

09:05:44 From Xochitl Gaytan : Good morning Everyone, PLEASE MUTE. Thank you.

09:06:03 From Xochitl Gaytan : Elizabeth Hepp: Please mute!

09:06:25 From Xochitl Gaytan : I just muted Elizabeth.

09:06:27 From Xochitl Gaytan : Thank you!

09:10:46 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thank you for moderating, Xochi!

09:10:57 From Xochitl Gaytan : Thank you, Eleni!

09:19:37 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Everyone: Feel free to contribute questions on the issue in the Chat. Thank you!

09:22:32 From D-Greg Sorensen (Neighbors for Greater Capitol Hill) : How are larger landlords, who would be charged \$75 per rental unit, defined?

09:22:55 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : I heard on the news that we are averaging between 3,500 to 4,000 eviction filings PER MONTH in Colorado. Question for Drew Hamrich, where do you get your number of 800 +- filings in Denver? Seems there are many more.

09:23:32 From Robert Adams : Means tested legal support for renters will spend close to 4 million this year and most renters are still not represented. How do you fill the gap without 305?

09:25:43 From Carla McCONNELL : I went through the eviction process for only 1 tenant (over 20 years of owning the property). The tenant left town and I could not find her. Would this disappearance have delayed the eviction process under this new law?

09:25:44 From Jonathan Pira : We know that City Council is able to modify ordinances after a measure passes. If we support a right to eviction representation but are concerned the fee might raise too much money (as Drew posits), can we not realistically expect that council will simply lower the fee in a year or two if the program is overfunded?

09:26:52 From Bruce Baskette : How would this measure pay the rent?

09:27:06 From Adam Meltzer :
<https://commonsenseinstitute.org/city-of-denver-ordinance-305/>

09:31:27 From Bob Janowski : Is there a sunset provision in the ordinance? What happens if it's not something needed in 10 years?

09:35:00 From Andrew Hamrick : Common Sense Institute September 2022 Study on 305
<https://commonsenseinstitute.org/city-of-denver-ordinance-305/>

09:35:13 From Bruce Baskette : Would this apply to squatters and simple deadbeats?

09:35:22 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : The gentrification is problematic for Latino families in Denver. City of Denver focus on the people who need a roof over their heads versus overfunding your 1.6 billion budget. respectfully ☺

09:36:41 From D-Eleni Sarris : Isn't Common Sense Institute an arm of Colorado Apartment Association and Real Estate Industry. It isn't nonpartisan.

09:36:56 From Robert Adams : Yes it's highly biased

09:39:13 From D-Eleni Sarris : Colorado Apartment Association has consistently supported corporations over people, including renters and homeowners alike. They support developers and large corporations. They have consistently fought affordable housing and rental protections.

09:41:33 From Mitchell Weldon : report on the efficacy of eviction representation in Denver in keeping people housed:
<https://cclponline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Facing-Eviction-Alone-9-11-17.pdf>

09:42:00 From Robert Adams : I'd like to add that median rent went up \$200 per month this year with no benefit to renters, just profit for landlords

09:44:20 From Ryan Call : <https://www.wastenomoredenver.org/>

09:47:07 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Everyone: Please feel free to add any questions you have on the issue in the Chat. Thank you.

09:48:44 From Bruce Baskette : Is the City supposed to implement this, or Private Industry?

09:50:14 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : How will individual businesses manage some of the details? For example, a restaurant downtown that must now expand its waste management, -- 2 extra dumpsters? Will there be room? Also, for compost, what about health concerns, e.g., vermin that are drawn to rotting garbage, or am I missing something?

09:50:31 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Dennis, it sounds like you're saying "just throw it all away and try to harvest the methane after the fact, rather than compost and recycle?" This reminds me of "burn fossil fuels more and hope we can develop carbon capture from the air to somehow make up for it."

09:50:59 From Adam Meltzer : Composting is the simplest service private businesses can implement to affect landfill diversion rates yet most businesses are not doing it. Why?

09:53:39 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : My question was answered earlier. Xochitl – please take Adam's question

09:53:47 From Adam Meltzer : Dennis: Your information about the Green Building Ordinance is inaccurate and incomplete. The City made the Green Roof Ordinance better. They expanded it and gave developers more options.

09:54:41 From Robert Adams : I'm hearing "I've tried nothing and I'm all out of ideas". How do we solve these waste problems without requiring it of businesses and buildings?

09:55:11 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Adam: Very correct - The city can adjust after the fact. The importance of citizen initiated ordinances is for the public to make clear what direction we want to go. Everything is adjustable as we learn more and improve, on all initiatives. I appreciate you making this point.

09:59:38 From Ryan Call : Here's the City's 2022 Sus. Resource Mgmt. Plan: <https://denvergov.org/files/assets/public/climate-action/documents/resource-management/swmp-2022-update.pdf>

10:02:25 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thanks Ean for your presentation and work with Green Latinos!

10:02:28 From Adam Meltzer : Businesses have avoided dealing with waste issues for decades. We know the damage methane is causing to our environment. Why are all these businesses suddenly going to do something without regulation? I'll answer my own question. They won't. It will cost them more and they don't want to deal with the physical aspect of having to separate waste. Drivers and space are not a valid reason for not addressing rejecting good solutions to dealing with the climate crisis we are in. Private business must contribute to the solution.

10:02:38 From Ean Tafoya : <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/hm/producer-responsibility-program#:~:text=HB%2022%2D1355%20sets%20up,system%20to%20recycle%20those%20materials.>

10:02:51 From Ean Tafoya : Producer Responsibility Bill

10:05:45 From Adam Meltzer : The opposition to good ideas is always it costs too much and we can make a better plan, but better plans are never made. I'm

tired of it and I think we collectively are all smarter than that. Let's implement this initiative now. Don't let financial fear affect effective legislation.

10:06:32 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Adam: that seems to be a theme in arguments against citizen initiatives trying to address important issues. Well spotted

10:06:51 From Ryan Call : I would not count on the oil and gas industry to solve environmental issues!

10:07:30 From Adam Meltzer : 100% accurate Ryan.

10:07:34 From D-Eleni Sarris : I don't think that oil and gas industry is going to be friendly toward any change and their shareholders will continue to profit off status quo.

10:16:05 From Jonathan Pira : Inflation is real! But the primary factors of inflation are first housing costs, then energy, and Colorado already has one of the lowest effective property taxes in the nation. So why would we lower income tax (primarily benefiting the wealthy) instead of working to reduce housing or gas costs?

10:20:48 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Question for each: What is the role of government here? Who pays for education? For transportation? Are there not common interests that can only be provided for collectively? Does the libertarian philosophy which Ben espouses (if I have it correct) have ANY role for government and addressing our common needs, interests?

10:21:30 From D-Greg Sorensen (Neighbors for Greater Capitol Hill) : What do you think the primary functions of state government are, and how should those functions be paid for?

10:21:31 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Please direct this question to Ben first, Sochi. Thanks,

10:28:18 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Question for both: would a progressive income tax be more fair? The current single rate is regressive.

10:42:12 From D-Greg Sorensen (Neighbors for Greater Capitol Hill) : If a homeowner has just repaired their sidewalk, they would then be paying twice under this measure. Would there be an exemption for people who have already repaired their sidewalks?

10:42:46 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Is the current practice of expecting homeowners to arrange for and pay for sidewalk installation and repair in any way defensible? It obviously and inevitably leads to the patchwork of conditions we have now that is particularly threatening to those with mobility issues. And if a homeowner is cited and has to hire someone to do the work, the costs could be thousands or more depending on how much sidewalk is next to their home. Is the current practice any way to provide basic city infrastructure?

10:43:16 From Alison Torvik : Isn't there a provision for low income Josef

10:43:44 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : What about the inequity of this? Low income neighborhoods will pay a very disproportionate cost that makes this very regressive. Why not tie the fee to what your property value is?

10:44:21 From Alison Torvik : (sorry) Isn't there a provision for low income homeowners?

10:47:44 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : The structure of the fee is still very inequitable to base it on the stormwater fee. It does not account for low income neighborhoods vs. wealthy.

10:48:59 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : The proposed fee is proportionate to how much sidewalk is around the property. I live on a corner and

so will be transferring MORE responsibility to the city than someone with less sidewalk, so a proportionate fee is fair and I expect to pay for the responsibility I transfer.

10:49:14 From Bruce Baskette : My 60s neighborhood has 100% sidewalks: simple frontages would cost \$183 a year; corner lots that include a main street would cost \$548 a year. Is that fair?

10:49:54 From Jeanne Robb : Did you consider sidewalk inspection and repair at time of sale...worth proceeds?

10:50:13 From Cindy Sestrich : Will the fees cover repairing flagstone sidewalks in historic neighborhoods? Or will it be required to replace with new concrete patches?

10:50:49 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Jeanne: so sidewalks would remain unrepaired or incomplete until property sells?

10:53:16 From Bruce Baskette : I'd like to suggest an attendee vote on this issue.

10:53:28 From Jonathan Pira : INC has already endorsed this measure

10:53:41 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Is this a good mechanism, to continually create new revenue streams for needed services?

10:53:52 From Jeff Walker : Does the proposal allow for acquisition to construct sidewalks?

10:54:25 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : If we want the city to take responsibility for sidewalks, they have to be given the funding to do so. We can't transfer the responsibility (as we should!) with no funding to do the work

10:55:22 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : focusing on sidewalks when the feet that walk on them are homeless and hungry? Really?? 🙄🙄🙄🙄

10:59:44 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : I'm reminded of the saying in activism & advocacy that's been used for over 100 years: "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." We've been asking for the city to provide and maintain this basic city infrastructure in the 2000s, the 2010s and now in the 2020s we've now reached the third step. Keep pushing for treating sidewalks like real infrastructure to be complete and maintained - Denver Deserves Sidewalks

11:01:26 From D-Greg Sorensen (Neighbors for Greater Capitol Hill) : THANK YOU TO SOCHI AND ALL OUR SPEAKERS! THIS IS THE VALUE OF INC -- TO BRING THIS INFORMATION TO DENVER RESIDENTS.

11:01:28 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Thank you both!

11:01:42 From Jonathan Pira : Yes thank you INC for organizing! and Xochi for moderating!

11:01:56 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Really really well moderated!

11:01:58 From Jeff Walker : Thanks Sochi and all the presenters.

11:02:15 From Bruce Baskette : Well done moderating, Xochitl!

11:02:39 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Thank you everyone!! God bless

11:02:40 From Xochitl Gaytan : Thank you, Everyone! Appreciate being here with all of you this morning.