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Q1 What is your name please?

Jamie Giellis

Q2 What Office are you running for?

Mayor

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Q3 Which council district are you running for?

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Minimum BA in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies or at least 15 years experience working in a big city parks and recreation department in a leadership position.

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

Yes.

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?

City leadership must be more forward thinking when it comes to large areas of land that are ready to become available for re-development such as Elitchs. This was an opportunity to create more park and green space that would enhance our quality of life and create a gathering spot for people to come together and enjoy the outside. The creation of green space should not be an afterthought but should be one of the drivers for any new development. Denver used to be known as a city within a park but we seem to have lost that in our quest to build concrete jungles with little or no green space. It starts with having a vision and being willing to lead and collaboratively figure out what zoning will work to ensure the appropriate amount of green space happens with every new development.

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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.

No, it is not acceptable to use water that is causing premature loss of mature evergreens. It is not cost effective to harm mature trees only to have to replant new trees which will also be impacted by recycled water. Our shade canopies are valuable and contribute to our air quality and to our quality of life.

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

As mayor, I will require the city to clean storm water before it enters the Platte River which it currently it does not do. Increase the use of bioswales on city streets like the ones on Brighton Blvd. Add trash screens to sewers and trash nets on drains that flow into the river. Find solutions to homelessness to keep people from living on the river and stressing it even further.

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

I support preserving green space and our residents opportunities to experience nature; Implementation of a community based process for development of park policy; Increase parkland within the city; A plan to go with our new funding source for parks.
