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I want to help! I believe the Affordable Denver ballot measure will help us to close the housing gap of 45,000 units in the next ten years and will set Denver up as an affordable place to live for ALL Denverites and I believe this measure will begin to pave the way toward housing stability for everyone. We cannot afford to wait any longer, lets take action NOW. I urge you to to vote YES and move this to the November ballot so citizens like me can help decide on our housing future.

Sincerely,

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Adam Orlansky

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Sincerely,
Adam

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing in support of the proposed sales tax for affordable housing to be included as a Denver ballot measure for the November ballot. Please let us choose our housing future in Denver.

Thank you.

Anne Garcia



Aug 12, 2024

Dear Members of Denver City Council:

On behalf of Archway Communities, I am asking you to vote yes and approve moving the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue. We are appreciative of the thoughtful approach this Council has taken in reviewing and revising the measure, and the careful consideration you give to the challenges our City faces related to the lack of affordable homes.

As a leading nonprofit housing organization, Archway Communities builds and manages communities where people can afford to live and pursue their goals. We do this by developing affordable housing, supporting our residents with services and working with our donors and partners to influence change in our communities. For nearly 50 years, Archway has advanced our mission by building and managing affordable housing communities. Archway's diverse portfolio demonstrates our expertise in and commitment to affordable housing development and service delivery.

According to the recent Denver Regional Council of Governments regional housing needs assessment, the Denver region has experienced substantial growth over the last decade. Since 2010, the population has increased by 17 percent to 3.4 million residents, while the number of jobs increased by 33 percent. However, housing production has failed to keep pace with population growth. As vacancy rates hit historic lows, home prices and rents have soared. The median home sale price in Denver reached \$550,000 as of December 2023, increasing by 180 percent over the last decade while incomes increased by 55 percent during the same period. Home sale prices and rents are out of reach for median income earners, and over 51 percent of renters cost-burdened across the region.

The state of our housing market requires urgent attention and action. Increased local funding to support the development and preservation of affordable housing is a critical step our community can take. Additionally, this funding should prioritize the needs of the lowest income community members and those who are least likely to solve their housing challenges without public support.

Thank you for your consideration of this ballot measure. I urge you to vote yes and approve moving the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

Best,
Katie McKenna
Housing Developer
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Sincerely,
Hopeful for Change

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Sincerely,

Carmen Mayta

Dear Members of Denver City Council:

I am writing to you today to share my appreciation for your serious consideration of the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. I am also asking you to vote yes and approve moving the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

We know affordable housing is an important issue in Denver. All of us want to see this city thrive and be diverse with students, college grads, nurses, grocery store workers, first responders, teachers, senior citizens, families, artists, restaurant servers, construction workers and workers at all wages being able to rent in Denver, buy in Denver and continue to call Denver home. No one should worry about whether they can pay rent, buy a home for their family or have to choose between food and their mortgage.

In addition to existing efforts, I believe the Affordable Denver ballot measure will help us to close the housing gap of up to 45,000 units in the next ten years and will set Denver up as an affordable place to live for ALL Denverites and I believe this measure will begin to pave the way toward housing stability for everyone.

I therefore urge you to vote YES and move this measure to the November ballot so citizens like me can help decide on our housing future.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Knight

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

I am writing to you today to share both my appreciation for the work you are doing and to encourage you to support the Affordable Denver proposal.

We have all seen this city we know and love grow tremendously over the last few years. We have also seen and felt firsthand how hard it can be to keep pace – 90% of Denverites say the cost of housing is a top concern. These are college grads and people working second jobs. These are nurses, first responders, teachers, artists, restaurant servers and construction workers. These are people who have lived here for two years, and these are people who have lived here for 20 years.

These are the people we trust to teach our children, who we rely on in a crisis, and who take care of us when we're sick. These are **not** people who should be worrying about making the rent.

We believe the Affordable Denver fund is a major step toward addressing this issue and investing in Denverites.

We cannot afford to lose future generations to a lack of affordable housing, which means we cannot afford to wait any longer to take action. We urge you to join your colleagues and others across the city in supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

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Cuicatl Montoya

Dear President Sandoval and honorable Members of Denver City Council,

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Sincerely,

Dana Bryson

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

I have lived in Denver for over five years, and I am writing to you today to share my appreciation and for your thoughtfulness as you consider the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. I am asking you to vote yes and approve moving the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

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Sincerely,
David Chandler

Dear Denver City Council Members,

I writing to strongly support the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. Affordable housing, especially affordable homeownership opportunities, is desperately needed and this measure would be extraordinarily helpful.

David Younggren



August 12, 2024

Denver City Council
dencec@denvergov.org

Re: Affordable Denver

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

On behalf of the Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver (“DHA”), I am writing in support of the Affordable Denver proposal and urge the Council to submit it to the voters on the November 2024 ballot because dedicated, consistent, and flexible funding to meet our housing needs is required now.

Affordable housing continues to be one of Denver’s most urgent issues, and residents in every corner of the city continue to feel the squeeze of sky-high housing costs. Whether it is a teacher with two kids worrying every month that the landlord will hike their rent, the grandma living on a fixed income worried she will have to leave her family in Denver because it is too expensive, or the parent wondering how their newly graduated daughter will be able to live here, residents across our city are seeing the impacts of exorbitant housing costs every day. Denver does not have to choose between growth and affordability. We can show the country that you can be a growing, dynamic city that is still affordable to the teachers, nurses, and firefighters who serve the city every day. Nevertheless, we must acknowledge the facts. More than 50% of Denver's renter households are housing burdened, including 80% of households earning less than \$75,000 annually. Most businesses are unable to attract and retain employees. We cannot afford to lose future generations due to a lack of affordable housing and additional programming in support of our community.

Affordable Denver aims to increase the supply of affordable housing units for renters and homeowners, to provide financial support, and homebuyer assistance programs to reduce housing costs for homeowners including but not limited to down payment assistance programs. Furthermore, it plans to invest in affordable units currently stalled by providing additional gap financing and preserving more affordable housing immediately. Equally important, it looks to implement a voucher program for supportive housing, increasing the number of rental subsidies available to Denver residents. These aspects are relevant to the work that DHA performs as experts in the implementation and management of housing programs and housing development strategies.

DHA’s mission is to develop and provide high-quality, affordable housing with responsive services, enabling people and communities to thrive. Our vision is that every individual or family shall have quality and affordable housing, in communities offering empowerment, economic opportunity and a vibrant living environment. This mission and vision are in full alignment with the objectives of Affordable Denver. We are eager to advance key partnerships with others across our community to deliver additional high-quality housing and supportive services even faster and more effectively.

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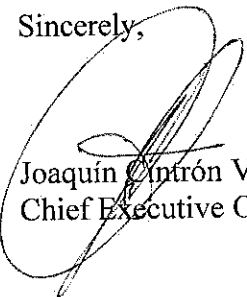
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DHA supports Affordable Denver's goals of providing additional financial resources to preserve and construct affordable housing and fund critical supportive services. DHA has been a leader in the development of mixed-income communities of choice in Denver for 20 years, providing affordable housing to more than 26,000 individuals in Denver. We provide housing and services for individuals and families across the relevant area median income spectrum. We assist those individuals and families to attain financial self-sufficiency and the dream of homeownership. We give our proudly served individuals a place to call home as well as the engagement and empowerment they need to succeed. With an ever-declining federal investment in affordable housing, initiatives like Affordable Denver at the local level are necessary to help fill funding gaps for organizations like DHA so we can continue to provide these critical services to the community.

We believe the Affordable Denver fund is a necessary step toward addressing the housing affordability crisis and investing in Denverites. We urge you to act now to build a legacy that will last for generations to come. We are grateful to the City and County of Denver for its continued support of this work and for sharing our commitment to building a community where everyone has a decent place to call home.

Sincerely,



Joaquín Contrón Vega
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Denver City Council Members,

I am writing to you to thank you for your work on the City Council and ask you to support the Affordable Denver proposal.

Northeast Denver Housing Center (NDHC) is a Colorado non-profit 501©-3 Community Development Corporation. Our mission is to create sustainable, healthy housing opportunities for underserved households through outreach, education and housing development.

In my 29 years at NDHC, I have seen the amount of underserved households grow across the entire income spectrum, 30% to 120% of Denver's Area Median Income (AMI) while costs continue to rise, creating the worse housing affordability problem I have seen in Denver. We cannot afford to wait any longer to take action.

With over 40 years of experience in serving low- and moderate-income households, Northeast Denver Housing Center has developed well over 2,000 affordable housing units serving households ranging in income from 30% to 120% AMI including college grads, nurses, first responders, teachers, artists, restaurant servers, construction workers, City of Denver employees and State of Colorado employees.

We think that Denverites need the Affordable Denver fund to help them obtain much needed affordable housing.

I hope that you will join myself, Northeast Denver Housing Center, and so many others in supporting this important proposal.

Sincerely,

Dominique L. Acevedo
Executive Director
Northeast Denver Housing Center, Inc.
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Denver, CO 80206
P: 303-399-9337
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Sincerely,

Eric + Leah Lazzari

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Sincerely,

Eric Lazzari

Reference #
15067953

Public Hearings

I am speaking/writing on (select one): / Hablo/Escribo sobre (seleccione uno):

First Name / Nombre
Rachel

Last Name / Apellido
Diedrich

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 9 / Distrito 9

I am... / Estoy...
AGAINST the item / en CONTRA del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Please no more taxes. I have lived in Denver since 2008. I work hard but can't afford all the increases in costs the last few years. Please, work with the tax dollars you already have. In the real world, we all have limited resources and need to make hard choices about how we use them. Denver cannot continue to add more taxes and fees. They are already too high and you are going to force out all the taxpayers and have even less money to spend. It is crazy to say that making things more expensive will make things mor affordable.

Also, when the Mayor says our tax rate is not high, is he considering all the "fees" that technically aren't "taxes" but definitely feel like taxes?

Please do not approve this.

Thank you,
Rachel Diedrich

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Public Hearings

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First Name / Nombre
Roberts

Last Name / Apellido
Johnson

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
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AGAINST the item / en CONTRA del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I pay a lot in taxes and cannot afford any new taxes. The city has already come up with new fees where there were none before, fee for trash/recycling, fee for parking in front of your own home!

If we raise taxes any more I'll have to move out of Denver and to a place with lower taxes and needless fees

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Esteemed Members of Denver City Council,

I am writing to you today to share my appreciation and for your thoughtfulness as you consider the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. I am an educator in DPS and it's hard for me to afford to live in the city I serve. I am asking you to vote yes and approve moving the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

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I believe the Affordable Denver ballot measure will help us to close the housing gap of 45,000 units in the next ten years and will set Denver up as an affordable place to live for all Denverites and I believe this measure will begin to pave the way toward housing stability for everyone. We cannot afford to wait any longer, so, I urge you to vote yes and move this to the November ballot so citizens like me can help decide on our housing future.

Sincerely, Frank Coyne, resident of Denver

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

On behalf of the team at Ulysses Development Group, an affordable housing developer based in Denver, I am writing to you today to share our appreciation for your consideration of the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. We are asking you to vote yes and approve moving the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

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We believe the Affordable Denver ballot measure will help us to close the housing gap in the next ten years. We urge you to vote YES and move this to the November ballot, so residents like me can help decide on our housing future.

In partnership,
Heather

Heather Lafferty

Sr. Advisor, Strategic Partnerships

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Sincerely,

Hillary Hustana

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Sincerely,
Jacob Fijman

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Sincerely,

Jeannie Newell

I want to offer my support for the Mayor's proposed sales tax to help build affordable housing. Housing is of course a critical need in our city, particularly affordable housing for the "missing middle" which this tax is, as I understand it, to serve.

The details of how these funds will be disbursed and administered needs to be fleshed out, but the ballot question should advance to the Denver voters.

Jerry Glick

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Sincerely,

Mark S. Marshall
President/Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members of the Denver City Council,

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your consideration of the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. I respectfully urge you to vote **yes** and approve moving this important measure to the November ballot, allowing Denver voters to decide on this critical issue.

Over the past few years, Denver has experienced remarkable growth and transformation. Unfortunately, this rapid change has brought significant challenges, particularly regarding housing affordability. With 90% of Denverites identifying the cost of housing as a top concern—many of whom spend over 30% of their income on rent or mortgage payments—it is clear that immediate action is needed.

I envision a Denver where everyone—from college graduates and nurses to first responders, teachers, senior citizens, and artists—can thrive and remain a part of our community. No one should have to face the distress of choosing between paying rent, purchasing a home, or affording basic necessities.

The Affordable Denver Ballot Measure presents a crucial opportunity to address the housing gap of 45,000 units within the next decade. By supporting this measure, we can move closer to making Denver a city where housing stability is within reach for all residents. We can no longer afford to delay; the time to act is now.

As the Wezesha Dada Center ([WDC](#)), an organization founded in 2022 dedicated to advancing prosperity and well-being among women, youth, BIPOC, and disadvantaged communities, we are deeply committed to supporting initiatives that promote equity, safety, and self-determination. Our holistic approach focuses on economic empowerment, community building, and health and mental well-being, including education and civic engagement.

I urge you to vote **yes** and ensure this measure is placed on the November ballot, so that Denver's citizens can have a say in shaping our housing future.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Maya Wheeler

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Sincerely,

Megan Hustana

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Sincerely,

Melanie Lewis Dickerson

Resident of District 8

Dear Members of City Council-I am writing to express my support for the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure which you will be considering at this evening's council meeting. Fifteen years ago, I decided to spend the remaining years of my long career in providing affordable housing to those who need it most by working with CHFA, HOST and DOLA to be involved as Developer in ten affordable housing projects, which has resulted in the production of 1000 units of rental affordable housing. Seven of these projects are in Denver and HOST has been a Gap lender on all of these projects.

I hope you will give strong consideration to the Ballot Measure before you this evening, as it will make a big difference in the number of housing units developers like me can make happen in the coming years. I will be spending all my time and effort in the balance of my career producing as many quality affordable housing units as possible, and this funding will be an enormous positive factor in this endeavor. I urge your support to pass the ordinance by voting **Yes**.

Thank you for your continuing support of affordable housing!

Sincerely,
George Thorn, President

Dear Denver City Council Members,

This evening, you'll be asked to approve the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. As residents of Northeast Denver, many of us have witnessed our neighborhoods becoming increasingly unaffordable.

The Northeast Park Hill Coalition, NEPHC, strongly believes that the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure is crucial for closing the housing gap of 45,000 units over the next decade. This measure will position Denver as a city where affordable living is within reach.

For years, NEPHC and others in our community have voiced the urgent need for affordable housing. We've dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to the redevelopment of the former Park Hill Golf Course, as well as guiding the development of the 38th & Holly project, located in the heart of our single-family homes. Currently, we are collaborating with proposed developers on the housing project north of Colorado Blvd and 40th Avenue.

We urge you to vote affirmatively and move this measure to the November ballot, so citizens of Northeast Denver can contribute to making our neighborhoods more affordable and livable.

As always,

Kevin Emanuel Marchman
NEPHC President

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Sincerely,

Nicole Fijman

Dear Denver City Council Members,

Affordable housing is crucial to breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and fostering economic mobility. Research consistently shows that improving access to affordable housing is one of the most effective strategies to reduce childhood poverty and enhance economic opportunities in the United States. For instance, Stanford economist Raj Chetty's research reveals that children who move to lower-poverty neighborhoods experience a 31% increase in their earnings as adults, are more likely to live in better neighborhoods, and have a reduced likelihood of becoming single parents. Additionally, children in stable, affordable homes are more likely to excel in school and benefit from enriched learning environments both inside and outside the classroom.

At NOAAH, we firmly believe that expanding access to affordable housing is not only beneficial for families but also stimulates economic growth. Studies indicate that the lack of affordable housing costs the American economy approximately \$2 trillion annually in lost wages and productivity. Without affordable housing, families face limited opportunities to increase their income, which in turn slows GDP growth. Every dollar invested in affordable housing strengthens local economies by leveraging public and private resources, generating income (including resident earnings and additional local tax revenue), and supporting job creation and retention.

As a progressively led city, Denver has the opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to affordable and available housing. For over 27 years, NOAAH, along with our members, sponsors, and benefactors, has worked on nearly every affordable housing issue facing our nation. We urge the Denver City Council to approve the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure and move it to the November ballot, allowing Denver voters to have their say on this critical issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman
NOAAH *Prime* Publisher and Co-Founder

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My business is headquartered in LoDo. The lack of affordable housing negatively impacts my ability to recruit and grow, as my current and future employees all depend upon housing resources in this city.

Very truly yours,
Richard A. Harris

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Sincerely,

Robin K. Hickey, CPA | CFO

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

I am a resident of District 4 who has worked in housing finance, development and operation for over 50 years at the local, state and federal levels.

I am writing you today to express my hope that you will give favorable consideration to and support of the Affordable Denver Ballot Measure. I am asking you to vote yes and approve moving it to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

Construction costs, interest rates and operating costs have increased faster and to a greater level than incomes. The fear of contingent liability from construction defect lawsuits has made home ownership a fading dream for many, driving up rents to an unsustainable level without help from all levels of government.

While that help has been materializing, it is insufficient to meet the increasing need to fill the gap between supportable loans and the costs of construction and operations. I hope that the passage of the Affordable Denver ballot measure will help add to the inventory of affordable units and begin to pave the way toward housing stability for everyone.

I urge you to vote **YES** and move this to the November ballot so citizens like me can help support the future of affordable housing in the City and County of Denver.

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Rodger Hara

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I have been a developer of affordable, rental housing in Metro Denver for nearly twenty years. Over that time horizon, I have seen the problem dramatically worsen – the need for affordable housing has far outstripped supply and is also a direct cause of the increased number of Denver's unhoused. When asked by elected officials – what do you need? – my #1 response is always “more funding.” The public support and political will for affordable housing solutions in Denver has never been stronger – a fact that makes me proud and honored to be part of this community. I urge you to leverage the momentum that you have helped to build over the last several years and amplify your impact by voting YES so that, on this November's ballot, citizens like me can help decide on our housing future.

Sincerely,

Shannon Cox Baker

RVP, Pennrose

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Stefka Czarnecki Fanchi | President and CEO

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Sincerely,

The Rev. Terri Hobart

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

2201 Dexter St., Denver , CO 80205

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

Hope you are well and thank you for your service!

I would like to express my support to move the Affordable Denver ballot measure to the November ballot to allow Denver Voters to decide on this issue.

We have all seen Denver grow and change tremendously over the last few years. Creating more housing supply as quickly as possible is critical to our success as a City. Affordable Denver is another tool to make our City more affordable for everyone.

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Sincerely,
Tom Kiler
428 Gilpin St, Denver, CO 80218

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Vennita Jenkins, MBA (She/Her/Hers)

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