

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 19-0166
Honoring Dr. Charles “Chuck” Brantigan as he Retires as Chair of the
Healthcare District Design Forum**

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Brantigan has recently announced that he is retiring as the chair of the Uptown Healthcare District Design Forum after more than 27 years of volunteer service of working tirelessly and selflessly on behalf of the residents, businesses and healthcare institutions of the Uptown neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, He and other neighborhood leaders banded together and collaborated with the several Uptown hospitals and other healthcare institutions in 1993 to persuade City Council to establish specific hospital zone districts and to prevent hospitals from creeping into and destabilizing residential neighborhoods. Under Dr. Brantigan’s leadership for 27 years, the Forum has:

- Fostered friendly communications between registered neighborhood organizations and healthcare organizations in Uptown
- Worked with the Denver Planning Office to develop the Uptown Healthcare District Plan, which helped shape the expansion of Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital, the redevelopment of the former St. Luke’s Hospital into a mixed-use area, the acquisition by St. Joseph Hospital of the Children’s Hospital campus and the construction of the new St. Joseph Hospital
- Met with many developers to comment on and improve various new projects in the neighborhood
- Commented to City Council many times about rezonings and other issues in the neighborhood
- Fought crime and other problems in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Chuck has also conducted a successful medical practice from the lovingly-restored Gebhard Mansion. He has also affiliated with many Denver hospitals and gone to Egypt for two weeks for the past 17 years to train Egyptian military surgeons. He served as Chief of Surgery at Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center and is currently serving in a volunteer capacity at the University of Colorado Medical Center Department of Vascular Surgery; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife Kathy have restored several Victorian homes and worked to have their block designated as the Lafayette Street Historic District. Their current historic passion is the restoration of the narrow-gauge roundhouse in Como, Colorado to a working roundhouse and museum, complete with historic steam engine and restored rail cars from the original Denver South Park and Pacific line. Chuck has received numerous awards for his efforts in historic preservation. He also founded the William Lang Society and has done much research and education about one of Denver’s premier early architects; and

WHEREAS, Chuck and Kathy are also the founders of one of Denver’s finest cultural organizations, the Denver Brass, a 14-member brass musical ensemble that performs many concerts every year; and

WHEREAS, In all of his service to the Uptown community, Dr. Brantigan has earned the respect, loyalty and admiration from those he worked with, including residents, neighborhood organizations, healthcare institutions, developers and City Council. We all appreciate and celebrate his past and continuing service to the Uptown Neighborhood and to all of Denver;

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Charles “Chuck” Brantigan for his dedicated work and tireless efforts on behalf of the residents, businesses and healthcare institutions of the Uptown neighborhood; and that the Council of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, hereby officially proclaims February 25, 2019, to be known as: “Chuck Brantigan Day”.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Dr. Charles “Chuck” Brantigan.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 25, 2019

PRESIDENT