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The Newsletter of the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

October Delegate Meeting Oct 8 2016

Oct 8, 2016 – INC Delegate Meeting – Agenda

Location: Forefront Church
Community Room
2112 S. Patton Ct.
Denver, Colorado 80219

How do I get there? (directions via google maps)
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8:30am – 9am – Coffee and neighborhood interaction
9am – Introduction from Harvey Park Improvement Association and Councilman Kevin Flynn

9:15 - 9:45 - INC Business
- Approval of Minutes from September Delegate Meeting
- Denver Election Forum Update
- Committee Reports
  - 2 motions are being presented

Intermission – 10 minutes

10:15 am - Primary Presentation – approx. 30 mins
INC Denver Residents’ Issues Survey (City Perception Survey) - presented by George Mayl & Jane Lorimer
Nomination Approval for Tom Mobley as the 5th at-large INC board member. He is the president of the Harkness Heights NA. He would serve out the remainder of the term (ends March 2017).

Around the City – Time for hearing from RNO delegates regarding neighborhood topics that they would like to share with other RNOs

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Ballot Title – Initiated Ordinance 300

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Ballot Issues
Amendment 69 Colorado Cares

- Amendment 69 – establish ColoradoCare, state financing of health care for Colorado residents; fund ColoradoCare by creating new income taxes, redirecting existing state and federal funding of health services, and exempt it from constitutional revenue limits; establish a board of trustees, initially appointed and then elected, to oversee the operation, and allow the board to terminate ColoradoCare if exemptions and agreements from state and federal governments are not sufficient for a sound operation; require voter approval for future tax increases

Amendment 70 - Raising the Minimum Wage

WATCH HERE
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Candidates

United States Congress District 1 Diana DeGette (D) v Charles “Casper” Stockham (R) v Darrell Dinges (Lib)**

**Chose not to participate

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Ballot and Candidate Forums Hosted by INC, LWV and Channel 8 - DENVER DECIDES

1. State House District 2
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   WATCH HERE

3. State Senate District 31
   Bob Lane (R) v Lois Court (D)
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State Senate District 33 Raymon Doane (R) v Angela Williams (D)

Denver District Attorney U.S. 2nd Judicial District Beth McCann (D) v Helen Morgan (U)
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