



City Council Budget Retreat Working Session

Budget and Policy Committee
April 15, 2024

Denver City Council Racial Equity Lens



1. Are all historically disadvantaged groups who are affected by the decision we are making currently represented in this process including those who have been historically oppressed because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, class, disability, immigration status and age? Have we heard the voices of those who are affected?
2. How will the proposed decision affect each group?
3. How will the proposed decision be perceived by each group?
4. Does the decision advance racial equity or mitigate unintended consequences?

Today's Assumptions/Expectations

- Today is for Councilmembers to briefly present on a select few of their newly proposed budget policies and funding proposals.
- Council members will have 6 minutes each to present their policies.
- Today is not the time or place for debate or discussion. In-depth debate and discussion on budget policies will take place May 3 at the Budget Retreat. Please hold questions and comments.
- Members are explaining the proposal, not making a pitch
- Members should follow up offline with questions
- Council will not discuss the micro (district-specific) priorities or budget expansions.

City Council 2024 Budget Goals

- Strengthen community safety by engaging directly with neighborhoods and ensure investment in community-supported, anti-racist, public health strategies.
- Empower the community and improve customer service by sharing information, engaging, and collaborating with residents.
- Ensure the people of Denver are housed by improving the housing pipeline and ensuring the diversity and stability of housing. Meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness or who are vulnerable to homelessness and implement proven and innovative methods to mitigate and reduce involuntary displacement.
- Incubate city-wide business and labor infrastructure and our network of supportive community organizations. Empower workers, sustain a thriving workforce, and support our small and local business sectors.

City Council 2024 Budget Goals

- Treat climate change as an emergency. Protect our natural environment through action and investment. Mitigate harm in areas of environmental injustice.
- Create complete and safe multimodal transportation connections. Improve Denver's infrastructure. Reduce traffic deaths by 25% by the end of 2025.
- Invest in Denver's children, youth, and families. Support, educate, and engage them to meet their multi-faceted, multigenerational needs.
- Increase access to physical and mental health, and addiction and substance use resources. Expand investments and collaboration between providers and partners to achieve a seamless continuum of services.

Presentation Order

1. Hinds
2. Watson
3. Sawyer
4. Lewis
5. Sandoval
6. Torres
7. Flynn
8. Kashmann
9. Alvidrez
10. Gonzales-Gutierrez
11. Romero Campbell
12. Parady

Next Steps

- DoF Budget Kickoff Presentation – April 29 Budget and Policy Committee
- Budget Retreat – May 3, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Micro (District-Specific) Policies Survey – May 6 - 17
- Letter to the Mayor – no later than May 17