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First Name / Nombre

Eric

Last Name / Apellido

Strassburger

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District 4 / Distrito 4

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

The existing and nonexistent sidewalks on both sides of Hampden Ave. between University Blvd. and I-25 still need some protection for pedestrians, including many students at TJHS. One idea would be to install what the city of Evergreen installed around one side of Evergreen Lake...small barriers less than 2-3 feet from the street. Please consider this addition and others (lights, speed bumps, etc.?) to make Hampden Ave. more safe and walkable for all.

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First Name / Nombre

Theresa

Last Name / Apellido

Wynn

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District 10 / Distrito 10

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I live in Capitol Hill and work from home. I would love to practice my swimming at the Congress Park Pool, take a class at the Twentieth Street Rec center, or peruse the cookbook section at the Central Library downtown, but I don't want to add to the traffic clogging up the city by getting in a car or fight others from surrounding cities and neighborhoods for parking. I've tested our bus system and resorted to walking, but it's not feasible to dedicate 30 minutes to over an hour each way for these relatively close-by options.

I would love to ride my bike, I just got a new helmet, but I'm too scared to get on our streets and get to these places. So I stay home. I haven't been to the lively Congress Park pool, the renovated Central Library, or the historic Twentieth Street Rec Center. What would make for a Vibrant City for me is just the basics of safe and sustainable connections to the facilities that

make us Vibrant. Right now, this is the biggest hole in the current Vibrant Bonds project list. Please consider adding adequate bike infrastructure and light-up pedestrian crosswalks in the Capitol Hill neighborhood where the highest density of Denverites live, work, and play. I (and many of my neighbors) would use these bike lanes & crosswalks every single day -> and all the wonderful Denver places they connect.

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First Name / Nombre

Anne

Last Name / Apellido

Mundt

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District 4 / Distrito 4

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Neutral / Neutral

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I would be interested in having a warm water indoor pool with lap lanes be added to the plans at either Cook Park or Eisenhower rec center.

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First Name / Nombre

Kristin

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Arkin-Leydig

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Submitted on behalf of the University Hills Neighborhood Association (Registered Neighborhood Organization)

The University Hills Neighborhood Association enthusiastically supports the proposed investments in recreational infrastructure in District 4 as part of the Vibrant Denver Bond. In particular, we strongly endorse:

The \$2,750,000 for improvements to the Eisenhower Pool—District 4's only public pool and recreation center. This facility is a vital community asset that supports health, wellness, and connection for residents of all ages and backgrounds.

The \$20,000,000 investment in a new South Denver Recreation Hub and Skate Park, which will significantly expand recreational opportunities in an area long underserved by public amenities.

These projects represent the kind of community-focused, equitable investments that align with the purpose and vision of the Vibrant Denver Bond—enhancing quality of life, increasing access, and strengthening our neighborhoods.

At the same time, we encourage the City to reconsider the inclusion of the Red Rocks Backstage Expansion and Accessibility Improvements project (estimated at \$30,000,000 to \$39,100,000).

While Red Rocks is an iconic venue, the backstage improvements proposed—including dressing rooms, kitchens, and office space—offer limited benefit to the general public. The venue is already financially out of reach for many Denver residents, and these backstage areas are not publicly accessible.

Moreover, Red Rocks is a self-sustaining enterprise that collects a 10% Facilities Development Admissions (FDA) fee on every ticket sold—funds that are specifically intended for maintenance and capital improvements. Using general obligation bond dollars to support a venue that already generates dedicated revenue sets a troubling precedent and diverts funds from projects that would serve a broader public good.

We urge the City to prioritize investments that are open, accessible, and equitable—like pools, recreation centers, and neighborhood facilities—and to direct limited bond dollars to the places where they will have the greatest community impact.

Thank you for your consideration,

University Hills Neighborhood Association

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First Name / Nombre

David

Last Name / Apellido

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District 10 / Distrito 10

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

The Mayor recently told 7 news that he wanted fewer, more robust and safer bike lanes. Yet he has decided to fund zero such corridors in the Vibrant Denver bond. In District 10, neighbors have been begging for traffic calming on 13th and 14th ave along with the protected bike lanes recommended by Denver Moves to connect us with downtown. My two daughters attend Morey Middle School at 13th and Emerson where there have been two crashes with serious injuries in the past three months. The East Avenues Safety Study calls for speed tables every four blocks (cost \$800,000) which they say would prevent 4 deaths and 120 serious injuries over the next five years. In addition Denver Moves calls for protected bike lanes on 13th and 14th between the Capitol and Colorado Blvd. Investing in 1980's viaducts is not the path to a vibrant Denver. The latest bridge inspections rated these structures as satisfactory while 53 bridges in

Denver are labelled structurally deficient. I am asking the Mayor and City Council to prioritize multimodal solutions and bridges that are most in need of repair to receive bond dollars.

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FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Good morning! I was born and raised in Denver, went to Samuels, Cheltenham, Cole and TJ, and now live in Broomfield. Rick Williams of People of the Sacred Land requested that I and other area allies support the inclusion of the proposed "Cultural Embassy Project" as part of the Bond measure proposed for this fall's Denver ballot. Hopefully, since Denver is a regional center, as well as a municipality, that's enough of a connection to register my perspective with council. In all the years I attended the above Denver Public Schools, I never recall a classroom presentation about the seminal event now known as the Sand Creek Massacre, or the forcible displacement of Native peoples from this area. Now, as the program director for the recently recognized Broomfield Sister Cities partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, headquartered in Concho, Okla., I have come to see telling our full history as a state and a

region as part of my vocation.

That's why, I'm adding my voice to Rick's and others' who have been doing similar work to recognize the long connections of Native peoples to the Front Range, not just before U.S. settlement, but also as a result of more recent government-led efforts to "encourage" Native people to relocate from reservations to urban centers like Denver.

Now is the time and this bond measure is the tool to welcome Native peoples back to their homelands in a truly tangible and respectful way. Please prioritize adequate bond funding to construct a dedicated cultural center and embassy/consulate for all our Indigenous relatives, especially those who have historic treaty relationships to this area. Put Denver on the map as a community willing to acknowledge the past in order to build a better future.

Also, as a minister and housing affordability advocate serving Broomfield and the North Metro area, I strongly support publicly owned, not-for-profit social housing for our neighboring Denver residents at all income levels, especially those on the lower end of the economic spectrum.

Please also prioritize social housing funds within this bond measure, as the "housing squeeze" we are feeling all along the Front Range is real and disproportionately affects our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marrton Dormish

marrton@everydayepics.com

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Susan

Last Name / Apellido

Niermeyer

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District 8 /Distrito 8

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FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I want to add my support for General Obligation Bond 25-1054 for City parks and recreation infrastructure, in particular an allocation of \$70 million for the Park Hill Park Buildout.

As a resident of the Park Hill neighborhood and a pediatrician, I urge the City Council to seize this opportunity to make a critical investment that will bring unique and lasting benefits to the citizens of Denver and the region.

The Park Hill Park Buildout will preserve and enhance green space that is crucial to our city as temperatures rise and heat becomes a real threat. The plans under consideration offer areas of shade from trees and native landscapes that function to store carbon and manage watersheds in a way that benefits ecosystems and humans.

The Park Hill Park land offers the exciting potential for an immersive experience with nature.

The benefits of exposure to nature extend beyond demonstrated improvements in physical health. Exposure to nature is vital for mental health and especially vital for healthy development of children. Nature changes us in positive ways that no other intervention can. The voters of Denver have demonstrated their enthusiasm for development of a new regional park. Now is the time to make this happen with allocation of funding in the Vibrant Denver bond issue.

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First Name / Nombre

Claudia

Last Name / Apellido

Kuhns

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

District 6 / Distrito 6

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FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I am writing to urge an increase in the expenditure for the American Indian Cultural Embassy. The funds allocated do not allow for the completion of the project. This project needs to be fully funded to completion. Native Americans have been left behind since their land was taken through deceptive practices. There were massacres including Sand Creek and Summit Springs. The descendants from these massacres were not adequately compensated. It is time to elevate Native Americans to be fully recognized withing our society by fully funding the Cultural Embassy.

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First Name / Nombre
Jana

Last Name / Apellido
Everett

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District 3 / Distrito 3

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:
I am very disappointed that there is no funding for social housing in the GO Bond proposal. There are only 3 housing projects in the list: two are “privately developed affordable housing,” and one is a “middle income housing project.” At the public meeting on citizen input that I attended, there was strong support for social housing. Social housing offers something that is permanently affordable with resident decision making.
I cannot support the GO Bond proposal because it doesn’t seriously address the need for affordable housing in an innovative and long-lasting way.

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First Name / Nombre

Margaret

Last Name / Apellido

Kenny

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District 3 / Distrito 3

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

The word "improvement" is used to describe how the moneys will be spent. In my opinion, as a 30+ year resident of Denver, the absence of the improvements to the visible decline in what used to be a cleaner, safer city is why I oppose the use of these monies.

Trash abounds in our streets; vagrants leave masses of "stuff" behind that lingers on public sidewalks for weeks; the family shelters that Denver established are run down, dirty and filled with trash, animal feces and broke down/unlicensed vehicles; the city withdrew the planting of flowers in many public areas due to lack of money and labor but there is a complete absence of maintenance of even just the grass or should I say weeds that are all that's left.

There are many more issues that have negatively impacted the nice city that Denver used to be. The ones I mentioned seem to fall under the responsibility of the mayor and city council to

oversee, improve and/or hold those to an accountability to enforce. Seriously, someone is getting paid to run the shelters - if they worked where I have, they'd be fired.

Devise a plan to make people proud of living here again. Tap other resources, create volunteer committees to do what your own staff can't/won't or don't want to. Stop sending out newsletters with how wonderful your council is doing - too many things have fallen by the wayside to take that kind of hubris to think the job is being done.

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First Name / Nombre

Matthew

Last Name / Apellido

Nguyen

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

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Neutral / Neutral

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Dear Denver City Council Members,

My name is Matthew Nguyen. I am here to discuss the affordable housing proposal in the Vibrant Denver GO bond package. When I moved to Colorado, I lived in district 5 in an old apartment building, primarily inhabited by newly arrived immigrants and their families. While our living conditions were not slum-like conditions, the apartment building was run down, and maintenance was slow to respond to issues with the building. Despite that, there was a strong sense of community among the inhabitants. Coming home from work in the evening, I would see the children playing soccer and riding their bikes in the courtyard. There would be boxes of donated food in the hallway, to which the children would distribute amongst themselves based on each family's needs.

As it stands, the current proposal does not address the depth of affordability needed to address Denver's housing crisis. Half of Denver's renters are rent burdened, and evictions are on track to set record highs. The city's response to this crisis has not been adequate. The mayor's middle income housing rebate is directed towards "middle income" housing, which means 60%-100% AMI. That is housing with rents of \$1,600 to \$2,500 a month for a 1-bedroom unit.

I would like to stress that any affordable housing proposal should be deeply affordable (30% - 60% AMI) and be primarily targeted towards improving the material conditions of the most economically vulnerable populations in Denver, people like my neighbors. These people cannot bear to have housing affordability "trickle down" to them. The action that is needed must be targeted, swift, and decisive. This bond is an opportunity to move towards this kind of action and present a real and lasting solution to the housing affordability issue.

As you refine the Vibrant Denver GO bond, I encourage you to adopt a social housing model for the proposed housing bond project that ensures long-term affordability and public ownership. This would strengthen our community as a whole, as it is said that "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." I believe that the best way the city can do so is through social/public housing, as the city can charge rents below market rate and guarantee suitable living standards. With long-term stability and affordability, renters who are currently struggling to afford rent can focus their efforts and resources on other aspects in life that would promote their upward social mobility, such as education and growing their savings.

Many of you ran on the promise of ensuring housing affordability and protecting the livability of Denver for all residents. This is an opportunity for you to act on those promises and show your commitment to all Denverites as public servants.

When I think of Denver, I think about a city of opportunity where people of all walks of life can build a good life for themselves. I think about the little kids of my neighbors sharing food with one another, despite their families struggling to make ends meet. I hope your commitment to all Denverites includes them too.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts and for your attention to this matter.

Best,

Matthew Nguyen

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First Name / Nombre

Pauline

Last Name / Apellido

Reetz

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District 5 / Distrito 5

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FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

City Council Members,

I am presenting this comment regarding funding for the Park Hill Golf Course Park on behalf of Denver Audubon, a local grassroots-based conservation organization with approximately 3,000 members in the Denver area.

We supported the maintenance of the conservation easement on the Park Hill Golf Course in past years. Now with the chance to re-design it into a unique regional park, we support the item in the Vibrant Denver bond issue, for \$70 million to design and implement plans for the new park.

Our major suggestion/concern is that the park include a large segment of native vegetation:

grasses, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees - to support native flora and fauna. This has at least three purposes. One, to create an opportunity to introduce the public to our native wildlife and create a concern and respect for the natural world; two, to conserve native pollinators and other fauna and flora; and three, to support the social and psychological wellbeing of Denver residents through the provision of green space. Regarding this last, numerous studies have shown the benefits that nature can provide to human beings of all types.

We know that residents in the immediate neighborhood of the new park have their own ideas and suggestions - ball fields, playgrounds, and other so-called "active" uses. We would like to put in a request that some space be dedicated for quiet uses: walking, birdwatching, nature study and appreciation, in addition to (NOT instead of) the active uses. We believe that these are compatible and will make the park unique.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to comment.

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First Name / Nombre

Deborah

Last Name / Apellido

Brackney

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

District 7 / Distrito 7

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Neutral / Neutral

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Thank you Council members.

My name is Deborah Brackney and I know, like me, you are strong advocates for the libraries and I appreciate your understanding the importance of what libraries mean to our Denver neighborhoods.

Libraries represent the best conceptually of democracy and freedom. Libraries are a physical place of freedom; a third place for many, beyond home and the work/school environment, where one can explore, feel a sense of belonging, and in many cases find relief from the external elements of heat or cold. The importance of these facilities goes beyond the physical location and the resources inside, they stand for freedom, equity, and inclusion.

Partial renovations to locations, as proposed in the General Obligation bond, now means that

costs will be greater- now and later. The disruption of services and not knowing if a location is going to be available due to deferred maintenance issues like heating, cooling, sewer issues, inaccessibility due to elevators malfunction, have a huge impact on the community, on library staff, and exacerbates the issues when they are in need of constant repair.

While I think each library in the Denver Public Library system is incredible, my heart is with my home library, Decker Library. This special and beautiful Carnegie needs some deep repairs to make it accessible to the many who use it. I am asking that the proposed funding level for Decker be increased to help with all, not just partial renovations.

What is needed and why:

Expansion of services: the addition would expand the footprint of this small library branch, a larger footprint would activate more services for the community, a larger collection, and more staff spaces. Urban Peak, a long standing successful nonprofit has new housing. The teens who utilize the housing are already taking advantage of Decker's services. Yet, Urban Peak is only at 50% capacity. Once they are full, it would be great to have an expanded library to service anyone from there.

Accessibility upgrades: Because of the age of the building, increasing the amount of funds is the best opportunity to make this 100 year old building more accessible and it still won't be fully accessible

Also in the Southwest part of the city is the Bear Valley Library. This library was built in 1971 and received no updates until 2010. That project was partial and there is much that is needed 15 years later to upgrade that space. This includes modifications to the community space so that the computers can be moved downstairs and meet ADA requirements. Infrastructure such as replacing the fire alarm and the PA system along with upgrading the bathroom and kitchen exhaust, along with an electrical upgrade. This library also needs technology enhancements that include building automation, security access and audio visual upgrades.

The 2 million dollars allocated for Bear Valley Library in the bond package falls hugely short of the 9 million needed.

Thank you for considering these increases to our City's treasured libraries.

Deborah Brackney

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Good evening, Council Members. We want to express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering advocacy for our libraries. Your understanding of the vital role libraries play in our communities, especially now, is deeply appreciated.

Libraries serve as a crucial "third place" for many, offering a haven away from the demands of home, work, or school. They are spaces where individuals can explore, feel a sense of belonging, and often find much-needed relief from external elements like extreme heat or cold. The significance of these facilities extends far beyond their physical walls and the resources they house; they embody the principles of freedom, equity, and inclusion.

When we opt for partial renovations, the costs are not only greater in terms of construction, but also in the disruption to our community. The constant uncertainty about service availability due

to deferred maintenance issues—be it heating, cooling, sewer problems, or inaccessible facilities due to elevator malfunctions—has a profound impact on our community members and staff. This piecemeal approach exacerbates problems, leading to a cycle of constant repairs rather than lasting solutions.

Decker Branch Expansion and Renovation

The proposed addition to the Decker Branch presents a significant opportunity to enhance services and accessibility at this vital community hub.

Expansion of Services: A larger footprint will allow us to activate more services for the community, offer a greater collection of resources, and provide much-needed additional space for our dedicated staff.

Accessibility Upgrades: This addition is our best chance to make this nearly 100-year-old building more accessible. While it may not achieve full accessibility, it is a crucial step forward.

Feasibility: We are currently assessing the feasibility of this project, particularly concerning zoning for the neighboring land owned by Parks. We anticipate having a rendering once we reach the design development phase.

Increased Demand: We anticipate a significant increase in usage at the Decker branch due to new construction in the area. The nearby Residences on Acoma facility, also known as the Second Chance Center, will provide 128 new residential units to support formerly incarcerated individuals transitioning back into society. Additionally, Urban Peak is still operating at only 50% capacity, with an entire floor yet to open, further highlighting the growing need for community resources in this area.

Bear Valley Branch Comprehensive Renovation

The Bear Valley Library, built in 1971 and last partially renovated in 2010, is in dire need of a comprehensive overhaul. Most of its building systems are beyond their rated service life.

We originally requested \$11 million for this project, which was then reduced to \$8 million, and now stands at a mere \$2 million. It is crucial to understand that \$2 million would only cover the HVAC and associated electrical work. A comprehensive renovation, requiring an estimated \$9 million, is essential to address the systemic issues within the building. This would also include a premium cost for asbestos remediation.

A comprehensive renovation would address critical needs, including:

Space Modifications: Expanding community space on the first floor to relocate computers downstairs, refreshing and modernizing staff workspaces and the breakroom, updating public and staff restrooms, and completing a full furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) refresh to comply with ADA accessibility standards.

Infrastructure and Building Systems: Upgrading bathroom and kitchen exhaust systems, replacing the fire alarm and public address systems, installing LED lighting with controls, a full electrical upgrade (including switchgear and panels), plumbing upgrades (domestic water main isolation valves, backflow preventers), and elevator modernization.

Exterior and Superstructure: Replacing the roof, replacing window glazing, performing tuckpointing and masonry repairs, replacing exterior doors, updating the exterior balcony, and making significant yard and landscape improvements, including potential sewer line work.

Enterprise Technology: Implementing a new building automation system, upgrading information technology, enhancing security access, and improving audio-visual capabilities.

Investing in comprehensive renovations now will prevent greater costs and disruptions in the future, ensuring our libraries can continue to be vital centers of learning, connection, and support for all members of our community. Thank you.

Alton P. Dillard II

Council District 5

Denver Public Library Friends Foundation

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Greetings. I am for a Skatepark in SE Denver. Not only has the community voiced their desire to bring this amenity to the area, this community-based support has persisted for multiple years. I believe that bringing a Skatepark to our neighborhood will have a positive impact in five key areas: physical health, mental health, regional economy, inclusivity, and community pride. The impact of a Skatepark on physical health is obvious. Getting people outdoors to get vitamin D, fresh air, and physical exertion will impact the health and longevity of our community members. Skateboarding is still the fastest growing sport amongst youth, and does not require a lot of equipment to participate therefore, exercise can be obtained by people of all economic strata, as there are typically no fees to access outdoor skateparks. The skatepark is also good for mental health. Skateboarding is a difficult sport and is full of

progression as the skater learns new tricks. This progression has a positive impact on mental health and becomes a source of pride for the skatepark user. Mental health, it is said, follows action, or physical activity, meaning that people usually feel better when they exert themselves in exercise. If this amenity is in the community people will first exercise and then feel better about themselves after doing so, not to mention the thrill of learning new tricks and progression in bowls, stairs, rails, or pump track sections of the skate park.

The regional economy will also benefit from visitors across the Denver Metro area. As a skateboarder, I can speak from experience that I travel to different parts of both the city and the state to visit skateparks. On a normal morning this may also include a cup of coffee and a local coffee shop or purchasing gas in that neighborhood in which the skatepark is located. I also believe that young entrepreneurs will realize the opportunity to open up storefront that sell the equipment needed to use the skatepark in Southeast Denver. Currently, there are no skate shops in Southeast Denver and I frequently have to go to Englewood or to Colfax to buy both the new equipment that I need and some of the clothing that skate shops sell. Just recently one of the best skateboarders in the world, Nyjah Huston, visited the 303 Boards store to promote his new show. Imagine if young people's heroes were coming to Southeast Denver to skate the park. Young people across the community would be inspired!

Skateparks are a place of inclusivity. People of all ages and backgrounds come together to share a community amenity. Relationships start and are built on this type of community engagement. I am a father of two young girls. Honestly, I pray and hope that this skatepark gets built so that my girls will have the experience of going to a local skatepark in their neighborhood and meeting people otherwise would not have met.

Finally, a new skatepark in Southeast Denver will be a source of community pride and a place to hold events where community members come together. I know that skateboarding is a thrilling sport and has always inspired young people. Additionally, community members in their 30s 40s and 50s who grew up skateboarding will also enjoy this new amenity and be able to share it with their community members and families. There are not a lot of close skateparks to this part of the city. It is a great place to build one.

Overall, investing in a recreational site will be beneficial for the community and for the community members to get to know one another. An amenity of this type is not located in our geographical area and therefore is a good place to build a regional skatepark.

However, I do think it is important to get input on the design from community members. If this community engagement is done correctly, the city will understand the type of features that are good for different levels of skill. Has someone who has skateboarding for a long time I would like to see expert level features, but I still feel that smaller more novice features will allow users of all skill levels to build their skill sets one feature that does this extremely well is pump track features. These features allow people to build their core strength and balance required to do more technical trick. Moreover, this type of feature can be used by kids on scooters, adults on

scooters, users on bicycles, or even rollerskates and rollerblades. I truly believe that this kind of feature will make this amenity more attractive to users across district 4.

As for reasons to not build a skatepark in Southeast Denver, I am sure there are a few. One such example might be too much traffic. Another example might be you staying at the park after curfew. While the benefits outweigh the cons, it is important to consider negative impacts. Even with balanced consideration, it is a tremendous moment in time for southeast Denver to have the opportunity to build this infrastructure will a flagship, skateboarding destination!

In conclusion, there are a lot of benefits to building this type of amenity in district 4. The benefits include physical and mental health, a community space for inclusivity, economic impact, and community pride. I know there will be some Denverites who oppose building a skatepark in Southeast Denver, but it is my opinion that the benefits outweigh the cons. Thank you for your time reading my written testimony.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Thank you to the council – we truly appreciate your strong support for our libraries. Your recognition of how essential they are to our communities—especially right now—means a lot. Libraries often serve as a “third place” for many people—a welcoming space beyond home and work or school, where individuals can learn, connect, and feel a sense of belonging. They also offer shelter from extreme heat or cold. But beyond their physical spaces and resources, libraries stand for something bigger: freedom, equity, and inclusion. When we only partially renovate library buildings, the long-term costs—both financially and for the community—can be much higher. Ongoing maintenance issues like heating, cooling, sewer problems, and elevator outages can interrupt services, affect our staff, and leave communities uncertain about access. These disruptions add up and can make things worse over time.

Decker Branch – Proposed Addition

More services, more space: This addition would expand the footprint of this small branch, allowing for a larger collection, more programs, and increased staff capacity to better serve the community.

Improved accessibility: This project is our best chance to bring the 100-year-old building closer to modern accessibility standards—even though it still won't be fully accessible due to the building's limitations.

Feasibility: We're currently determining feasibility, as it depends on zoning regulations for the adjacent land (owned by Parks). A design rendering will be available in the design development phase.

Anticipated growth in demand: With new developments nearby—especially the Residences on Acoma, which will offer 128 housing units for formerly incarcerated individuals—we expect increased use of this branch. Urban Peak, located nearby, is also currently only at half capacity and has an unopened floor, indicating further potential for growth in the area.

Bear Valley Branch

Comprehensive renovation needed: The estimated \$9M would fund a full renovation. Most of the building's systems are past their expected service life. We originally requested \$11M, then \$8M, and now it's been reduced to \$2M—which would only cover HVAC and electrical work.

History and need: Built in 1971, Bear Valley had a limited renovation in 2010, but many infrastructure updates were not included at that time. The branch now needs upgrades to support current operations and staff workflows.

Key Project Elements:

Renovation scope: Full renovation, including asbestos remediation.

Space updates: Expand the community space on the first floor, move computers downstairs, modernize staff workspaces and breakroom, update restrooms, refresh furniture and fixtures, and bring the building into ADA compliance.

Infrastructure updates: Upgrade bathrooms and kitchen exhausts, fire alarms, PA systems, lighting (including controls), electrical systems, plumbing, and modernize the elevator.

Exterior improvements: Roof replacement, new window glazing, masonry repairs, door replacements, balcony and yard updates, weatherproofing, and possibly a new sewer line.

Technology upgrades: Install or upgrade building automation, IT systems, security access, and audio-visual systems.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Good evening, council members. My name is Nicole McSpirit. I live at 1684 Grape St in District 9. I'm a 55 year old woman who uses an eBike for 95% of my travel because it manages chronic pain and anxiety from major spine surgery as a child. I've been approached by numerous people who would like to ride a bike/eBike to replace car trips but do not feel safe doing so. Denver desperately needs safer streets and viable non-car transportation for the wellbeing of our communities and to mitigate air and noise pollution.

I'd like to share my disappointment in the scope of the transportation projects recommended for the GO Bond, and to urge City Council to replace the 6th and 8th Ave bridge repair projects on the list with safety improvements for 13th and 14th Avenues and the Broadway bikeway project.

Transportation is critical to Denver's vitality, yet the current list doesn't reflect the bold projects needed to meet climate, health, and safety goals that would ultimately make a difference to Denver's "vibrancy." Deferred maintenance and street repaving should be funded through alternative funding sources rather than bonding. Additionally, we should not take out debt to repair the bridges at 6th and 8th Avenues, which do not present an immediate safety issue and are not a community priority. This is especially true when compared to community-requested projects like safety improvements for 13th and 14th Avenues. These are dangerous streets on which a disproportionately high number of traffic fatalities and serious injuries occur. Denver residents should not pay for projects benefiting the billionaire who owns the Broncos while ignoring transportation projects that the community has asked for.

Another project we have asked for is the completion of the North segment of the Broadway bikeway, which would solidify Broadway as a safe, convenient route for biking into and out of downtown and would significantly enhance connectivity for people walking and taking transit. More high-quality bikeways like this would provide viable transportation choices and support our climate and health goals.

Since no bike projects are being recommended currently despite campaign promises from Mayor Johnston to complete the Denver Moves Everyone bike network, the Broadway bikeway is the least that can be done to work toward addressing systemic biking barriers. Both of these projects are essential to advancing Vision Zero and expanding Denver's multimodal transportation network. They will help reduce car dependency, improve safety, and fight climate change. Without projects like these, the bond is more 'Stagnant' than 'Vibrant.'

Please recommend the safety improvements to 13th and 14th Avenues and the Broadway bikeway to the ballot instead of the 6th Ave and 8th Ave bridge repairs to ensure we make the best use of the funds provided by this General Obligation Bond.

Thank you,
Nicole McSpirit

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Please Select Bolder, More Transformative Projects for the GO Bond

Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing to express deep disappointment in the current slate of recommended projects for the upcoming General Obligation (GO) Bond.

Denver must prioritize bold, community-rooted investments that meet people's basic needs, promote collective well-being, and advance racial and economic justice.

1) Housing and Sheltering

Housing should be the City's top priority—especially as national threats to criminalize unsheltered homelessness intensify.

Denver must invest more money in safe, permanently affordable, and community-controlled

housing. Families continue to be displaced by a housing system that favors profit over people. Our trans and LGBTQ+ neighbors have made clear that they need gender-affirming, low-barrier shelter options. These are basic rights, not optional amenities.

2) Transportation and Mobility

Transportation is foundational to climate resilience, health, and economic opportunity. Yet the proposed list fails to reflect the bold, visionary projects required to move Denver forward. Basic maintenance—like bridge repairs and street repaving—should be funded through routine infrastructure budgets, not long-term bonds meant for transformative projects.

I urge the Council to fund community-requested safety improvements, such as those on 13th and 14th Avenues, which are part of Denver’s high-injury network.

It’s unacceptable that residents are being asked to fund improvements benefiting a billionaire sports team owner while key community-identified projects are ignored. Specifically, I support redirecting funds from the 6th and 8th Avenue bridge repairs (which do not present urgent safety concerns) toward the Broadway Bikeway and projects outlined in the Denver Moves Everyone (DME) 2023 Plan.

In District 10, critical safety and mobility needs remain unmet:

Crossings at 17th, 18th, York, and Josephine remain dangerous and should be prioritized in the Citywide Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements.

16th Avenue, part of the high-injury network, lacks basic traffic-calming features. The Colfax Ave BID has already conducted outreach, traffic counts, and engineering work—let’s fund this shovel-ready project to protect lives and support local businesses.

3) Parks and Recreation

Finally, the City must improve its process for selecting bond projects. Future GO Bonds should include deeper community engagement and participatory budgeting, so public dollars reflect public values. The City should reinvest in and expand its participatory budgeting program to ensure more equitable, community-driven decision-making.

We need a GO Bond that lives up to its name—not just “vibrant” in branding, but transformative in its outcomes. Please revise the bond package to reflect the needs and voices of our communities. I urge you to make the changes necessary to earn my support and the support of many others who are calling for a more visionary and equitable bond package.

Unless the final bond package reflects bold, community-rooted investments in housing and transportation—not handouts to billionaires or deferred maintenance—I will not support it at the ballot box in November.

Sincerely,

My-Linh Nguyen Luong

(2135 N Gaylord St, 80205)

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My name is Diana and I am testifying on the Vibrant Denver Bond to request Council's consideration to provide funding for traffic safety improvements necessary to make 13th and 14th Avenues between Colorado Blvd and Monaco safer.

I live at the corner of 14th and Glencoe, and I cross 13th and 14th Avenues daily on foot, riding my bike, or walking my dog.

Since buying our home in 2017, we have witnessed an increase in auto accidents along these streets due to uncontrolled speeding and visibility issues. The East Avenues Safety Study corroborates the higher than expected number of crashes we are experiencing.

These crashes occur weekly, are severe in nature, and are preventable. The light pole at the corner of 14th and Glencoe has been replaced 3x in 4 years due to collisions. At 14th and

Hudson, a car leveled a detached brick garage. We were without a street light at 14th and Forest for over 9 months decreasing visibility exacerbating the problem. My neighbors will not park on the street after witnessing so many vehicles being struck by careless drivers. Homes have been hit, trees severed, cars trailers & dumpsters struck, and fences destroyed – and this does not begin to touch on the human cost.

I have called 911 more times this year than I can count. My husband has pulled injured people out of totaled cars. We have provided traffic control until emergency response can arrive. I have swept debris out of the intersection at 2 am, comforted sobbing teenagers, and provided a safe place for pets to stay. I have called businesses and asked that their drivers not speed in our neighborhood. One neighbor sold their house after one too many cars ended up on their front lawn. Carrying the fear of not knowing when a car will crash through someone's home is exhausting. I am afraid to cross these streets.

After calling 911, I report the accident to 311. I email a picture of the accident to my councilwoman, Amanda Sawyer, the mayor's office, DOTI's Molly Lanphier and Greg Cieciek, and the Denver Police Department traffic enforcement officer for our district. I ask for help to prevent future damage to people and property. What has been done so far? The stop signs at 14th and Glencoe have been replaced with larger signs. The trees have been trimmed. The speed van has been stationed here for a short period of time. We have noticed on and off increases in DPD patrols. White plastic bollards have been installed as a traffic calming measure to slow the turning speed and shorten the pedestrian crossing distance (the bollards are slowly disappearing as they are struck). My corner neighbor has spent over \$5,000 installing boulders in her tree lawn to protect her home. When the first round of boulders were hit the weekend they were installed, she called the landscaper and doubled the amount of boulders. We joined the Mayfair Neighbors, Inc. registered neighborhood organization traffic committee to increase advocacy.

Despite these measures, the accidents are occurring more frequently and becoming more severe. Maybe this is attributed to an increase in traffic as Colfax is under construction for Bus Rapid Transit? I do not have the answers as to why we are seeing an increase, but I do know something must be done before someone is killed.

The traffic study has proposed a litany of viable solutions but we need funding to implement change. While the Bus Rapid Transit project has a section discussing implementing traffic mitigation measures along neighboring avenues, they will only be implemented if there are funds left over and after the BRT project is completed. We do not have the time for a maybe – Please add a line item for Traffic Safety Improvements for the 13th and 14th Avenue corridors between Colorado and Monaco to the Vibrant Denver Bond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Diana Wilkins

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Dear members of City Council,

I'm writing as your constituent to to share my disappointment about the Vibrant Denver Bond for two reasons:

- 1.In the selection of projects for the Vibrant Denver Bond which do not reflect what the citizens of Denver have requested, been promised and do need and
- 2) Has the City considered, with an estimated \$250 million budget shortfall over the next two years, is now even the right time to be doing a Bond and if so, should'nt there be a reconsideration of priorities of projects?

The structuring of projects and funds looks to be going to the benefit of private developers who will contain to gain while citizens of Denver and local business loose out. Mayor Johnson has

been quoted saying “this bond money will help spur economic growth and deliver “critical infrastructure” that accelerates more private investment”. The local businesses of Denver need assistance in these trying times, the current infrastructure projects the city is doing / has recently done has made these businesses close.

Great that the Park Hill Golf Course made the list, however, with a housing crisis, why not put infrastructure to convert adjacent industrial areas in place to assist with affordable housing development?

I urge you all to reconsider and re-prioritize this Bond package- even if that means waiting a year to put it on the ballot.

Thank you.

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Dear Council members,

I am a resident who lives at the corner of 13th and Forest and have been here for the last 8 years. Over that time, the safety along both 13th and 14th has continued to be one of the biggest concerns my neighbors and I have living in this area. The speed at which drivers traverse, recorded at over 70 MPH during the traffic study a couple years ago, is absolutely unacceptable in a neighborhood filled with children. Too many times in the past year, we have witnessed or walked by cars crashed into light poles, yards, trees, houses, and the worst was a car at 14th and Hudson flying off the road, completely collapsing a detached garage. To my knowledge, we are fortunate that nobody has died in these accidents, but the fact they happen so regularly means something needs to be done, and fast. With the BRT project on Colfax, the anticipation is that traffic along 13th and 14th will increase greatly, and we need a plan and to start implementing things before that happens for the safety of our residents. The 13th and 14th safety study suggested things like going back to two way traffic, which I support as a solution with proven safety improvements in other cities. Speed humps, reduced lane widths - and please, not just with painting stripes, the people speeding at the rates above do not care about the striping - protected bike lanes, etc. will all be welcomed safety measures. We currently have a couple intersections with the plastic bollards that have proven to not do anything for the 3/4 mile stretches between them, so it is time to take action.

Councilwoman Sawyer plans to present an amendment Monday to include traffic safety measures in the bond package and I am in full support of anything we can get in there. Thank you for your consideration of the safety of this city's residents.

John Schwarz

Hi, I'm Josh Saunders and I live in District 5 and support heavily amending the bond to include more safety projects throughout the city, especially the projects for 13th and 14th St.

I've attached a one pager with more details, but in short it's that the 6th and 8th ave Bronco Bridges eat up way too much of the bond at the expense of safety projects throughout the city. Please support Councilwoman Sawyer's amendments to move money away from the bridges and fund the safety improvements on 13th and 14 avenue.

And, please bring your own amendments to fund more safety improvements in your own district. Sixth and 8th avenue projects have no business being funded in this bond.

Josh

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the measure to add traffic calming on 13th and 14th Street in the Mayfair neighborhood to the bond package.

I live between Colfax and 14th on Hudson Street and have driven on 14th and 13th almost every day for the last 17 years. I've witnessed multiple car and bike crashes, people turning the wrong way on the one-ways, homes on both 14th and 13th being hit by cars, and residents adding large rocks in front of or alongside their homes to protect them in case a car goes off the road. I've seen people crash into trees, and the wildest one of all: a car flew off 14th into a garage at the corner of Hudson Street, causing the entire garage to collapse on top of the car inside it.

There are so many areas on 14th and 13th between Quebec and Colorado that are clearly unsafe. We see accidents all the time. And on streets like Hudson, which has a light at Colfax, people speed down the block just to reach 14th, making it dangerous to back out of driveways or ride bikes.

A traffic study, improved signage for one-way streets, and any measures that could reduce speeding on side streets (especially those with traffic lights, such as Hudson) would be a step in the right direction.

Thank you,

Kari Knutson

I'm writing in hopes that we can add traffic calming along Colfax-parallel streets to counter increased traffic from Colfax BRT to the Vibrant Denver bond. These streets have been dangerous and inhospitable for many years, but are getting worse as construction and eventual lane reductions moves more vehicles to adjacent routes. Protected Bike Lanes with car lane reductions would be safer and quieter for all road users.

Thank you,

Nicole McSpirit