

I am writing to you today to ask that you **vote no** on the following proposed budget amendments

Do Not Fund Denver Basic income project. It has not worked and we have too many needs to keep funding projects that don't work.

Do Not defund STAR and SEP and Keep Police funding as proposed by Mayor Johnson. Public safety is the most important role of government. STAR and SEP have been working and we need better response time from Police. People of Color are the ones who have been hurt the worst by the lack of police response and would continue to be harmed if the SEP and STAR teams are defunded.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Hayden  
2418 Champa Street.

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### My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I live a ten minute walk away from the Woodbury public library. Within District 1, we only have two libraries, Woodbury & Smiley. I treasure both libraries deeply. Having attended community events at Woodbury bright and early at 10 AM, which is when the library opens, I have seen firsthand many parents and retirees waiting at the door for the library to open.

When I read in the proposed budget that there is a \$759,650 cut to the library, I became very concerned. Denver public libraries are cherished within communities that they serve. Having chatted with library employees in the last two weeks at slow roll bike rides, I have learned that there are not enough libraries for the overwhelming demand that Denver has. There is a phenomenon called the library desert where there is an inverted L overlaying Denver where library resources are lacking. The Highland counts as one such area.

I strongly urge you to revisit this \$759,650 cut to library services. We should be expanding library funding, not contracting it. With the grand reopening of the Central library happening on November 3rd, I hope even more Denverites will get to experience library services and utilize them as community spaces.

Thank you.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

As a regular patron at various Denver Public libraries I want to share that as a senior on a fixed income, I greatly appreciate and benefit from the varied services, programs and opportunities that the library offers. The libraries are a place where I and many find community. I've met many people from diverse backgrounds that are brought together at a safe and welcoming place that is the cornerstone of all neighborhoods. Please consider how important the library culture is to our growing city.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I often use services at the Woodbury Library - including for professional support as I was laid on in May. It is a pivotal part of my community and strongly urge you to not take away funding from this resource. - Sincerely, Stephanie

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I am in favor of the action that Dawn Howard is bringing. I am a senior citizen and feel overwhelmed here in Denver with my finances and economic situation. I was okay until I had my brain tumor then because I have no family that is willing to help me. I get no help.

Consequently, I do not feel help out.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I live in Morningside Condominiums.

My unit overlooks Hutchinson Park

South. On a number of occasions

unhoused persons have tried to setup

encampments in the park. After contacting 311, I met Tim Marquez,

interventionist, he approached the

the unhoused parties. He did it very professionally and resolved the issue.

He advised me not to confront these individuals, but to contact him. I have

followed his advice and all future

issues have been handled kindly and

professionally. His services have greatly appreciated by my fellow

residents. Please allow him to continue providing this service.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I am a resident of Edgewater commenting on two aspects of the Denver city budget that have a large effect on the larger region.

The first thing I'd like to comment on is requiring study of A line improvements as an alternative or supplement to Pena Boulevard widening. I often hear that improving the A line would not help people who don't live near an A line station or other RTD rail station get to the airport. However, this could not be further from the truth. There are no RTD rail stops in Edgewater and the only connection to Union Station is a once per hour bus, yet the majority of my trips to the airport involve the A line!

Right now, thousands of travelers and airport employees drive up Pena, park at a remote lot, and wait for a shuttle bus to take them to the terminal. However, any one driving up Pena can instead park at 40th and Airport and take the A line to the airport - in many cases this option is already cheaper and more convenient than driving up Pena, just underutilized because it hasn't been adequately publicized. With some minor improvements, taking the A line from 40th and Airport could become universally cheaper, faster, and more convenient than driving up Pena to any of the economy/employee/shuttle lots. The surface lot would need to be replaced with a garage to handle added demand and improving security would make people more comfortable leaving their cars there. A line frequencies would need to be improved and service would need to be extended to 24 hrs, but this would be much cheaper than expanding Pena, while also

being much more environmentally friendly because it would reduce the number of vehicle miles travelled. We can look to Vancouver as an example city where the airport economy lots are connected to the airport by the transit system instead of by shuttle busses.

The second issue I would like to raise is funding for safer streets initiatives. The recent cancellation of the protected 29th Ave bike lane between Sheridan and Tennyson makes me uncomfortable riding my bike to businesses in Denver because parking for private vehicles has been explicitly prioritized over my safety. The Denver budget should include added funding to improve safer routes to downtown and neighborhood commercial areas like 29th and Tennyson. The Mayor states that he wants to increase the vibrancy of these areas, but if car storage is prioritized over people being able to get to them safely, then of course people won't go to them!

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

On slide 5 of the mayor's budget overview the slide states the mayor is requesting additional funding for rental assistance. Indeed, the mayor is requesting \$29 million dollars for the TRUA program to provide funds for renters facing eviction. As a renter myself, I oppose this program. This program uses tax dollars to interfere in the housing market that we all participate in. This program is a giveaway to wealthy landlords and does nothing to solve the root causes of our housing shortage. Please zero out funding for the TRUA program. As a renter who is working hard to pay my bills, I strongly resent this program. Instead, please consider up-zoning the city and reforming CPD so that Denver can actually get some investment and develop. Thank you for your consideration.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Thank You for reading this-I am a frequent user of the Woodbury Branch Public Library and look forward to the full re-opening of the Main Denver Library downtown. I get a lot out of the library, but budget cuts to DPL concern me far more for the young people that already use and will use the library in the future. Every educational resource available to them, such as stacks of books, magazines and electronic media, need to be maintained if they can't now be expanded. The people who work to make our libraries what they are and what we need our libraries to become also need to be supported with a decent living wage!

Thanks, please don't cut the DPL budget!

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Council members,

On behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver as well as a coalition of 12 comprehensive out-of-school time providers in the City & County of Denver, I want to urge you to prioritize an allocation of funds that directly supports comprehensive OST programming and to ensure that the language in the recent budget amendment regarding the “Increasing Our Investment in Youth Programs” reflects this commitment.

The proposed amendment, initially allocating \$5.5 million for OST programs, is critical. It aligns with our shared vision of ensuring safe, engaging, and enriching spaces for our City’s elementary and middle school students outside regular school hours – of which young people spend 2/3rds of their time out of school. However, the recent recommendation to reduce this funding to \$1.5 million, with a shift in scope toward general assessments of youth programs, is concerning. Without a clear directive, this reallocation risks diminishing the resources available for essential, comprehensive programming, which directly supports our community’s needs. Comprehensive Out-of-School Time programs are not just an addition to our youth services— they are an essential framework supporting academic growth, family stability, and the overall vibrancy of Denver. These programs provide young people with safe spaces to learn, grow, and engage, all while allowing working families peace of mind and stability. They build skills, resilience, and a sense of community among our youth, directly contributing to Denver’s future.

Our comprehensive OST programs face an urgent funding gap. Families across Denver are relying on these services as they juggle work, caregiving, and the challenges of daily life. OST programs are one of the key factors enabling parents to maintain employment and housing stability. Demand for these services continues to increase at a pace that far exceeds sustainable funding in Denver. For children, these programs are a lifeline, ensuring they have access to mentors, academic support, and enriching activities during crucial out-of-school hours. Today, I urge you to safeguard Denver's young people by tightening the language in the current "Increasing our Investment into Youth Programs" amendment. This ensures that the \$1.5 million allocation is earmarked specifically for comprehensive Out-of-School Time programs, rather than general assessments. Our coalition is deeply appreciative of the ongoing consideration for youth programming in the budget, and we understand the constraints on city finances. Nevertheless, we believe that the need to protect and sustain comprehensive OST programs cannot be overstated. In closing, I ask for your support in keeping the commitment to Denver's families and youth by dedicating this funding to the programs that make a real difference every day. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant Denver where all young people have the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Hello,

My name is Bryan Wilson, & I live in Congress Park of District 10. I'm extremely concerned by the SEVERE LACK of functional restrooms & water fountains in the City of Denver.

I read through the Letter to the Mayor making these recommendations...

<https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/v/3/city-council/documents/central/2025-budget/2025-budget-recommendations-letter-oct-11-2024.pdf>

My issue is that I don't see any funding dedicated to improving access to restrooms & water fountains in the City of Denver.

Denver Parks & Rec has recently closed all the seasonal restrooms & reduced the available porta-potties around the City. Also, the RTD Transit Stations often don't have access to water or restrooms.

If we want to take action on public health & mobility outside of a car, then we need to prioritize year-round access to resources for basic human needs.

I've begun creating an updated Google Album here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3v2DTR5hkzEpkALY7>

Thank you in advance for prioritizing human dignity for everyone in Denver!

Respectfully,  
Bryan Wilson

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Dear Denver City Council Members,

I'm writing to share my support for \$2.5 million funding for the Denver Basic Income Project (DBIP) in the 2025 budget. Everyone in the Denver community deserves a safe and stable place to call home, which is essential for our health, dignity and wellbeing.

I have worked in public health for 15 years and understand the profound impact that stability and financial security can have on people's health and well-being, I see DBIP not only as an economic program but as a community investment in the resilience and growth of Denver. We have an opportunity today to reimagine, reinvent, and transform our systems to create what we need to be healthy right now and create healthier communities for future generations.

While the DBIP year-one report did not show a statistically significant difference in the probability of being housed between groups receiving large cash transfers and those who did not, it's important to note that social impact studies such as this require more than one year to capture the full scope of effects, especially on something as complex as housing stability.

In fact, DBIP's initial outcomes suggest a strong foundation for further exploration:

- \$590,000 saved in taxpayer-funded public services in just one year demonstrates the potential for cost-effective investments
- The percentage increase in full-time employment, ability to pay bills demonstrates and improvement in overall financial wellbeing are important outcome for long-term financial

security,

These data points are small-scale indicators of what is possible when we enable residents to support themselves. Our approach to addressing homelessness and housing insecurity shouldn't rest on quantitative data alone. Each statistic represents a person, a family, a neighbor—someone in our community whose life has been stabilized and who can pursue a better future because of DBIP's support.

Mayor Johnston's administration has indicated that "scarce resources" should go to the most impactful solutions. The promise of DBIP is clear: the ability to invest in individuals' stability has wide-reaching, long-term benefits for the entire community. By focusing only on immediate homelessness resolution or crisis intervention, we miss the opportunity to consider holistic person-centered outcomes.

The project allowed people to care for their families, pursue educational and career opportunities, and participate more fully in our community—outcomes that cannot be summarized in one quantitative statistic.

As a researcher, I recognize the limits of a one-year analysis, especially in programs designed to provide stability and security. To achieve meaningful results and understand the true impact of guaranteed income on housing outcomes, we must continue investing in these initiatives and refining our approach as we learn from the lived experiences of people experiencing homelessness.

I appreciate the Council's recommendation for a \$2.5 million allocation to continue DBIP and am deeply disappointed that the Mayor's office chose not to support this investment. I urge the Council to continue prioritizing solutions that go beyond temporary relief and consider the overall health, well-being and quality of life of our unhoused neighbors. By extending DBIP funding, we can pursue data-driven, people-centered approaches that strengthen our community, improve housing stability, and ultimately reduce our reliance on costly crisis interventions.

Sincerely,

My-Linh Luong, PhD, MSPH

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Richard Bamber  
3241 York Street  
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**Submitted as Public Comment to the City Council Meeting, October 28th, 2024.**

October 28th, 2024

Denver City Council  
City of Denver  
1437 Bannock St Room 451  
Denver, CO 80202

**Re: 2025 Budget Amendment - Require Denver Airport to fund the A Line Study**

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you today with an engineer's account of why the RTD A Line can reasonably be expanded and should remain the top transportation solution being studied to accommodate Denver Airport's future ground transportation demands.

I worked on the A Line project as a railroad systems and civil engineer from 2011, when it was barely a scratch in the dirt, to 2017, nearly a year after opening. At the same time, current council member Kevin Flynn served as the public information manager and our desks were less than 50 feet apart in the same office. It was a pleasure to work with Kevin and I have fond memories of that part of my career.

First a little background; the A Line is not operated by RTD directly, that responsibility lies with Denver Transit Operators (DTO) whose parent company Denver Transit Partners (DTP) signed a 34 year public-private partnership (Eagle P3) concession agreement to design, build, finance and operate the A, B and G commuter rail lines (the N line was built and is operated under a separate arrangement). The idea was that DTP would cover the funding that the federal grants didn't cover and be repaid over the life of the concession as payments for running trains. RTD is allowed to set the service parameters such as span, frequency and train lengths by notifying DTO who adjust the monthly fees charged in line with the contract.. After the concession ends (in 2046), the A Line is then handed back to RTD unless a new concession deal is agreed.

Awarding concessions to build and operate infrastructure have a number of advantages and disadvantages. The main advantage is that the designers and builders are incentivised to specify designs and components on quality, usability and durability grounds rather than pure cost as DTO takes the risks involved in delivering a reliable train service. It is because of this, DTP was able to "right-size" the railroad to deliver the 15 minute service. This included taking the opportunity to save on construction costs by having two single track sections at Airport Boulevard and Tower Road.

The main disadvantage with a concession agreement is that, unless options are negotiated with the contract, adjustments and expansions to the system after opening can be difficult and expensive to implement.

Thankfully RTD DID negotiate expansion options into the concession agreement with DTP, namely a “Phase 2” expansion that would double platform lengths from 4 to 8 cars and double the parking at most intermediate stations. Because of this, the intermediate stations have all been placed at locations where there is ample straight track to accommodate the platform extensions.

With Union Station already constructing an 8-car platform on track 1, the Airport, who were responsible for building the station and Westin Hotel development decided to provide an 8-car platform at the outset, figuring it was cheaper in the long run to do this in earnest anticipation that future expansion of the A Line would be required.

At the time the airport was also mulling over two developments that would each require an infill station. The first station, at 61st & Peña, was built and opened with the A Line in 2016. As part of the contract change and to preserve a reliable 15 minute service, the double-track section was extended approx. 1 mile north and planned grade crossings at Green Valley Ranch Blvd and 56th Avenue were replaced with overbridges.

The second station, at 72nd & Himalaya Blvd, has yet to be built but would require the single track section from just north of 61st & Peña to the viaduct over Peña Blvd to be double-tracked. Thankfully RTD and DTP anticipated this and built a right-of-way including a bridge over Tower Road that can already accommodate the second track, meaning any double-tracking project would be vastly simpler and cheaper as heavy civil engineering works would not be required. You can see evidence of this long-term planning today if you sit on the left side of an A Line train heading to the airport and look out after you depart from 61st & Peña.

So in summary; throughout the A line’s design and construction, engineers such as myself were always thinking about how we would make future expansion as simple, convenient and cheap as possible. It is therefore hugely disappointing, if not insulting, to hear comments from Denver Airport and RTD to the effect that expansion of the A Line is difficult or not achievable when myself and many other talented people made efforts at the time to specifically avoid that being the case.

Because of this, I urge the Council to show decisive leadership where our current CEOs are failing to, by supporting Council Member Parady’s proposed budget amendment that would require Denver Airport to fund the A Line Study. This would help put our airport on a course to a truly sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Bamber  
Constituent, District 9  
Co-founder, Greater Denver Transit

Hello,

Thank you for your support of the amendment to the city budget regarding additional funding for Safe Routes to School programming. I encourage you to also support the following amendments to the budget that will help address the climate crisis and traffic safety.

The only way we can put the thoughtful plans in Denver's Vision Zero Action Plan into practice is by allocating significantly more funding to Vision Zero; the federal funding we've secured is not enough. No one should die a preventable death while trying to get around our city and this investment, as well as investing in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and the restoration of six Right-of-Way Inspectors would be a good start.

Additionally, curbing our emissions is an essential part of addressing the climate crisis. So, we should be exploring enhancements to multimodal transportation to and from the Denver International Airport by requiring funding be allocated to study alternatives to widening Peña Boulevard and requiring the airport to fund its Transportation Demand Management plan.

Please support these amendments to make Denver a safer, more sustainable city.

Amy Campbell  
3312 Valentia St  
Denver, CO 80238

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I know this is short notice, but PLEASE keep the SET team fully funded as part of DPD. SET has been very active in my Baker Community to compassionately offer services to the homeless. Sadly there are some that refuse services, but SET should not be defunded and put under another umbrella because of the resistant ones. I want to see recovery for all. This issue should be on the ballot for the citizens of Denver to decide IF you do not want to listen to your constituents. DPD does not have the manpower to deal with all of the homeless needs of our community and that was why SET was created. I have been a tax paying citizen in Denver since 1972 and I feel the SET team is well worth my tax dollars going toward their current services. Please fund SET under DPD. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Tarver  
Baker Resident since 1978  
District 7  
Denver, CO

Dear City Council

Please Vote NO on the proposed amendments to Mayor Johnstons proposed budget.

Please leave the budget for the SET team in place and the additional funding for new recruits to the police force. Safety is priority number 1!!!!!!

Please do not continue ue the universal income program. It has not shown the value and those funds need to be devoted to critical city services in this time of budget short falls.

Thank you  
Keith

Dear City Council

I am writing to you today to oppose the proposed budget amendments to defend the Set team and to continue the universal income program

The Set team and the police dept funding needs to be kept at the requested level set forth by Mayor Johnston. It is critical our city is safe from the chaos the drug addicted, un housed community continues to cause in our city. We need funding to serve and treat this community and keep Denver safe for all to enjoy.

The universal income test program showed no statistical benefit and as such should not be continued. There may be benefits but there are more pressing needs in the city for Denver to take on. This should be a state and or Federal issue.

Please support the Mayor's budget as proposed and vote No on the proposed amendments set forth.

Thank you  
Keith Pryor

Hi Flor

I am writing you to please vote against defunding the street engagement team. This is another one of Sarah Parady's radical attempts to try to turn Denver into Portland. Residents and homeless need to not only to retain this resource as a standalone group but expand it. Please do not allow this to be folded in with another city entity and diminished.

As always Flor I appreciate your time and reading this and consideration

Many thanks

Tracey