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**Subject:** Zoning Of Parks Resolution

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**Attachments:** INC\_Letter\_Zoning\_of\_Parks\_Resolution.pdf (434K)

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Dear Mayor Hancock, Distinguished Members of City Council,

Please see the attachment

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Respectfully,

John Joseph Niemann  
President, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation



## Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Honorable Mayor Michael Hancock  
Honorable Denver City Council Members

Dear Mayor Hancock, Distinguished Members of City Council,

On Saturday, November 11th, 2018 the delegates of Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation passed the below resolution by a vote of 48 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. This resolution was first moved out of the Zoning and Planning Committee on Saturday, October 28, 2017 by a vote of 17 in favor, 1 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

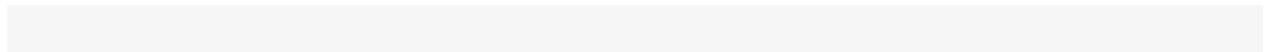
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Joseph Niemann".

John Joseph Niemann

President, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation



## Resolution to Amend the Zoning Code to Provide Zoning of Parks

Whereas the City Charter of the City and County of Denver assigns responsibility for land use to City Council; and,

Whereas Denver's 2010 Zoning Code rewrite created a parks and open space zoning category called OS-A and assigned all parkland to the OS-A category; and,

Whereas the 2010 Zoning Code assigned unilateral, blanket responsibility for all use decisions for OS-A to the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation; and,

Whereas the Director of Parks and Recreation is a single individual, appointed by the Mayor, the 2010 Zoning Code has removed parks land use responsibility from the City Council, who are representatives of the neighborhoods' citizens; and,

Whereas the Director of Parks has used this authority to make decisions about park land use without consideration of the public's input; and,

Whereas City Council has the authority to amend the Zoning Code; and,

Whereas Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation has opposed the assignment of OS-A land use decisions to the Director of Parks and Recreation in the new Zoning Code in a Resolution issued on September 12, 2009;

It is resolved by the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation:

We request City Council to amend the Zoning Code such that OS-A land is subject to community-inclusive zoning control processes similar to other zoning classifications and under the authority of City Council and commit to take no action in Council to bring forth a bill in this matter until a meaningful community engagement process has been completed.