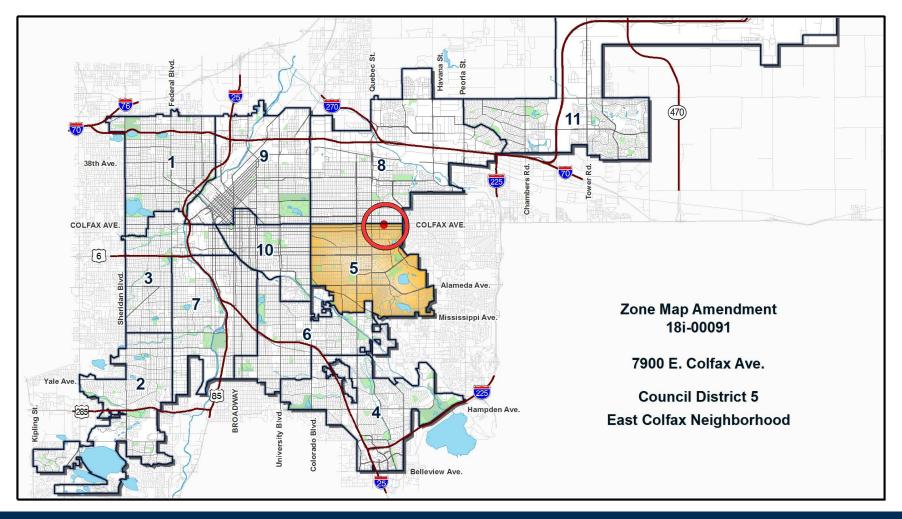
Official Map Amendment

#2018I-00091 for 7900 East Colfax Avenue from E-MS-3 to E-MS-5

LUTI, October 23, 2018



Council District 5





East Colfax Neighborhood







Location:

- Approx. 30,500square feet or .7acres
- Vacant

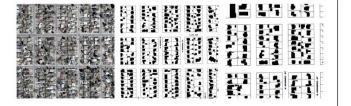
Proposal:

- Rezoning from E-MS-3 to E-MS-5
- Facilitate
 redevelopment of
 the site with
 affordable
 housing



Request: E-MS-5













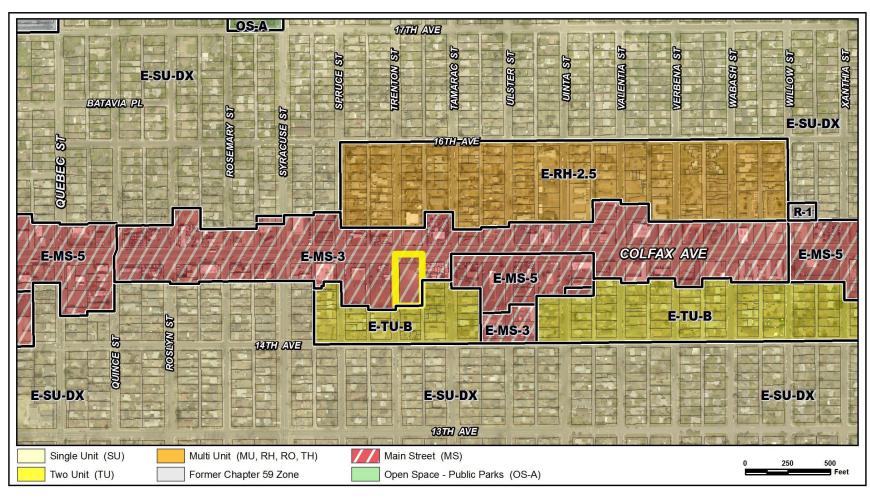




- Urban <u>E</u>dge <u>M</u>ain
 <u>S</u>treet <u>5</u> stories
- Allows for a mix of uses that promote safe, active, and pedestrianscaled commercial streets through the use of building forms that clearly define and activate the street



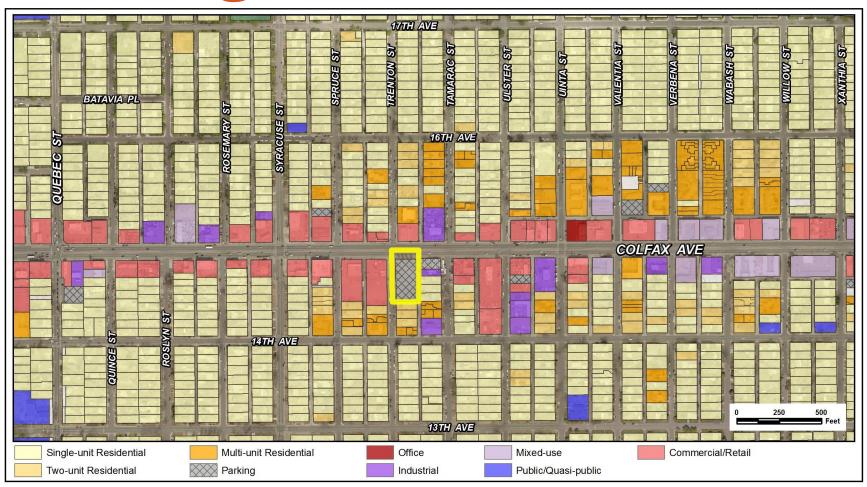
Existing Context - Zoning



- Subject site: E-MS-3
- Surrounding Properties:
 - E-MS-3
 - E-TU-B
 - E-MS-5



Existing Context – Land Use



- Subject Property:
 vacant
- North: medical office; auto-repair
- East: auto sales; singleunit residential
- South: two-, multi- and single-unit residential
- West: commercial



Existing Context - Building Form/Scale



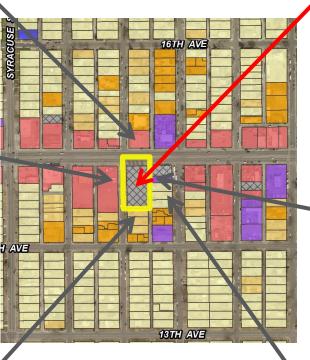


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Process

- Informational Notice: 7/17/18
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 10/3/18
 - Voted unanimously to recommend approval
 - Two public speakers
- LUTI Committee: 10/23/18
- City Council Public Hearing: 12/3/18 (tentative)
- Public Comment
 - Position statement in support from East Colfax Neighborhood Association
 - Letter in support from Fax Partnership
 - One comment in opposition



- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2000
 - Blueprint Denver (2002)
 - East Montclair/East Colfax Neighborhood Plan (1994)
 - Housing an Inclusive Denver (2018)
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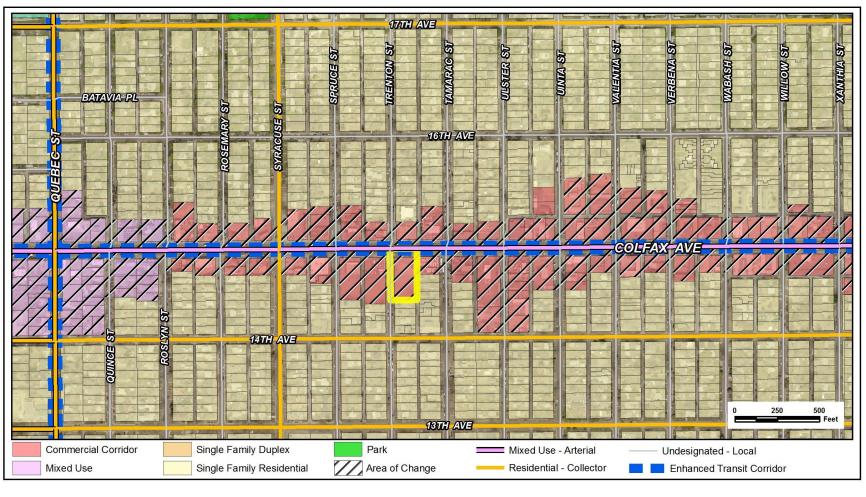
Review Criteria: Consistency with Adopted Plans

Comprehensive Plan 2000

- Land Use Strategy 3-B
- Land Use Strategy 4-A
- Mobility Strategy 3-B
- Mobility Strategy 4-E
- Economic Activity Strategy 4-B
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2-F



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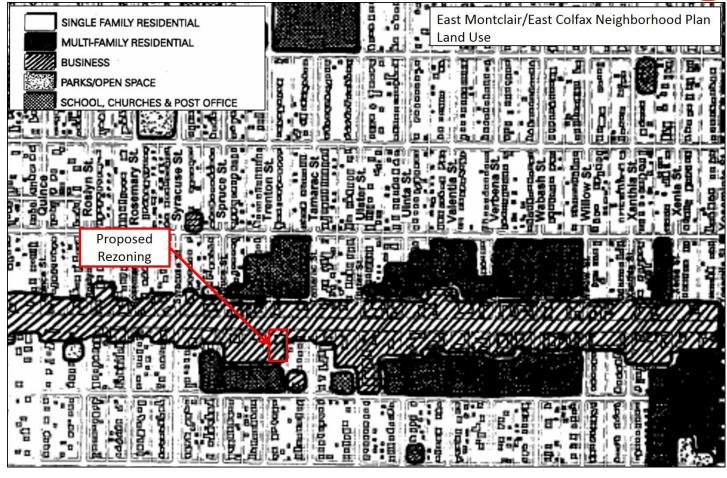


Blueprint Denver (2002)

- Land Use Concept:
 - Commercial Corridor
 - Area of Change
- Street Classification:
 - Colfax = Mixed UseArterial
 - Trenton = Undesignated Local
- East Colfax = Enhanced Transit Corridor



East Montclair/East Colfax Neighborhood Plan (1994)



- Envisions an improved Colfax Avenue with more business opportunities and reinvestments
- Land Uses
 - Business
 - Multi-family residential adjacent to the south; single-family residential adjacent to the east
- No height guidance



East Montclair/East Colfax Neighborhood Plan (1993)

- Encourage redevelopment at intersections with buildings close to the street (p. 12, 18, 19)
- Better compatibility between residential and commercial uses (p. 19, 29)
- Encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel between residences and destinations to reduce automobile use, improve air quality, promote a sense of neighborliness and encourage physical fitness (p. 41)



Housing an Inclusive Denver (2018)

- Leverage publicly owned land for affordable housing development (p. 8)
- Create affordable housing in vulnerable areas and in areas of opportunity that have strong amenities such as transit (p. 57)



- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
 - Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application zone district building form, use and design regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
 - Implements adopted plans
 - Facilitating development of building forms and site designs that will improve the pedestrian environment and enhance walkability
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
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- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
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- 4. Justifying Circumstances
 - Changed or Changing Conditions: closure of the bar and current vacant condition;
 City's purchase and housing plan's guidance to increase housing opportunities;
 growth in job centers on 15/15L; new housing in Stapleton; 5-story building at
 Pontiac and Colfax; planned investment in bike lane and BRT
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent
 - Urban Edge Neighborhood Context consists of single- and two-unit residential uses with small-scale multi-unit and commercial areas embedded in residential areas.
 - Main Street Districts are intended to promote safe, active, pedestrian-scaled, diverse areas through the use of building forms that clearly define and activate the public realm
 - E-MS-5 zone district applies primarily to collectors or arterials

CPD Recommendation

- CPD recommends that LUTI move the application forward for consideration by the full City Council, based on finding all review criteria have been met
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