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Page 1: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Parks and Rec Committee Survey

**Q1** What is your name please?

Colleen Zahradnicek

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**Q2** What Office are you running for?

**Council**

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**Q3** Which council district are you running for?

**Council District**

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**Q4** Regardless of the office you are running for, if you were appointing the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation Department, what education and previous experience would you expect the person to have?

I would look for a candidate who had experience managing a large group of people, with a conservation background, and an understanding and passion for keeping outdoor urban space accessible for all. I think specific kinds or levels of education are less important than finding someone who wanted to make our city parks great for everyone. I'd look for a Leslie Knope :)

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**Q5** Will you support an ordinance moving OS-A zoning from the Ex. Director of Parks back to City Council? If not, why?

I think it makes sense for zoning to be determined by city council as they have more ways to protect current zoning codes and be flexible with others.

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**Q6** What would you consider is adequate green space for high density development, for example Elitchs. What steps would you take to ensure the zoning requirement for green space is adequate?

The World Health Organization recommends a minimum of 9 square meters (about 97 square feet) per individual in an urban setting. This should be used as a tool to design new density in areas to ensure a high quality of life. In new builds such as the Elitchs development, we must make sure the area is walkable so we are not wasting space on parking. We can build up to get the needed density and work to reclaim the current parking lots to create a beautiful place along the river for everyone to access.

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## INC PARC 2019 Candidate Survey

**Q7** The use of recycled water in Denver parks appears to be causing the premature loss of many mature evergreens. Is that an acceptable trade-off for accommodating more population growth or should the city spend money to untie remediation measures to save those legacy trees? Please explain your answer.

We have to save our trees. Scientists warn we have 12 years before we are past the brink with climate change, and allowing current trees to die or be cut down for highway vanity projects is unacceptable.

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**Q8** What would you do to protect and enhance waterways going through Denver?

I would use the report from the Army Corps of Engineers to focus on ways to protect our waterways. Water is such a valuable resource here in the high desert and we must make sure we are using native plants in our designs as well as keeping as many chemicals out of our ecosystem, which all ends up in our water.

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**Q9** What aspect(s) of INC Parks and Rec Urban Platform do you support?

I agree with the INC Parks and Rec Urban platform. It is clear and concise in its direction, which is to keep open space open for all.

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