October 1, 2009

Kevin Patterson, Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation
City and County of Denver
201 West Colfax Avenue
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Dear Mr. Patterson,

At the INC Delegation meeting on September 12, 2009, the following resolution regarding admission-based events in Denver parks was approved by the Delegates with a vote of 16 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

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

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

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:

(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.

Thank you,

Karen Cuthbertson
Chair - Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

cc: Mayor John Hickenlooper
Denver City Council

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