



Denver City Council

CdeBaca Amendment to the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget
21-1340

Councilwoman Candi CdeBaca

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Madam President: I move that the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget be amended in the following particulars:

1. On page 658, in the line titled "Safety Management – Expenditures by Type Total" (Fund 3501000) reduce the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$5,000,000.
2. On page 793, in the line titled "Neighborhoods – Expenditures by Type Total" (Fund 0113000) increase the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$5,000,000 from \$1,539,949 to \$6,539,949 to create a Near Northeast Community Owned Grocery.
3. Make other appropriate adjustments to comments, tables, schedules, and figures in the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget as may be required to reflect the actions in this amendment.

Explanation: Purchasing and retrofitting a grocery store in a food desert meets several of our budget priorities. The concept is similar to FreshLo in montbello minus the housing (but open to it if the right parcel comes along). The near northeast neighborhoods are known food deserts that still lack affordable access to high quality foods. The grocery stores promised have yet to manifest and the only one that has was far out of the price range of residents (Natural Grocers). The residents of the community have been planning and searching for a location to run a multi-level cooperative grocery store that builds a food ecosystem that is owned and operated by the community from seed to table. This is critical as many orgs who provide at least a patchwork of food options were impacted deeply by COVID and need more innovative ways to keep their doors open and programs sustainable.