the appropriate emergency and non-emergency agencies.

9. 10. INC believes that the proliferation of easily accessible hand guns and semi-automatic weapons has a dangerous effect on neighborhoods. Therefore, INC urges residential, City, and state authorities to work to:

- A. Prohibit sales of any firearms in a residential neighborhood;*
- B. Create gun free zones around all DPS property;*
- C. Prohibit the sale of guns and ammunition to persons under the age of 18.*
- D. Encourage citizens to participate in the Operation Cease Fire/Guns for the Good program and turn in firearms.*

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Mass Transit

- 1. INC supports the construction of a City wide*

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from each member organization.

Section B. Each member organization shall be entitled to a total of two votes from its certified delegates and/or alternates.

Section C. All powers of INC shall be vested in "The Delegation."

Section D. The term of office of each delegate is to be determined by the member organization.

Section E. No INC member shall obligate or bind INC into any commitment without the full knowledge and approval of the INC Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Section A. The Delegation shall have the power and duty to elect officers and Executive Committee members at the Annual Meeting or when vacancies occur.

Section B. The elected officers of INC shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section C. Qualifications.

- 1. All officers and Executive Committee members shall be Delegates.*
- 2. The Delegation shall consider balancing age, sex, ethnicity and area of City when electing officers and Executive Committee members.*

Section D. Term of Office.

- 1. Officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors are elected - should they not complete their term.*
- 2. No officer or Executive Committee member may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.*
- 3. Any officer or member of the Executive Committee who accumulates three (3) unexcused absences from general or executive meetings during a term in office will be removed from office.*
- 4. Executive Committee members shall assume their duties immediately upon election.*

Section E. Duties of Officers.

- 1. The Chairperson shall:*
 - a. Preside over all meetings of the Delegation.*
 - b. Propose an agenda for each meeting of the membership;*
 - c. Appoint an audit committee to review the treasurer's records at least once a year;*
 - d. Perform other duties as the Delegation or the Executive Committee may direct.*
- 2. The Vice-Chairperson shall:*
 - a. Perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of or at the request of the Chairperson.*
 - b. Perform other functions as the Delegation or Executive Committee may direct.*
- 3. The Secretary shall:*
 - a. Keep minutes of the proceedings of Delegation meetings;*
 - b. Perform other functions as the Delegation or*

- Executive Committee may direct.*
- 4. The Treasurer shall:*
 - a. Maintain all organizational funds and assets;*
 - b. Disburse funds or assets as the Delegation or Executive Committee may direct;*
 - c. Keep accurate and complete financial records of INC;*
 - d. Present a financial report at each scheduled executive committee meeting;*
 - e. Perform other functions as the Delegation or Executive Committee may direct.*
- 5. Executive Committee members shall:*
 - a. Attend meetings as called by the Chairperson;*
 - b. Perform other functions as the Delegation or Executive Committee may direct.*

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section A. Meetings of INC shall be held at regular intervals. The Delegation or the Executive Committee shall determine the time and place.

Section B. The annual meeting shall be held during the month of March, at a time and place determined by the Delegation or the Executive Committee.

Section C. An emergency meeting of INC may be called by the president at the request of the officers or at least ten (10) delegates on not less than 72 hours' notice.

Section D. INC meetings will be open to the public, but only Delegates or alternates as designated in Article V, Section B may vote.

Section E. Delegates representing one-fourth plus one of the total votes of the Delegation shall constitute a quorum at a general meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section A. The Delegation or Executive Committee may establish committees and determine said committees' duties and responsibilities.

Section B. Committees shall be of any persons who wish to serve. The Chairperson of a committee must, however, be a member of an INC member organization.

ARTICLE IX. FISCAL YEAR

INC's fiscal year shall begin on April first and end on March thirty-first of each year.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not specified by these bylaws. In case of conflict these bylaws shall be the first authority.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Delegation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that written notice of pending amendments has been sent to the Delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the Delegation meeting.

INC Position Statements

These position statements will be voted on at the March, 1996 meeting. New material appears in italics. Superseded material has a line through it.

EDUCATION POSITION STATEMENTS

The quality of neighborhoods depends on ~~main-~~
~~taining schools providing a high quality educational experi-~~
~~ence and preparing students for lifelong learning schools.~~
Therefore, INC supports the following positions:

1. *Education of Quality:* INC encourages the Dnver Public Schools (DPS) to make the prime goal and focus for all Denver public schools the provision of quality education for all students. INC encourages programs which address the varying learning styles of individuals.

~~10. Quality of Education: INC will work to make sure that school programs are tailored to meet the full range of needs for all students. INC supports smaller class size to improve the quality of education. We also support continual monitoring and evaluation of programs and personnel.~~

2. *Compulsory Education:* INC supports compulsory education up to 16 years. Compliance is the collaborative responsibility of the students, parents, educational establishment, judicial system, and state and local governments.

3. ~~11. Discipline:~~ INC recommends DPS enforce discipline policies that provide a safe, orderly learning environment for all children and staff as a higher priority than due process for disruptive children.

4. ~~15. Special Programs:~~ INC supports literacy training for adults, preschool and after school programs to help disadvantaged students catch-up and more early childhood education programs both through school and community efforts.

5. ~~19. Affordable Day Care in Schools:~~ Because adequate, high quality day care at an affordable cost is becoming an absolute necessity for most parents in this city and nation, INC urges use of Denver Public Schools' buildings before and after regular school hours, staffed either by DPS personnel or by private contractors, to provide high quality day care in convenient locations, at prices based on ability to pay.

6. ~~4. Neighborhood Representation:~~ INC will work to make sure that there are neighborhood organization representatives on major DPS committees, citywide and specific schools, especially Collaborative Decision Making Committees (CDMs), and that timely notification is given for all meetings.

7. ~~2. Accountability Committees:~~ INC will encourage the maintenance of viable and functioning accountability committees for instructional programs and finances at all Denver Public Schools.

8. ~~18. Collaborative Governance:~~ Because giving parents, teachers and neighborhood representatives more influence over individual school building organization --

what is taught and how it is taught -- appears to be one way to raise the quality of public education, INC looks with favor upon any measures which would give parents, teachers and neighborhood representatives, in collaboration with school principals, more influence on how schools are organized, how schools set budget priorities and how they teach and adapt to children's different learning styles and abilities. Neighborhood representatives should be included on CDM committees. CDMs should be separate from and accountable to SIACs.

~~8. Satellite Schools: If transportation is needed to achieve integrated schools, the burden should be shared equally by all participants.~~

9. ~~3. Neighborhood Committees:~~ INC member organizations and DPS schools will be encouraged to match school needs with neighborhood resources. Examples include establishing working education committees of parents and non-parents participating directly in tutorial, recreational, supply drives or other support programs at their local schools and thereby increase mutually supportive school/community ties.

10. ~~16. Cooperative Programs:~~ INC encourages the development of programs in cooperation with the City, businesses, neighborhood organizations, etc. for more effective educational delivery and more efficient use of DPS and City facilities. INC will encourage the lowering of barriers to community use of DPS facilities. Avenues should be explored to use volunteers effectively in the schools.

11. ~~17. Neighborhood Notification/Participation:~~ Because neighborhood groups too often get no answer to their concerns, and because the administration tends to take a paternalistic attitude toward communications from neighborhoods, therefore INC urges that input from citizen groups should be fully utilized and incorporated into district policy wherever feasible, not just disregarded. Communications should be two way.

The Denver Public Schools and principals should inform neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations, not just parent groups, of planned changes in programs, building usage, asset disposition and attendance area boundaries. Development of policies for closing and reopening schools with community input is encouraged. INC encourages DPS to complete and implement its asset management plan with full participation of neighborhood groups. Neighborhood input on criteria for hiring superintendents and principals and on all pertinent issues should be taken seriously. Local schools, through newsletters or other means, should inform neighborhood organizations of school activities.

12. ~~4. Multicultural Schooling:~~ INC is representative of a variety of neighborhoods and cultures which make up the City of Denver. INC, therefore, encourages celebration of and respect for Denver's multicultural diversity and

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METROPOLITAN GROWTH ISSUES POSITION STATEMENTS

1. INC supports metropolitan cooperation in addressing issues of a regional nature, such as air pollution, transportation needs, law enforcement, and the funding of indigent health care, and the demands and consequences of population growth in the Denver area impose negative effects on Denver residents -- such as degradation of air quality, increased traffic congestion, and greater demands on services provided by the City.

2. INC supports all efforts aimed at requiring suburban users to reimburse their full cost of services and infrastructure paid for by Denver tax dollars and used by suburban residents.

3. The Denver metropolitan area and the need for additional water supplies are growing, and the Denver Water Department as a major water supplier to the entire metropolitan area must continue to provide sufficient water for future economic growth of the region. INC, therefore, on behalf of the people of Denver neighborhoods, supports the policy of having growth pay the full cost of providing additional water supplies to the metropolitan area and that Denver be given additional consideration from the surrounding areas to address the problems created in Denver from the growth of the metropolitan area. Efforts to increase the water supply for the metro area be coupled with additional conservation efforts by all types of water users.

PARKS AND RECREATION POSITION STATEMENTS

1. INC shall support the City and its citizens in procuring, developing, and maintaining sufficient usable park space in all areas of the City to maintain our per capita needs for open green space, and INC shall oppose any action which would diminish such open green space.

2. Parks need to be well-maintained to be an asset to the neighborhoods. Maintenance should include trash cleanup, weed control. Landscape maintenance and prompt graffiti removal. Neighborhood representatives need to be involved in development of park maintenance standards.

3. INC supports the funding of deferred capital maintenance projects in parks and is committed to study and support any reasonable method of such funding.

4. INC encourages the City to pursue cost effective, efficient and thorough park and parkway maintenance, including the study of privatization. INC encourages the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation to work together in the maintenance of trees along parkways.

5. Neighborhoods should be notified of any change in land use or traffic patterns of any park.

6. INC fully supports neighborhood participation in the process to determine whether a historically designated park structure can be rezoned for compatible non-park use.

7. INC supports the work of private organizations to improve parks. Furthermore, INC strongly urges such organizations (The Park People, Denver Urban Forest, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado) to seek neighborhood participation in park planning and funding.

8. INC shall work to ensure that recreation centers serve the needs of their neighborhoods in staffing, program, and hours of operation. INC encourages neighborhoods, schools, and the Department of Parks and Recreation to work together to use City and school facilities for recreation, education, and the support of youth and the community.

9. Parks need to be policed to ensure the safety of park users, *protection of park amenities* and the peace and safety of neighbors surrounding the park. Parks must be made safe for use by all law-abiding citizens and not just certain elements or political or social groups. INC encourages adequate lighting for safety in parks.

10. INC encourages the City to pursue methods of raising funds from mountain parks, including fees for suburban users. If funds from the sale of assets become available, such funds should be used only for capitol improvements, deferred capitol maintenance, or as a maintenance endowment.

11. Because of population growth, increased usage, and the increased amount of park lands to maintain, INC opposes any cut and instead supports increases in the park maintenance budget even when funds become available from an endowment or from Great Outdoors Colorado.

12. INC encourages the responsible citizen use of parks and supports city efforts to ensure such responsible use.

PUBLIC SAFETY POSITION STATEMENTS

1. *INC has a top priority on assuring that Denver citizens are provided basic personal safety and protection of their homes and property. INC will support all efforts to raise the consciousness of the general public regarding neighbors' responsibilities to each other and the obeying of City laws and ordinances. Denver's future will be built on a foundation of safe and economically secure residential neighborhoods. We expect our elected and appointed officials to strengthen the quality of life for all who live in our City.*

~~1. INC will support all efforts to raise the consciousness level of the general public regarding our responsibility to our neighbors.~~

2. *We will not be a community that celebrates its openness, diversity and quality of life for long if we don't*

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homes. INC encourages the affirmative marketing of all foreclosed units to encourage neighborhood integration which supports neighborhood walk-in schools.

8. Housing Density/Land Use Patterns/Time Limitations: INC encourages and supports:

A. Development that protects the scale of the neighborhood by locating high density housing where it provides a transition between commercial areas and lower density residential neighborhoods.

6. Housing Density/Land Use Patterns: High density housing can be out of scale in a lower density residential neighborhood. Likewise, commercial encroachment is a matter of continuing concern to low density residential neighborhoods. Therefore, INC encourages development that protects the scale of the neighborhood by locating high density housing where it provides a transition between commercial areas and lower density residential neighborhoods.

B. A time limit of two years for development to begin or revert to the original lower density zoning.

7. Land Use Patterns/Time Limitations: Denver presently sets no limit on how long a revised zoning classification on a specific parcel of land can remain unused. The uses of adjacent parcels of property may change so that the zoning classification is no longer appropriate to the housing density of the neighborhood. Therefore, INC supports a time limit of two years for development to begin or revert to the original lower density zoning.

C. The development of a City ordinance which requires a specific amount of housing per square foot of commercial development in a mixed use zone, with special emphasis on neighborhoods which have had their residential character undermined by increased office and other commercial development.

8. Mixed Use Zoning: Mixed use zoning has led to a loss of housing in neighborhoods where such zoning exists, and office use is taking up more and more of the usage in neighborhoods which were previously primarily residential. Therefore, INC supports development of a City ordinance which requires a specific amount of housing for every square foot of commercial development in a mixed use zone, with special emphasis on neighborhoods which have had their residential character undermined by increased office and other commercial development.

9. Affordable Housing: INC encourages passage of a City ordinance requiring the City or any developer working with City subsidies (including special regulations and zoning relaxations) to replace or pay for the replacement of any affordable housing units they eliminate.

11. Low Income Housing: Denver continues to have high demand for units of low income housing while resources from the public sector for the construction of new units of low income housing have been reduced. Re-development projects often eliminate units of low income

housing, and the City occasionally participates in such redevelopment projects. Therefore, INC encourages passage of a City ordinance requiring the City or any developer working with City subsidies (including special regulations and zoning relaxations) to replace or pay for the replacement of any affordable housing units they eliminate.

10. Emergency Shelters and Group Homes for Special Populations:

A. INC urges the implementation of a City-wide and metro area homeless policy that will increase affordable housing, maintain an adequate supply of emergency housing, support families in transitional housing, develop effective long term housing for special needs populations, and preserve single-room occupancy sites.

B. INC supports Denver zoning ordinances that promote appropriate dispersion of group housing facilities throughout the City.

C. INC recognizes the disproportionate concentration of such housing in Denver and seeks distribution throughout the metro area.

2. Emergency Shelters and Group Homes for Special Populations: The need for emergency shelters and housing for other special needs groups remains high in the Denver metro area, and the concentration of emergency housing shelters and other types of group housing for special populations can have a negative effect on the surrounding residential neighborhood. Therefore, INC supports the development and implementation of a City wide and metro area homeless policy that will increase affordable housing, maintain an adequate supply of emergency housing, support families in transitional housing, develop effective long term housing for special needs populations, and preserve existing and create additional single-room occupancy sites. Further, INC supports Denver zoning ordinances that promote appropriate dispersion of group housing facilities throughout the City, and that are applicable to all providers of such housing.

11. Dispersal of Affordable Housing Throughout Metro Denver Area: INC supports programs and efforts which assure that all housing providers and all jurisdictions exercise their responsibility to provide affordable, homeless, low income, subsidized and special needs housing dispersed throughout the entire metropolitan area.

12. Dispersal of Affordable Housing Throughout Metro Denver Area: Affordable housing is in short supply throughout the metropolitan Denver area, and Denver has historically been responsible for a disproportionate share of low income and subsidized family housing for the metropolitan area. Therefore, INC supports programs and efforts which assure that all housing providers and all jurisdictions exercise their responsibility to provide affordable housing dispersed throughout the entire metropolitan area.

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supports help to non-English-speaking students.

13. Integrated Housing/Integrated Schools: INC will encourage cooperation of housing policy makers, in both the public and private sectors, with DPS to create naturally integrated Denver neighborhoods and schools. Neighborhoods should be kept informed of the DPS/Denver Housing Authority/Denver Planning Office/Metro Denver Fair Housing Center program to encourage voluntary housing integration and thereby produce naturally integrated walk-in schools to end busing for integration. INC will encourage the Denver Public Schools to work with the Boards of Realtors to fully inform them and their clientele of the opportunities available in the Denver Public Schools. Boundary adjustments should be an option to produce naturally-integrated walk-in schools.

14. School/Program Location Charter/Alternative Schools: All Charter and alternative schools and programs should be placed in facilities that are appropriate to the educational needs of students, that neighborhoods be consulted and that the school and its activities not be disruptive to the neighborhood.

15. Maintenance of Facilities: INC encourages DPS to research better ways of using maintenance dollars and to keep maintenance, including grounds maintenance, a priority in budget planning and to respond quickly to neighborhood complaints. School buildings and grounds should be maintained as assets to the community.

16. School Board Districting: Because the Board of Education of the Denver Public Schools is a citizens' board and each area of the City faces differing situations, INC supports the districting of the Board so that all areas of the district are will be represented.

17. School Finance: INC encourages its neighborhood members to work with their state representatives and senators to give educational funding top priority and to pass a school finance bill which will base state aid to local school districts not on real (or in the case of Denver, perceived) wealth, but on the actual needs of students because Denver Public Schools have a disproportionate number of disadvantaged students, including those who live in one parent households, who are on public assistance, or whose parents are themselves illiterate. Such a finance plan should exhaust all possible sources of financing and not be just property tax based. Such state financing should include expanded financing for early childhood education. INC supports budget items which have a direct impact on student learning.

18. District Finance: INC supports DPS urging the Board of Education to research having a separate foundation for funding DPS programs and other means of innovative financing. Cooperation is encouraged with business and industry. Administrative efficiency should be a high priority in any finance plan. Programs should be evalu-

ated on a cost/benefits basis.

19. Community Input on Budget: Because DPS expenditures have a direct effect on the education of the district's students, and greater knowledge of needs may be available at the building level, INC urges the Board of Education to open up its budget producing process to provide maximum input from the community and to produce a budget document comprehensible to the average citizen. Local school budgets should be shared with the community.

20. Open Contract Negotiation: INC supports good faith efforts by all parties in DPS contract negotiations and encourages open negotiation sessions so the public can be fully informed of all issues.

21. Education Forum: INC will offer an annual Neighborhood Education Forum to address an educational issue of concern to all Denver neighborhoods. INC encourages the participation of all DPS staff, individual school representatives, the Denver Classroom Teachers Association, and Board of Education members in neighborhood associations and INC.

22. Candidates' Forum: Neighborhood participation will be encouraged in school board candidates' forums.

HEALTH CARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POSITION STATEMENTS

1. Health care is an issue that pertains to all persons, age, income, or employment status. Therefore, INC will work to encourage neighborhood organizations to promote health care and wellness issues for all citizens, in meetings and programs.

2. Because clinic health care is less expensive than emergency room care, INC will work to encourage greater utilization of and support for the Denver Health and Hospitals Neighborhood Health Clinics, including;

- A. an expansion of their hours;
- B. an increase in the number of clinic sites;
- C. the establishment of mobile units.

3. Good health contributes to the well-being of all persons. Therefore, INC will strongly encourage the Denver Public Schools to prioritize its resources toward providing health education at all levels of instruction with special emphasis on preventative care and the making of responsible choices. It and will further encourage neighborhood organizations to support their schools, businesses and public institutions toward those ends work with City institutions, employers, or other groups to provide health education, including preventive care and life style changes needed to improve the quality of life.

4. Since hospitals often play vital roles in the life and "health" of their surrounding neighborhoods, Hospitals

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~~can be either obstacles to or remedies for neighborhood problems. Therefore, INC will work to encourage hospitals to~~

- A. be more responsive to the needs of their neighborhoods, particularly when hospitals want to expand their facilities;
- B. provide affordable health care to their surrounding communities immediate neighbors;
- C. provide employment opportunities for nearby residents.

5. Because health care is no longer affordable for most citizens without some kind of health insurance, INC will work to

- A. encourage all employers to provide adequately maintain health coverage ~~care insurance~~ for all their employees and their families;;
- B. promote personal choice and free market principles wherever possible;
- C. recognize the importance of personal responsibility in maintaining adequate health coverage;
- D. ~~and will~~ support legislation that would study and make significant recommendations to help assure ~~provide~~ basic health care to all persons, regardless of income level.

6. Health clinics in the Denver Public schools provide needed health care for school children. Therefore, INC will encourage neighborhood organizations to work with the Denver Public Schools and Denver Health and Hospitals to encourage the continuation and expansion of these health clinics and seek funding outside the education budget.

7. Because the misuse of alcohol and the use of tobacco products cause health and economic harm to our community and citizens, INC supports enlightened policies that:

- A. require accurate product information, directed only at appropriate recipients;
- B. ~~prohibit discourage~~ illegal underage consumption;
- C. encourage tobacco free buildings and businesses;
- ~~C. provide the most appropriate location of treatment facilities.~~
- D. provide ready access to facilities for the treatment of alcohol and tobacco addiction;
- E. ~~don't go so far as expelling students for smoking.~~

8. Some Denver neighborhoods have become heavily polluted with industrial toxic wastes. Therefore, INC will work with health authorities and political leaders to identify the polluters and to remediate contamination in a timely and legally binding manner, ~~promote safer Denver emission standards, and cease this neighborhood pollution.~~

9. Landfills are overflowing, forests and mines are being depleted, fresh water is becoming scarcer, and water pollution problems face all world citizens. Therefore INC will

work with the City and citizens to promote

- A. much more recycling of many commercial products and residential wastes;
- B. less purchase and use of household and commercial products sold in wrappers, etc. that are not biodegradable;
- C. cessation of dumping of toxic substances into sewers;
- D. water conservation and more xeriscaping;
- E. studies on ways to promote better land development suitable to our harsh arid high plains environment.

10. Open space and wetlands in our metropolitan area suitable for recreation and wildlife habitation are becoming fast depleted. Therefore INC will support legislation and also the securing of philanthropic funds to

- A. acquire more open space for future recreational purposes;
- B. better manage and maintain existing Denver public and private land (i.e. urban redevelopment).

HOUSING POSITION STATEMENTS

1. **Fair Housing:** INC supports all local, State and Federal laws which prohibit discrimination in housing. Examples do include but are not limited to discrimination based on: race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, familial status, marital status, handicap, sexual orientation, military status, age (over 40), and parenthood. [Protected groups listed as specified in: City of Denver Equal Protection Ordinance, State and Federal laws.]

2. **Housing Integration:** INC supports housing strategies that produce school, economic and housing integration and opportunities through fair housing practices in the private and public sector.

~~1. Housing Integration: There remain areas of Denver with segregated housing patterns. Segregated housing patterns produce segregated schools and employment practices. Segregated schools result in school busing to achieve court compliance. Denver and other cities have reduced school busing for integration through voluntary fair housing practices in the private and public sectors. Therefore, INC supports housing strategies that produce school, employment and housing integration and opportunities on a voluntary basis, such as those developed by Housing for All in its "Housing Integration Plan for Metropolitan Denver," and INC encourages all Denver neighborhood organizations to implement appropriate integration strategies, including those outlined in the Housing Integration Plan.~~

3. **Communication:**

- A. INC seeks and supports efforts by housing

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developers (public, private and non-profit) to be responsive to neighborhood concerns by pro-actively contacting neighborhood groups and providing them with methods for two-way communication with results and/or closure.

~~5. Housing Developers' Communication with Neighborhoods: Neighborhood groups know the history and context of events and development in their areas. Therefore, INC seeks and will support efforts by housing developers (public, private and non-profit) to be responsive to neighborhood concerns by pro-actively contacting neighborhood groups and providing them with methods for two-way communication.~~

B. INC encourages: All neighborhood organizations and all providers of group homes, shelters, subsidized housing, and institutional services to communicate and work with each other to improve understanding, seek an accommodation, and reduce hostility between neighborhoods and providers.

~~13. Communication: INC shall encourage all neighborhood organizations and all providers of group homes and institutional services to communicate and work with each other to improve understanding and reduce hostility between neighborhoods and providers, shall encourage the mandatory notification of neighborhood organizations when the services or management of group homes or service providers are changed or expanded, and to oppose any efforts to extend the licensing period for group homes and service providers beyond the present one year period.~~

4. **Residential Diversity:** INC supports:

- A. Efforts to increase the available stock of large family-size, multiple bedroom housing units or those units built to accommodate families with diversified needs, including affordable rental units of this size or type.
- B. Recognition that there should not be a disproportionate impact on any neighborhood.
- C. The development of vacant properties and parcels of land within the City in ways that increase the diversity of available housing.

~~3. Residential Diversity: The viability of Denver and its neighborhoods depends on residential diversity, and families with children are an important part of that diversity. Families with children are excluded from some housing opportunities within our City, and residential diversity requires the availability of housing in a range of sizes, prices, and types in compliance with state and federal law. Therefore, INC supports efforts to increase the available stock of family size 3 and 4 bedroom housing units, including affordable rental units of this size. INC supports the elimination of discrimination in housing against families with children and INC encourages the development of vacant parcels of land within the City in ways that increase the diversity of available housing.~~

5. **Residential Blight and Deterioration:** INC supports:

- A. Holding all property owners accountable and educating them about all applicable codes, resources available to assure code compliance, and utilization of remedies including but not limited to fines, court action, and the like, to end non-compliance.
- B. Urging that every property owner (private, non profit and public) be held accountable for the condition of his/her property or properties and problems caused by the occupants.
- C. Revisions to the zoning ordinances that discourage neglect of properties by owners speculating on increased property values in mixed use or over zoned areas.

~~4. Residential Blight and Deterioration: Long term vacancy or neglect of housing units by absentee landlords, financial institutions, or others who fail to properly care for property results in neighborhood blight and deterioration. Such blight and deterioration discourage ownership or rental of properties, strain City police and fire resources, and pose health and safety threats. Therefore, INC supports efforts to educate owners about applicable codes, available resources for code compliance, and available remedies for non-compliance. INC supports efforts to hold owners accountable for the condition of their properties and problems caused by the occupants. Further, INC supports revisions to the zoning ordinances that discourage neglect of properties by owners speculating on increased property values in mixed use or over zoned areas.~~

6. **Assistance for First Time Home Buyers:** INC supports continuation of loan and down payment assistance programs which provide common-sense lending and underwriting practices to assure that moderate income families can continue to become home owners thereby strengthening our neighborhoods through increased ownership.

~~9. Assistance for First-time Home Buyers: Many first-time home buyers in Denver have difficulty in qualifying for a mortgage loan. Therefore, INC supports loan programs which provide common-sense lending and underwriting practices, are based on a family's history of willingness and ability to pay, and address special needs.~~

7. **Assistance for Families Facing Eviction/Foreclosure:** INC supports continuation of City programs to help people stay in their current homes and to assure affirmative marketing of all foreclosed units.

~~10. Assistance for Families Facing Eviction/Foreclosure: Economic difficulties can result in many Denver residents losing their homes, both rental and owner-occupied, and the cost of finding new housing can be substantially greater than the cost of keeping those same residents in their current homes. Therefore, INC urges the City to take appropriate measures, including priority funding, to help people stay in their current~~

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