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

**Q1** What is your name please?

Mary Beth Susman

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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?

Large organization management; large budget management; managing priority needs when perspectives differ among a large population;

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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?

Yes

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**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 think we should preserve as much open space as we can, and it has its own requirements that should be the priority, that is that the green space can remain healthy, is properly positioned for its needs, and sufficient for sustainability.

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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.

Use of recycled water is a result of the water challenge we have always had in Colorado. Actually, density is one of the best ways to conserve water as sprawl and suburban lawns are a major use of our water. The parks people have let me know that they are treating the trees to help sustain them, that many of the trees in our parks, and indeed in our city are not native and therefore suffer in this climate for a myriad of reasons and that it is not completely clear that re-cycled water is the culprit. Not being a forester, I rely on the expertise of the horticulture scientists to make the best decisions for our trees.

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

Everything I could. I also favor the daylighting of streams where possible as they clean the water much more successfully. I also advocate for the use of permeable kinds of driveways, sidewalks, etc. so that water can seep through the ground better and become cleaner as it flows to the Platte River.

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

All of it and I worked to get the Parks dedicated fund ballot issue passed.

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