

March 5, 2016

Mayor Michael B. Hancock **Denver City Council** City and County of Denver

Dear Mayor Hancock and Members of Denver City Council,

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Denver's association of Registered Neighborhood Organizations from neighborhoods throughout Denver, was founded in 1975. INC's mission is to advocate for Denver citizens by bringing together, informing and empowering Denver neighborhood organizations to actively engage in addressing city issues.

At its February 13 monthly Delegate Meeting, INC passed the following Position Statement in Support of the "Housing First" Approach to those Experiencing Homelessness. The motion passed by a vote of 38 For; 0 Opposed and 4 Abstaining.

INC neighborhoods do not stand by and let neighbors endure the downward spiral, the rigors, the disruption, the dislocation, and the danger of homelessness.

INC supports "Housing First": immediate and permanent accommodation of homeless neighbors in professionally managed and professionally supported housing, with equitable and appropriate metro-wide distribution.

INC calls on the City to partner with neighborhoods to plan for, locate, and create funding to effectively develop, staff, operate, and maintain needed housing, using all sources of funding.

Respectfully yours,

Larry Ambrose President, INC