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Q1 What is your name please?

Penfield Tate

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?

I would prefer a background in wildlife biology, open-space or parks management, forestry or horticulture in addition to proven management and leadership experience, and experience with community engagement.

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

I understand the community's concern. I could support such a change, however, I believe the current issue is not with where the authority is vested, but who wields that authority and how it is wielded. There have been instances in the past and present where neither the administration or the city counsel were responsive to the concerns of the community. Clearly, the current administration has not been receptive or responsive to the needs of the community to the understandable concern of many. The current administration clearly values development over parks and open space. As mayor, my values will be to create, promote and protect parks and open space over the push to develop.

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?

Depending on the type of development, somewhere between 15-35% of the development should be green space. To ensure it is adequate, I would work to obtain input from both the community and developer interests on what the appropriate standard is, and once it is established, decline to grant variances from the standard.

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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.

The loss of the trees is not an acceptable trade-off for development. I support additional research and investigation into the impact of the recycled water on the vegetation in our parks and open spaces. I believe we should remediate the water or change the source water for irrigation in our parks and open space if that is what is needed to preserve vegetation. I support spending money to save the legacy trees and investigating how we should manage parks and open space to preserve them.

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

An urban center like Denver has rare opportunities to preserve natural habitat to be enjoyed by its residents. The habitat and areas surrounding our waterways are unique parts of our city that should be preserved, protected, and managed so current and future generations can enjoy them. I'd work with Denver Water and any conservation, management districts or entities exercising authority over the waterways to preserve and maintain the areas around the waterways, and the habitat. It seems there is a need to create a division within the Parks & Recreation Department to manage issues surrounding our waterways.

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

All of it - I think The Way Forward, as laid out in the plan is appropriate.
