April 16, 2012

Dear Members of Denver City Council:

Established in 1975, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) is a city-wide network with annual membership of more than 100 Registered Neighborhood Organizations. 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 monthly delegate meeting on Saturday, April 14, INC Delegates passed the following Resolution regarding BR12-0241, Banning Unauthorized Camping in the City and County of Denver. The vote was twenty in favor, four opposed with three abstentions. The Resolution is requesting that you, the members of Denver City Council, postpone a vote on this ordinance until adequate additional public meetings have been held and in order for INC to devote the entire program of its May 12 delegate meeting to consideration of this subject.

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Whereas, The Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) believes that the City Council ordinance proposing to ban unauthorized camping has significant implications to the citizens and neighborhoods of Denver, and

Whereas, the impacts and ramifications of the ordinance on individuals and neighborhoods has not been fully explored by Denver citizens, and

Whereas, alternatives whereby individuals directly affected by the ordinance have not been developed or are not known to Denver citizens,

Now therefore, be it resolved that INC respectfully asks Denver City Council to postpone a vote on the ordinance banning unauthorized camping on property in the City and County of Denver until such time as adequate, additional public meetings have been held to inform and educate Denver citizens including homeless people, as to the details of the ordinance being established. INC specifically proposes to hold a thorough forum on the subject at the May 12th delegate meeting, wherein all parties, including homeless people be invited, a balanced presentation will be made before all Registered Neighborhood Organizations present and where delegates will have the chance to learn and ask meaningful questions.

Thank you for your consideration of our Resolution and request.

Respectfully,

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