

STATEMENT TO THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO CB16-0306

The undersigned resident of and taxpayer of the City and County of Denver submits the following brief statement in opposition to CB16-0306:

I oppose CB16-0306 for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- The increased fees will primarily be used to pay for the Platte-to-Park Hill Project [“PTPH Project”] that will provide virtually no stormwater benefit to city residents south of I-70. Instead, the PTPH Project primarily benefits CDOT’s plan for the “cut and cover” expansion of I-70 and the real estate projects connected with the North Denver Collaborative, RTD, and the National Western Center. Stormwater drainage for such projects should properly be paid for by CDOT and the real estate developers and should be accommodated on the land owned by CDOT and the real estate developers.
- Denver neighborhoods, including those south of I-70, have significant unmet stormwater drainage needs as demonstrated in the 2014 Stormwater Master Plan. Any increase in stormwater drainage fees should be utilized to address these significant neighborhood needs—not the needs of the “cut and cover” expansion of I-70 and the real estate projects connected with the North Denver Collaborative, RTD, and the National Western Center.
- The PTPH Project that will be funded by CB16-0306 (1) will illegally cause closure of the City Park Golf Course for at least 2 years and, thereby, will illegally remove the dedicated park land from all park uses during this closure period; (2) will illegally utilize the dedicated park land of the City Park Golf Course for the non-park uses of creating a stormwater detention pond for the benefit of the “cut and cover” expansion of I-70 as well as real estate projects connected with the North Denver Collaborative, RTD, and the National Western Center; (3) will involve removal of up to 280 trees from the City Park Golf Course for non-park purposes and, thereby, will illegally cause material long-lasting damage to the park land and to the citizens’ use and enjoyment of the park land both from within and from outside City Park Golf Course boundaries; (4) will create a deep stormwater

detention pond in a significant portion of the dedicated City Park Golf Course land that will materially damage the historical golf course park land and that will render the golf course park land unusable for significant periods following storm events while the detention pond land recovers and stormwater debris is removed.

Dated: June 13, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter W. Garnsey, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Walter W. Garnsey, Jr.
2339 Bellaire Street
Denver, Colorado 80207
720-273-4600