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Please see the attachment

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John Joseph Niemann
President, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
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November 20th, 2017

Honorable Mayor Michael Hancock
Honorable Denver City Council Members

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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.