

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP10-0941

In recognition of American Planning Association naming  
LoDo as one of top ten “Great Neighborhoods for 2010”

Introduced by Councilmember Montero

**WHEREAS**, on October 13 the American Planning Association (APA) announced the designation of the Lower Downtown Denver (LoDo) as one of the Top 10 Great Neighborhoods for 2010 under the organization’s Great Places in America program; and

**WHEREAS**, the APA Great Places program exemplifies neighborhoods of exceptional character and highlights the role planners and planning play in creating communities of lasting value; and

**WHEREAS**, APA singled out LoDo for its strong political leadership by current and former elected officials, its historic character and adaptive reuse of warehouse buildings, its use of planning to guide its revitalization, and its active neighborhood organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the downtown area plan approved in 1987 and updated in 2007, and a neighborhood plan approved in 2000 underscored the community’s overriding desire to protect the neighborhood, and helped address property owners’ concerns and issues raised by opponents; and

**WHEREAS**, a \$240 million bond approved by voters in 1989 enabled the city to make significant neighborhood improvements such as tearing down old viaducts and dramatically improving the neighborhood’s streetscape; and

**WHEREAS**, 100-plus restored red-brick Victorian warehouse and commercial buildings in LoDo now contain loft residences, art galleries, shops, clubs and restaurants and LoDo’s 3,500 residents include families, young professionals and empty nesters; and

**WHEREAS**, LoDo is easily accessed via Union Station or the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall, the neighborhood is very conducive to walking and biking.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council hereby congratulates Lower Downtown neighborhood constituents and stakeholders and encourages all Denver residents to come spend some time in one of the nation’s top ten “Great Neighborhoods for 2010” according to APA.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Alfredo Cruz.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2010

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT