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Q1 What is your name please?

Veronica Barela

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?

Experience managing a large staff, community engagement experience, a Master's in Public Administration and at least 10 years of experience working in a natural resource related job.

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

Yes, I support restoring the parks use decision to the City Council.

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

I support increasing the minimum amount of park space required in the General Development Planning Process, and the land should be dedicated park land. Furthermore, developments near parks benefit from increased property values due to their location. We should consider impact fees that subsidize park maintenance in the short-term, with the understanding that new property tax revenue will be generated for the general fund. Everyone should have a dedicated park within a 10-minute walking distance from their home.

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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.

I am not sure they are mutual exclusive. It is clear that we need to have large and broad community engagement process around the future of water planning and use of recycled water in the Denver. This of course must include scientific analysis of problems and solutions, including the long term effects on vegetation. Legacy trees are important and hold value that is not just monetary. We should not expand a program until we full understand the implications.

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

District 3 is fortunate to be home to many of the gulches and weirs that flow from the foothills into Denver. I support the use of general funds, 2A and 7G funds to restore and improve these open spaces for the public. This includes improving walking paths, restroom infrastructure, and park amenities. A One-Water education plan that educates residents about storm and waste water is vital too.

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

Increasing and improving park space is at the core of your platform. I whole heartily support these values and as District 3 resident, I know how important equitable distribution of resources is. Lastly, the creation of a festival park is a wonderful idea.
