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Q1 What is your name please?

David Sabados

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?

The Executive Director's education and experience should reflect a combination of skill, experience, passion, and vision for leading such an important agency that is the backbone of a livable city. While there is not one background that makes an ideal candidate, a robust search process would allow the city to weigh multiple viable candidates.

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

Absolutely. I have serious concerns with an unelected cabinet member determining the zoning of open space. Moving this responsibility to City Council will ensure greater public accountability to OS-A zoning decisions as council has the authority over other zoning.

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?

The context would be a significant determinant. For example, a high-density development adjacent to existing open space might be different from one that is not. There is no one ratio that fits the needs of every community, but each project needs to be evaluated based on location, proximity to other development and open spaces, as well as a number of other factors. That said, moving OS-A zoning to council will ensure a more thorough public review.

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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.

While I share Denver's Water's goal of conserving water by using recycled water in Denver parks, I believe we must rely on the expertise and evidence by public health officials on its safety. The premature loss of mature evergreens or any other foliage defeats the purpose. I believe this warrants further study. Denver should also be using more native grasses and other plant life indigenous to our climate that requires less water usage overall.

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

The Urban Waterways Restoration Study shows the interagency cooperation and study that is required to protect and enhance our waterways that are under enormous pressure with rapid population growth. Since I am not an expert on this subject, I would seek expertise opinion for a variety of sources in and out of City government.

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

I wholeheartedly agree that our open space must be protected.

I would hope that the new dedicated revenue source voters approved in November would reduce some of the pressure to generate revenues from parks. Not only does Denver's "relatively young and outdoor-oriented population" require more green space as your platform observes, urban green space is the only connection to nature that many of our residents have the opportunity to enjoy. Your principals for guiding Community-based Park Policy hit the mark. I would add that new parks should undergo rigorous public review and I would, as a member of City Council, facilitate such conversation.
