

October 1, 2009

2009 Executive Committee Members Kevin Patterson, Manager Department of Parks and Recreation City and County of Denver 201 West Colfax Avenue Denver, CO 80202

Chair Karen Cuthbertson

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Vice-Chair Bradley Zieg At the INC Delegation meeting on September 12, 2009, the following resolution regarding admission-based events in Denver parks was approved by the

Treasurer Steve Nissen WHEREAS, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a network of approximately 100 registered neighborhood organizations and associate members in Denver, and

Delegates with a vote of 16 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Secretary Dave Felice

WHEREAS: INC supports the long-held principle of free and open access to named Denver urban public parks, and

Delegates-At-Large Larry Ambrose Anthony Thomas Don Tressler Penelope Zeller

WHEREAS: City Charter prohibits leasing public park land for commercial purposes without a vote of the general electorate; and

WHEREAS: Allowing, in named Denver urban public parks, fenced off commercial events where admission is charged and only those with the price of admission can enter, is a major shift of public policy and park management which should not be effected without a vote of the general electorate;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

Mission
INC believes
neighborhood
organizations
deserve a greater
role in participating
in city
government, as
well as a shared
vision that
neighborhoods are
stronger when
they work together
and learn from one
another.

(A) The membership of INC opposes the closure of public park space from the public for the purpose of commercial admission-based events in named Denver urban parks; and,

(B) INC believes that any proposal to allow exclusive commercial use of park space for special events must be referred to the general electorate of Denver by Denver City Council.

(C) INC supports the development of a year-around special events park in a central location of the City where both admission and non-admission based events can take place.

31 Years of Service, and counting

Thank you,

Karen Cuthbertson

Chair - Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

cc: Mayor John Hickenlooper Denver City Council

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