Q4 Do you have any other comments, thoughts, or concerns?

Answered: 343 Skipped: 362

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm tired	8/4/2023 1:28 PM
2	Officials get complacent the longer they're in office. I'm in favor of 1 term with a recertification process to qualify for a 2nd 4yr term.	8/4/2023 12:58 PM
3	In regards to the previous question: I think that politicians who ran and won a third term should be able to serve out that term even if we ban third terms going forward. However, if a politician has not yet been elected to a third term by the time this limit passes, then they will be disqualified.	8/4/2023 12:21 PM
4	I am one of those who dislikes the results of the last 12-year administration. 8 is more than enough!	8/1/2023 8:12 PM
5	Can you also limit cell phone use and social media during meetings?	8/1/2023 7:59 PM
6	I'm not in favor of term limits	8/1/2023 7:14 PM
7	Term limits in state legislatures have been a disaster, resulting in more one-agenda elected officials and fewer statesmen, as well as more power to staff and lobbyists. Read the research	8/1/2023 7:14 PM
8	8 yes excellent idea!!	8/1/2023 7:05 PM
9	Limiting terms gives more power to the Lobbyists and special interests. Being in office for several years/terms builds institutional memory. If elected officials have fewer years in office, the Lobbyists, who are not limited, gain more power. If an elected official does not perform well, the voters have the responsibility to toss them out. Let the voters decide who has been in office too long.	8/1/2023 7:01 PM
10	Would anyone actually read them if I did?	8/1/2023 6:27 PM
11	No	8/1/2023 9:50 AM
12	While incumbancy can make it difficult to win against sitting elected officials, I would rather focus on challenging unsatisfactory incumbents rather than term limiting good sitting officials. Local seats are harder to fill and I worry term limits for positions that aren't as sexy as mayor will lead to less passionate, effective, and good leadership.	7/31/2023 5:53 PM
13	I would support a limit of 2 terms for mayor but not for city council.	7/31/2023 3:35 PM
14	You should only be allowed 8 years max on city council for all seats. Call it the Ortega amendment	7/31/2023 3:12 PM
15	This seems an ill timed misuse of council energy. I'd much prefer the council work on ending our street encampments and public safety !	7/31/2023 10:31 AM
16	Change is not always good	7/31/2023 8:10 AM
17	Although 12 years isn't a lifetime, it's still too long.	7/31/2023 7:43 AM
18	The 12 year term officials were elected by the people. Let them serve their limit and then start with the next elected official.	7/30/2023 5:10 PM
19	No	7/30/2023 3:54 PM
20	Regarding Question 3: if an elected official is in a 3rd term and the charter is changed to limit to 2 terms, then they should be allowed to finish their 3rd term. If the charter is changed to 2 terms, any incumbent that comes up for reelection after the change should limit to 2 terms i.e. if an incumbent is in a 2nd term and the charter is changed, they are not eligible to run for a 3rd term.	7/27/2023 4:20 PM
21	not necessary for council	7/27/2023 4:08 PM

22	Term Limits Now. 8 is long enough.	7/27/2023 2:38 PM
23	12 years is too long. Let’s keep new ideas coming in and limit the length of terms	7/27/2023 2:27 PM
24	This is a really stupid idea. Losing institutional knowledge only leads to more powerful private interests. Read a book.	7/27/2023 8:07 AM
25	No	7/26/2023 11:04 AM
26	Limit Mayor to two terms, let City Council have three.	7/25/2023 4:28 PM
27	Voting should be how we limit terms. If not, lobbyists and entrenched city staff have more power than those who are elected by the people. If we find who we elected is not coming up to par, we can vote against them. We can't do that with city staff or lobbyists, so you hand the power over to them when you limit our ability to vote for who we want to be policy makers and the administration.	7/25/2023 3:31 PM
28	This is a very necessary proposal to foster good governance. Go for it!	7/24/2023 10:58 PM
29	Why this change? Seems like the current system works well. Changing people so often leads to power ending up vested in lobbyists and un-elected officials.	7/24/2023 5:17 PM
30	This is submitted on behalf of New Era Colorado	7/24/2023 3:55 PM
31	1. I prefer elections over term limits. I did not vote for the 2000 Charter Amendment. 2. In Q3, I selected "Unsure" only because that was the only option. "Don't Have An Opinion" would have described my POV better.	7/24/2023 1:21 PM
32	Strongly support term limits - thank you for this true leadership!	7/23/2023 11:57 PM
33	Three terms is sufficient. Having some institutional knowledge and the ability to oversee projects to completion is important. The November 2023 ballot is full of important statewide topics. This question doesn’t rise to that level of importance.	7/23/2023 11:12 PM
34	I like the stability & knowledge base of council as compared to the state legislature where we see a constant churn. Council is directly responsible for public safety, zoning, and other financial interests that shape the quality of life in the city. It requires a professional approach and not just a bunch of short-sighted activism, which is what I fear will happen if we move from 12 to 8 year limits.	7/23/2023 3:40 PM
35	In theory I am supportive of three terms. HOWEVER, in practice, what I’ve seen from Council and Mayor’s in their third terms- when they should be bold, assertive and more open to risk because they don’t have to worry about reelection- has been nothing but timid, safe, unimaginative and lame governing that keeps us all in a bad status quo. so lets just skip the last 4 years the incumbents waste. we have too many big problems to fix.	7/23/2023 11:43 AM
36	The two terms over eight years term limits at the Capitol causes some issues. We end up losing good legislators too early and the lobbyists are the only ones with long-term institutional knowledge.	7/23/2023 10:13 AM
37	Term limits are important for democracy. While I appreciate that ambitious policies can take years of work, the desire to remain in office can muddle action. Eight years gives leaders the better part of a decade to enact meaningful policies and reforms.	7/23/2023 9:30 AM
38	Term limitations should be applied to all city council, mayor, and state leaders	7/23/2023 9:11 AM
39	This is why we have elections. If people are unhappy with their elected officials, they can vote them out. Other ideas to consider are ranked choice voting, participatory voting and community hubs.	7/23/2023 9:08 AM
40	I think having "fresh blood" in positions can be beneficial to the community. It also makes sense to have experienced people in positions. Tough dilemma.	7/21/2023 4:27 PM
41	Change takes 5-7 yrs to take place. It would be nice if an elected official who has implemented a great project that the voters favor to see that thru and follow up with any tweaks necessary. Also it takes time to build experience that 12 yrs may provide.	7/20/2023 7:09 PM
42	no comment, but thanks for this information.	7/20/2023 10:46 AM
43	I’m inclined to limit the mayor to 2 terms but not council members. It’s seems those are	7/20/2023 8:50 AM

	competitive races, not high paying and longterm knowledge helps run the city. The mayor's position can be refreshed and bring new leadership more frequently.	
44	Politics shouldn't be a career. It's a service to the people	7/19/2023 11:15 PM
45	I would allow any elected official covered by this change to serve one more term after the change goes into effect. So someone in their 8th year could potentially serve 12 years total. It wouldn't be fair to throw someone out of their job overnight without giving them time to plan their transition.	7/19/2023 4:17 PM
46	If you do not like your councilperson who can vote them out.	7/19/2023 3:38 PM
47	Eliminate the Fair Election Fund.	7/19/2023 2:09 PM
48	Not at this time.	7/19/2023 12:35 PM
49	No	7/19/2023 9:46 AM
50	No	7/19/2023 8:28 AM
51	There is something to be said for success of service. If someone is doing a good job, they should be able to run and serve if the people so choose.	7/19/2023 8:24 AM
52	We have to take a look at the Long term limits & Change it to something more reasonable	7/19/2023 8:16 AM
53	Expertise is valuable in municipal government. Allowing politicians to serve for 12 years seems like a good way to create that.	7/18/2023 1:31 PM
54	Less progressives in office. We need a focus on crime and police presence to keep us safe.	7/18/2023 12:58 PM
55	How about the Mayor ?	7/18/2023 12:34 PM
56	We also need to change the length of term for city council members from four years to two years, and they should be eligible to serve two-year terms with a 4-term limit (total of 8 years).	7/18/2023 11:48 AM
57	8 years is long enough for any individual to serve in a role. Given the relatively low turnout for municipal elections, it's a small percentage of the electorate that are voting and incumbents have name recognition advantage. I'd rather have an influx of new faces & ideas after 8 years.	7/17/2023 6:59 PM
58	I said no on thre bec if this passes you need to go. if it is good for future officials it is good for current also.	7/17/2023 3:43 PM
59	Two terms would essentially mean that the default becomes an eight-year term for everyone and no one would run against incumbents. Not everyone serves the full 12 years now, which leads to a better mix of experience. Also, 12 years allows people to better master the job. The Legislature is an example of why 8 years doesn't work--the lobbiests run the place.	7/17/2023 3:33 PM
60	Changing the term limit becomes a territory for lobbyist to proliferate elected officials.	7/17/2023 2:06 PM
61	a third term for mayor has been especially bad for Denver	7/17/2023 12:36 PM
62	I think there should be challengers to every council seat each election. This debate brings out issues that should be discussed in public. If a council person can't accomplish their goals in two terms, they haven't worked hard enough. The exception to my comment is Robin Kniech. As an At-Large councillor, she still had much to offer and goals to achieve in her third term and I think she was a valuable person to have on Council. However, I wish she had supported Councillor Ce deBaca more often. I think those two could have done good things for Denver if they had worked together.	7/17/2023 12:20 PM
63	Via the veto and budget power vested with the Mayor's office, the strong mayor system isolates too much power into one individual. In addition to changing this power dynamic, the City Council should limit the number of terms the Mayor and Councilmembers can serve to 2 terms of four years.	7/17/2023 11:53 AM
64	Keep the term limits to 12 years. Elected officials' experience is valuable to their constituents. Under performing officials will be voted out. There is value in relationships, and trust within the community, built over 12 years. I voted for the 12 year limit and stand by my, and my community's, decision.	7/17/2023 10:44 AM
65	You should not be able run in the next election for a different council seat, from a district seat to council at large seat, as Debbie Ortega did and end up being on Council for 24 years!	7/17/2023 8:11 AM

66	Should be two consecutive terms rather than two terms outright.	7/17/2023 8:09 AM
67	Three terms allows council members to establish successes and change	7/17/2023 7:44 AM
68	The proposed change from a three-term limit to a two-term limit is long overdue. What in the world were we the voters thinking in 2000 when we approved three-term limits? I don't remember how I voted on that issue, but experience has shown that a two-term limit promotes a healthy turnover of elected positions and often brings new energy and ideas to the table. Thanks to Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer for raising this issue!	7/17/2023 7:28 AM
69	It appears that voting ineffective council members out of office works. There is a need for experience in order to get anything done, shorter terms means less experience.	7/17/2023 7:12 AM
70	It seems that Council members who feel the job is too much - DO opt out of running for a 3rd term. And incumbents DO get beat by challengers. For those members who are doing a great job, want to continue to have an impact on our city, AND get re-elected -- I want them to have that opportunity. There's a lot to learn and progress can benefit from 12 years of work.	7/17/2023 6:55 AM
71	This is a long overdue change. Twelve years is too long.	7/17/2023 6:00 AM
72	To many positions, members have grown stagnant. New people , with an open meaningful agenda Some have been in so long they don't know what a good job is They are busy lining their pockets, and forgot about the constituents.	7/17/2023 4:19 AM
73	Question 3 is nit well worded - do you mean if someone is currently serving over 8 years, ie in a third term, or someone who is only in their 1 st or 2 nd term? I assume the former? But then what do you propose- to kick that person out?	7/16/2023 10:00 PM
74	I much prefer no term limits. I thought it disingenuous when the Council was successful in moving from two to three terns. On another point, if the Council agrees to substitute rank choice voting from the present method, I think at-large should be included in the process. At present and for the past number of elections the at-large winners were all minority choices (no certain about 2023).	7/16/2023 5:31 PM
75	There are more important things Council should focus on rather than placing this issue on the ballot.	7/16/2023 5:04 PM
76	I would support leaving council members at three terms, but I definitely think Mayor should be TWO terms max!	7/16/2023 5:04 PM
77	We need more accountability	7/16/2023 3:39 PM
78	For question 3 - I think currently elected officials should not be forced to step down outside of a regular election cycle, but they should not be allowed to seek another term from voters.	7/16/2023 3:32 PM
79	12 years with Michael Hancock was way too much. good riddance. Voters should have a chance for fresh new ideas more frequently	7/16/2023 3:29 PM
80	Are there qualifications that would prevent what is Happening in red states now. Passing laws counter to democracy values and the will of the people?	7/16/2023 2:58 PM
81	Incumbents have many advantages in getting re-elected, especially financial. It just makes it more challenging for new candidates to get an edge. Two terms is enough.	7/16/2023 2:03 PM
82	I have no comments.	7/16/2023 12:43 PM
83	I have never supported term limits. Take Mayor Handcock, he has done an excellent job leading this city and I would have voted for him to serve a 4th and even 5th term. I do not support people who move onto one appointed city or state job after another (Happy Haynes, who cannot even speak to the people she serves) after being term limited.	7/16/2023 9:04 AM
84	should have done this years ago!!!!	7/16/2023 8:57 AM
85	Do it now	7/16/2023 8:51 AM
86	Forbid e-bikes on all sidewalks, citywide.	7/16/2023 8:07 AM
87	Leave it alone. Solve a problem instead...like homelessness	7/16/2023 6:49 AM
88	The voters decide who should be an office and for how long. Term limits should be eliminated completely	7/16/2023 6:48 AM

89	Reverse the garbage collection fee. We pay our property tax.	7/16/2023 5:19 AM
90	Double the fireworks use fine .	7/16/2023 3:00 AM
91	On some issues the term of 12 years can get the issue completed	7/15/2023 11:11 PM
92	How do we do the same with our Supreme Court?	7/15/2023 9:50 PM
93	Over the years I have seen some Council members who consistently stay at the public trough in one way or another (i.e. Debbie Ortega Happy Haynes). They are nice enough but new blood and change is good for everyone.	7/15/2023 9:31 PM
94	This should be for all elected officials including senate and congress	7/15/2023 8:41 PM
95	The city of Denver is in a serious downward spiral and has been for at least the past 12 years. Basic services are not properly provided, the streets are crumbling, crime is skyrocketing, yet tens of millions of dollars are wasted on ill-conceived and ineffective "solutions" to homelessness. Now a massive influx of non-citizens who have no proven right to be here are consuming many more millions of taxpayer dollars, while the mayor threatened to cut services to citizens living here. Neither the city council nor the mayor have protected and promoted the best interests of the citizens who live in Denver and pay very high taxes. Denver has rapidly turned into a cesspool, where the downtown particularly looks like the giant mess in places like San Francisco, Philadelphia, Baltimore and others. Denver's downtown is a dangerous, unhealthy, filthy place overrun with drug addicts and creepy people to which neither adults nor any children should be exposed. Neither property nor people are safe anywhere in Denver, but particularly downtown, because the police, the city council and city administration openly tolerate, and even promote, the complete absence of any adherence to any social code or legal rules by people who roam there. It's no wonder that businesses are locking up and moving out. We won't spend money downtown. The Denver Public Schools, over which the city council has no direct control, nor does the mayor, is a complete disaster. Children are not safe in any Denver schools. Zoning proposals keep getting presented that are guaranteed to destroy our neighborhoods. Yet all we hear from the politicians are asinine platitudes that undermine the most basic needed social and legal standards. These problems need to be solved, and now, or the current crop of city leaders should be replaced by the voters as soon as possible.	7/15/2023 8:08 PM
96	Enough is enough. Elected officials should be made up with citizens, veterans, farmers, business owners, shopkeepers, accountants, lawyers and others who would come and serve, serve for a few years, then step down. It was never imagined that we would have members serve for decades upon decades.	7/15/2023 6:18 PM
97	No one should lead a city for more than 8 years.	7/15/2023 5:48 PM
98	Term limits should include an opportunity for voters to give their support or non-support for active people serving terms in politics - not just municipal but state and federal government, so that ineffective people can be removed as needed. I also believe that age plays a factor with term limits. People bring a lot of experience during their terms. Companies have enough sense to know when people become ineffective and can address it through legal and sane policies. Voters should not have to wait out until the next election to have the same kind of replacement of ineffective leaders and officials.	7/15/2023 5:41 PM
99	Eight years should be a reasonable amount of time for an elected official to demonstrate measured growth and improvement. If such improvement and positive change have not happened within those eight years, then that represents ineffective leadership that becomes the status quo. Even if eight years produces positive results I believe it is still time for a new people and ideas to become elected. Change is dynamic.	7/15/2023 5:37 PM
100	Don’t limit voters’ options by excluding anyone from seeking election…even those with experience!	7/15/2023 5:35 PM
101	Personally, I even think 2, 4-year limits are too long. If up to 2, 3-year limits, were offered, I’d vote for that.	7/15/2023 5:26 PM
102	No. I understand the benefits of institutional knowledge, but I am against anything that perpetuates a structure that keeps the same people in power for more than 8 years. Having term limits will, I hope, motivate those in office to get things done while they are in office.	7/15/2023 4:29 PM
103	Off the subject--help Congress acquire term limits, also!	7/15/2023 4:16 PM
104	No	7/15/2023 4:03 PM

105	Bad idea	7/15/2023 3:55 PM
106	Eight years is long enough for ALL elected officials to be in office. These are no career positions. You represent your constituents and we need new ideas in elected offices to ensure the people are represented.	7/15/2023 3:55 PM
107	Time for a change; the current administration and their supporters have done so much to harm our once great city, put us at risk with out of control crime, and divide us. Shorter terms are a start for the despicable scum that are our current leadership.	7/15/2023 3:35 PM
108	Thank you.	7/15/2023 2:28 PM
109	Term limits are good	7/15/2023 1:05 PM
110	There needs to be more accountability and an audit function for both the mayor function and the city council overall	7/15/2023 12:51 PM
111	Allowing the current 3 term policy limits vision, promotes citizen apathy, stifles energy-creativity-citizen support.	7/15/2023 12:51 PM
112	No	7/15/2023 12:17 PM
113	Council members' terms should be staggered, as in the US Senate, to maintain institutional memory.	7/15/2023 11:13 AM
114	No	7/15/2023 11:03 AM
115	Shorter term limits will help ensure politicians stay focused on constituent needs and not get into deep deals with private interest groups, like developers.	7/15/2023 10:19 AM
116	Not specifically related to term limits, but I also suggest Denver adopt ranked choice voting for municipal offices. We might also consider abolishing the two at-large council positions and expanding Council to 13 districts. Also, change the title of members of Council to Councilors. That will eliminate the Councilman and Councilwoman confusion.	7/15/2023 9:40 AM
117	Yes, the malaise demonstrates by Mayor Hancock during his third term, and the negative momentum afforded several appointed officials of his administration, and the resulting decline in Denver's quality of life provide sufficient fodder to support this concept. It will take Denver a generation to undo the damage the city has incurred over the past 4 years.	7/15/2023 9:22 AM
118	Why term limits?	7/15/2023 9:19 AM
119	Two term limits max! Just like the President of the United States!!!!!	7/15/2023 9:15 AM
120	I think 3 terms, particularly for mayor, allows one person to shape a city in one image that limits differing perspectives. The past two administrations, in particular, are a reflection of that.	7/15/2023 9:15 AM
121	reduce crime	7/15/2023 9:09 AM
122	Corporate money and PACS drive it all either way. I think it would be worse with only 8 years. But then with 12 the corruption is easier- witness Hancock's planning department.	7/14/2023 8:58 PM
123	I think 2 terms maximum makes sense and lines up with other elected positions.	7/14/2023 10:28 AM
124	Term limits make sense. If any elected official were to be in their 3rd term while this goes into effect, they should be allowed to finish out their term of service.	7/13/2023 6:21 AM
125	Term limits! Yay! End the malaise.	7/12/2023 8:21 PM
126	To the extent that one learns how to do better in a position the longer they are in it, going back to a two-term limit would restrict that improvement in knowledge and expertise. On the other hand, if one loses interest before the end of that third term, they are not providing the service they were elected to do. A fair argument can be made to restrict the mayor's number of terms to two as that position is more subject to be corrupted than a city council member, given the greater power that the mayor has vis-a-vis city council member.	7/12/2023 4:50 PM
127	Age limits too	7/12/2023 1:14 PM
128	Question 3 could be confusing - if someone is in the middle of their 3rd term, or about to start it, when voters changed the policy - those officials should be allowed to stay in office.	7/12/2023 11:45 AM
129	Term limits sound great in theory, but have adverse practical effects. I am a lobbyist at the	7/12/2023 10:31 AM

	State Capitol, and see the problems with term limits every day. Deep institutional and historical knowledge rests with those of us in the lobby corps and with state staff - not with the people actually carrying the bills and casting the votes. That's not a recipe for good, thoughtful government. Perhaps the biggest issue is at the leadership level. Because of term limits, legislators are sometimes placed into leadership roles before they've gotten the in-the-trenches experience necessary to know how to fill those roles. As an elected official yourself, you know that you have to learn the nuances of the job, and that takes time. When someone is forced to leave just as they've finally absorbed those nuances and honed their skills, that's a disservice to the people they serve. It's one thing if an elected official decides they don't want to run for re-election, or if their constituents vote them out. The current limit on City Council terms is appropriate; I don't see a problem that needs fixing.	
130	if the change is approved to go into effect on a certain date, then the new rules should apply immediately. The effective date should be at least 1-year after voter approval, to allow time for any current campaigns that may be vying for a 3rd term to wrap up.	7/12/2023 9:50 AM
131	Hancock’s 12 years were a disaster for the city. That should never happen again.	7/12/2023 9:37 AM
132	This is a dumb idea we need expertise in our government, and continuedly kneecapping our public servants isnt helpful. 12 years is fine the ideas aren't going to go stale during that timeframe	7/12/2023 9:02 AM
133	we always need new and innovative ideas to solve the many problems and having new people on board might help	7/12/2023 9:02 AM
134	Although seniority in elected positions can be helpful, fresh voices are needed these days since some longer term politicians do not like to be innovative when it comes to doing things differently or using different perspectives to accomplish those tasks.	7/12/2023 8:58 AM
135	Shortening term limits is a terrible idea. Our term limits are already short, forcing people who understand how the city works to leave office just when they are most effective. We have elections for a reason, and that is to vote out public officials who are not doing a good job. There is absolutely no reason to do this, please stop.	7/12/2023 8:43 AM
136	Learning these jobs is hard and time consuming. It takes councilmembers and their staff time to build relationships, understand the machinations of policy development, etc. Many are the most effective in their third term. And we as voters are never "stuck" with representatives we don't like; we always have the chance to remove them with the ballot!	7/12/2023 8:23 AM
137	It would be helpful if there were some research showing benefits and drawbacks to reducing the term limits.	7/12/2023 8:17 AM
138	i think the Mayor should be limited to two terms it is too powerful with three. I am a city employee and this will be the 5th mayor for me.	7/12/2023 8:14 AM
139	The Mayor should be limited to 2 terms too! Hancock has done so much damage to Denver that it may not ever be repaired!	7/12/2023 7:08 AM
140	Term limits help bring fresh ideas to the city and eliminate longterm politicians that get to powerful and potentially corrupt	7/12/2023 7:04 AM
141	Appreciate you doing this. I also believe we need to consider age limits. The fact Joe Biden is 80 years old and want to run for another term is mind blowing. The average person retires at 65 years old, but all these people in Congress are way older. Makes no sense.	7/12/2023 6:58 AM
142	I don't support artificial term limits. We have natural term limits. They're called elections. I hope council members will inform their constituents.	7/12/2023 6:47 AM
143	Term limits can be one effective tool to ensure that power remains in the hands of voters. However, there needs to be equal attention to not ceding power to lobbyists and developers who at times may have more knowledge than a constantly churning elected official class.	7/12/2023 6:34 AM
144	I think experience is good and shorter term limits are bad	7/11/2023 8:49 PM
145	As a rule, I'm not a fan of term limits at any level except U.S. President. It can take years to grasp the nuances of a position and to make the necessary connections to establish oneself, and term limits mean that we have a revolving door of green office holders. If a person is good at what he/she does, why should there be an arbitrary process to remove them from office? If the person is not good, we already have a process to remove them- it's called an election. In	7/11/2023 5:15 PM

	addition, some quality people will be dissuaded from running for office unless they work in a profession in which they can easily exit and return, and most of us are not in that position. In general, I believe term limits cause more harm than good.	
146	I would like to see that campaign donations from outside of Colorado to Denver candidates are eliminated.	7/11/2023 9:39 AM
147	We have term limits. They are called elections. If citizens are unhappy with their elected officials after eight years, they can vote them out. These jobs require complicated skills and extensive background knowledge. All term limits do is give lobbyists more power. My husband and I, who have been politically involved for decades by the way, are totally opposed.	7/10/2023 4:39 PM
148	While 8 years seems like a long time, it isn't. Learning all the issues facing the City and, more importantly, learning how the City works, require time. A third term should provide the opportunity to use the expertise gained over prior years. Two terms for state legislators has created more expertise and power in lobbyists and career state employees - neither of those groups represent citizens.	7/10/2023 4:03 PM
149	Term limits are good. Denver has the right balance of three terms. If you make it just two terms, you are giving more power to the lobbyists and those with influence because they are the only ones with historical knowledge. If the district doesn't like their person, they can vote them out.	7/10/2023 3:35 PM
150	Citizens have a chance every 4 years to reject an incumbent. Successful ones are a value for their 12 year term as is takes a while for them to get their office, responsibilities, staff and initiatives off the ground.	7/10/2023 2:19 PM
151	I think this term limit stuff is just a buzzword that gets people who barely passed their high school civics class excited. If someone is good enough at their job to do it for three terms there's no reason why they shouldn't be allowed to, especially at a city level. I don't think anyone is going to seize power and secede Denver from the Union because they got a 3rd term.	7/10/2023 2:16 PM
152	12 years is a good term limit. 8 feels short, especially in the context of long-term planning. I'd feel differently if there were no term limits, but there are. 12 is a good number. Now, age limits you could sell me on, though that's more a national problem right now.	7/10/2023 12:57 PM
153	8 is enough!!!	7/10/2023 12:22 PM
154	8 years is more than enough time. 12 years is an anomaly. If the charter changes, all terms should be 8 years. No one should be "grandfathered in". Allowing Grandfathering would be a clear conflict of personal interest verses the interests of the city.	7/10/2023 11:32 AM
155	I am for anything that keeps elected officials from turning into career politicians.	7/10/2023 10:57 AM
156	Great idea to get “dynasties “ from happening. US Presidents limited to two terms.	7/10/2023 10:00 AM
157	I think 12 years is too long for elected officials. Much changes in the city, and they seem to get too comfortable.	7/10/2023 8:48 AM
158	This is a good thing.	7/10/2023 8:24 AM
159	Our presidental terms are only 4 years. Yes it costs money for elections but even 8 years is almost too generous. The current term of 12 years is over the top especially considering how much Our population shifts and moves in and out of Denver.	7/10/2023 7:55 AM
160	With the traditionally low voter turnout in these elections, especially mayoral, a good case for no term or 3 term limits CAN NOT BE MADE…….based on the thinking that “Denver voters are smart and will not support an incumbent who has performed poorly.” Michael Hancock is a prime example.	7/10/2023 7:32 AM
161	Term limits is a bad idea as last terms have no constituent influence. By the time officials learn how to govern, they are retired by law.	7/10/2023 7:12 AM
162	12 year terms for elected officials is too long a period serving to have them remain accountable for their actions.	7/10/2023 6:57 AM
163	Ensure this is applied to the mayor also.	7/10/2023 5:19 AM
164	Thank you for doing this too often people stay in positions and become comfortable and filled	7/9/2023 10:30 PM

	as they owned that position or that district and we don't get any true change	
165	Let the people decide! The change in term limits is a limit on our choices of city council members	7/9/2023 8:41 PM
166	Someone needs to explain how this would help the city.	7/9/2023 8:32 PM
167	Why are councilwomen Sawyer and Sandoval interested in pursuing this charter change. In their time in office, have they discovered a need to change the term limits. Additionally, are they committed to only serving two terms?	7/9/2023 8:23 PM
168	Eight years, two 4 year terms is enough	7/9/2023 6:40 PM
169	Limit the mayor too and end the executive appointments to lead city offices, it's extremely disruptive to city employees	7/9/2023 3:13 PM
170	Minimize wasted money on elections and keep current system	7/9/2023 3:05 PM
171	I am split on this proposal--on one hand I believe very strongly in term limits for elected officials. However, institutional memory is very important for stability and true progress in local government. Without this, entire segments of the governing body can change hands very quickly, which leads to more pendulum effect and less progress. I am a dedicated progressive and many policies that I advocate for need a stable timeframe to work on--sometimes on the order of decades. It can be very destabilizing for the council and mayor to potentially be forced to change every 8 years to a clean slate. I would much more support a plan to stagger elections to ensure that only a certain percentage of the city offices are being elected (with exceptions for death, resignation, etc) and leave the term limitation at three 4-year terms.	7/9/2023 10:15 AM
172	Denver ranks among the worst run cities 135 of 149 ranked cities. What changes to inefficient & ineffective spending and poor city services will you be aiming your efforts. https://wallethub.com/edu/best-run-cities/22869	7/8/2023 10:29 PM
173	It's been said over and over, 8 year limits are popular but stagger the elections. That way there would be a smoother transition with experienced council members giving historical experience and procedural guidance.	7/8/2023 7:47 PM
174	Great idea. There needs to be more turnover to reduce influence peddling and corruption.	7/8/2023 4:32 PM
175	I support this change but would be interested in hearing the downsides.	7/8/2023 12:33 PM
176	We the people are able to vote out anyone we do not want to continue in off.	7/7/2023 8:29 PM
177	I am happy with the 12 year (3-term) situation. If someone isn't doing a good job, let the voters vote them out after 2 terms (or even 1!)	7/7/2023 2:37 PM
178	I don't see a need for term limits - it's a lot of work to be a public servant and it probably takes 1 terms before you have the hang of it - people can vote people out if they don't want to relect them but I don't see a value in term limits	7/7/2023 10:16 AM
179	Term limits are a terrible idea. This deprives us of knowledge and experience and gives more power to people and organizations bring political pressure to bear.	7/6/2023 9:05 PM
180	I think the change in term limits should be effective immediately!	7/6/2023 4:23 PM
181	no	7/6/2023 3:57 PM
182	Would there be a provision that allowed a person who served the 2-terms to run again after at least a 1 term break for the same office?	7/6/2023 1:34 PM
183	12 years is waaay to long.	7/6/2023 9:37 AM
184	No	7/6/2023 9:07 AM
185	It's nice that Hancock's finally gone. Man that was a long 12 years of hell.	7/6/2023 8:48 AM
186	The City is a mess, mainly because of the Hancock administration....he should have NEVER had three terms. I'd like to see some of this runaway development get reined in. We are sick of the construction in Cherry Creek. We are also sick of all the bike lanes....NOBODY uses them and they are not only an eyesore, but they cause traffic congestion.	7/6/2023 8:34 AM
187	Term limits are a very good idea to keep new and fresh ideas working for Denver	7/6/2023 7:41 AM

188	8 years is a long time to be in a job. 12-years is an eternity. Everyone, in all jobs, gets stale after only a few years. Politicians get stale too. New blood every 8-years is important.	7/6/2023 6:53 AM
189	I think it's about time for change I feel they are no longer listening to the people big money has a lot to with the way they move another problem	7/6/2023 4:25 AM
190	I would gladly vote to limit terms for ALL positions, including the mayor's position. Montbello has been split and this is DESTROYING the quality of this neighborhood. We need to recall officials who are not serving the public in their elected positions as well. Never seen Denver so off course. Sad state of this once great city.....	7/5/2023 11:37 PM
191	I really like the idea of limiting local officials to 2 terms.	7/5/2023 11:31 PM
192	n/a	7/5/2023 10:08 PM
193	Term limits are a difficult topic. It's beneficial to have experienced people in the City administration, and with longer terms they can build the expertise they and we need. However if an elected official turns out to be a poor leader and administrator, he/she can stay in office past the time we think they are effective, if there are no term limits.	7/5/2023 9:54 PM
194	Not only should Council term limits be 8 years, we should abolish the two Council At Large Positions.	7/5/2023 7:03 PM
195	8 years might even be too long. Sheesh. This city is a total decaying mess.	7/5/2023 6:02 PM
196	Term limits turn over power to lobbiest and bureaucrats because it takes years for legislators to learn how to be effective in their jobs. And then they're term limited out? That's what elections are for	7/5/2023 5:20 PM
197	Term limits encourage government to serve the people and get things done. 12 years is too long	7/5/2023 5:02 PM
198	I think it is important to have regular turnover of elected officials in order to get new/fresh perspectives regarding the issues facing the city and districts. Twelve years is too long in office. People get stuck in complacency.	7/5/2023 4:12 PM
199	It's good to have change, especially for elected officials.	7/5/2023 2:51 PM
200	this is long past due	7/5/2023 1:57 PM
201	Two terms is long enough for all elected officials including the US Congress. But let’s start in Denver first.	7/5/2023 1:57 PM
202	No job I've ever had even comes with a 1 year guarantee. Politicians should be looking over their shoulders at all times	7/5/2023 1:17 PM
203	I'm not necessarily in favor of limiting council persons. But I *would* favor a two-term limit on the Mayor. Twelve years is long enough for a mayor to develop very cozy relationships with outside forces, such as developers. Council is tempered by sheer numbers as well as redistricting every 10 years.	7/5/2023 12:38 PM
204	Implement a vehicle noise ordinance for Denver/Aurora. Neighborhoods are significantly impacted by unnecessarily loud cars, trucks, and motorcycles, particularly along Quebec Street at Lowry Blvd. Government regulates vehicle exhaust/pollution and it is time we regulate vehicle noise, as well.	7/5/2023 11:45 AM
205	Good idea	7/5/2023 11:26 AM
206	Shorter term limits bring in new candidates who are lacking competency and familiarity with how our city runs. Our biggest challenge today is keeping the trains running on time. We need experienced elected officials and if they are in office for 12 years, that is fine.	7/5/2023 10:49 AM
207	These are needed term limits! Thank you!	7/5/2023 9:59 AM
208	I support term limits, however 8 years is too short. It increases the influence of corporations who can staff their government relations team well beyond or or 5 years. Institutional knowledge is also important alongside new voices and fresh ideas.	7/5/2023 8:57 AM
209	Terms limits for public officials is the best idea for ‘for profit’ lobby firms. Lobbyists and businesses get ti know the operations of a city more than elected officials because those individuals don’t have term limits. I would support additional term limits if we banned private	7/4/2023 10:57 PM

	citizens and businesses from meeting with elected officials after 8 years. If they are allowed to operate after 8 years we open our city up ti more corruption. Term limits are a win to special interest groups and a loss for every day constituents. When someone proposes these ideas I often assume they have lobbyists at the forefront of their mind and the constituents they serve are not even on the radar anymore.	
210	We don’t need term limits, please do not waste everyone’s time on this.	7/4/2023 6:01 PM
211	I think 2 terms of 8 years total is a reasonable amount of time to serve in one office and allows for new voices more frequently.	7/4/2023 3:01 PM
212	Experience matters. Voters can determine term limits by not voting incumbents in who aren’t doing a good job.	7/4/2023 2:37 PM
213	You've all ruined this city.	7/4/2023 2:03 PM
214	I would like to hear more of your thinking behind this change. Term limited officials in my experience are less responsive to their constituents and shortening term limits would mean this would be a more frequent occurrence. It would also increase the effects of corporate lobbying, the revolving door would get worse, and there would be less ability to build up institutional knowledge often necessary to create effective legislation. I'm a firm no.	7/4/2023 12:48 PM
215	Of all the problems in Denver, Term Limits isn’t one of them. Real leadership isn’t cheap wins and performative acts.	7/4/2023 12:38 PM
216	I believe that shortening term limits would decrease the influence and power of elected officials and instead concentrate power in institutions like lobbyists and the soft money (PACs) that elect officials. Term limits are important because they allow for fresh ideas and younger elected officials, however I support the current 12 year terms.	7/4/2023 11:01 AM
217	term limits on politicians without limits on lobbyists is just asking for problems. lobbyists can continue to pay off corrupt politicians at will, meanwhile the politicians are limited in their ability to deliver on legislation in simply only 2 terms. go for lobbying first.	7/4/2023 10:49 AM
218	Term limits give power to lobbyists - and the ahorter they are, the more lobbyists hold inatitutional memory. This is why term limits are typically a conservative/ GOP idea: they benefit business interests.	7/4/2023 9:54 AM
219	The mayor needs only 2 terms. Especially after Hancock.	7/4/2023 8:27 AM
220	Term limits for legislators has always been bad policy. It shortens the institutional knowledge of legislators and increases the power of lobbyists and the executive. If the council wants a weaker body, this would be a fantastic change. The political science literature on this matter is exceedingly clear.	7/4/2023 6:37 AM
221	This should include all elected and appointed officials in Denver. This could help the cronyism and corruption plaguing our good city.	7/4/2023 6:35 AM
222	Next can we do Congressional term limits and SCOTUS?	7/3/2023 7:19 PM
223	Fully support this!!	7/3/2023 6:30 PM
224	Term limits are anti-democratic and all studies on them show that it perpetuates inexperience and allows lobbyist money to more easily infiltrate democratic bodies. I do not want Colorado to go down the path of Florida.	7/3/2023 5:44 PM
225	I think this is a great idea to make sure we constantly have new ideas	7/3/2023 4:12 PM
226	Great idea! Would definitely vote for it and campaign for it if it was put in front of voters.	7/3/2023 3:29 PM
227	Thank you for bringing this up!	7/3/2023 3:21 PM
228	The concern is there could be too much turn over which could affect long term strategic planning. Not sure what benefit there is to restricting how long someone can serve.	7/3/2023 3:20 PM
229	Fix the roads please. And maintain the parks better. Thanks	7/3/2023 2:21 PM
230	No. Thank you	7/3/2023 1:55 PM
231	Should instead concentrate on getting rid of the two at-large people and convert that into districts and redistrict.	7/3/2023 1:04 PM

232	Term limits don’t achieve the governance changes the public usually purports to understand as a causal relationship. Term limits reduce governance effectiveness, ability to implement change, and garner community support to implement positive change. I would support getting rid of term limits entirely, and actively primary elected officials and if constituents really have the political will, achieve a recall election.	7/3/2023 12:37 PM
233	Term limits are generally a good thing and allow for fresh ideas. Two terms is enough for a council person to implement their long term vision.	7/3/2023 12:23 PM
234	Term limits should be abolished. They weaken the power of City Council by reducing the expertise of Councilpersons. There are almost no new ideas and what pass for new ideas are overwhelmingly ideas that have been attempted and rejected in the past. Why do any of the questions that you ask in the next section make any difference? Are some people's opinions more important than others?	7/3/2023 12:21 PM
235	Not at this time.	7/3/2023 12:11 PM
236	I think this is a great idea. Thanks for putting this survey together.	7/3/2023 11:49 AM
237	Why are you considering this change? What is the reason? What are you hoping to solve for?	7/3/2023 11:45 AM
238	12 years doesn't seem unreasonable - it's helpful to have history and background knowledge sometimes, though I understand the push for fresh people if current ones are not getting things done or preventing needed changes.	7/3/2023 11:25 AM
239	let's make Denver a thoughtful and forward thinking space	7/3/2023 6:48 AM
240	8years is a common term for many officials- local and national.	7/3/2023 12:26 AM
241	I think that turnover too soon creates instability in programing. Three terms seems like a good compromise. Not too long, not too short.	7/2/2023 10:33 PM
242	It's hard for me to answer the questions since I have no idea about the pros and cons of the issue.	7/2/2023 7:42 PM
243	3 terms / 12 years seems like a reasonable time for officials to serve the public if they continue to be re-elected, while also being a reasonable time limit to force new representation.	7/2/2023 7:38 PM
244	no	7/2/2023 5:12 PM
245	Term limits are always a good thing.	7/2/2023 2:53 PM
246	Reducing the term limits from 3 to 2 is an excellent way to encourage more interest in running for Denver Council.	7/2/2023 2:51 PM
247	Term limits please	7/2/2023 12:17 PM
248	Term limits aren't the answer. Star voting or ranked choice is a much better option.	7/2/2023 11:46 AM
249	No	7/2/2023 11:31 AM
250	I am worried about the loss of expertise and the time it takes new officials to learn their jobs. That is why I oppose shortening terms.	7/2/2023 11:14 AM
251	After 8 years the thinking gets stale	7/2/2023 10:12 AM
252	3 four year terms creates boundaries yet also maintains historical context and experience. It takes a person one term to learn the job and 2 more to innovate and follow through with projects.	7/2/2023 9:24 AM
253	Thanks	7/2/2023 8:35 AM
254	Thank GOD someone had the commen sense to initiate this change. Thank you!	7/2/2023 7:39 AM
255	City government can move slowly, as we know. In a big city with an assertive city government like Denver, it can take new electeds some time to get up to speed on how the city government works, propose a bond package, get it passed etc. I don’t think your average Denver voter dislikes how long a given politician is in office (even if they say “Yes,” in a survey about it) but in fact dislike the long lead time and implementation time for local electeds who run on currently slow types of change. So any energy spent speeding up the mechanisms of change might accomplish more for voters than requiring the elected officials change more	7/2/2023 7:16 AM

	often. But... I do think that a City Councilperson who served a district should not be able to run again for at-large, that blows my mind.	
256	I think we need to engage more people in the public process.	7/2/2023 6:25 AM
257	Good idea, hope it goes forward!	7/1/2023 5:07 PM
258	Hancock, nuff said.	7/1/2023 3:03 PM
259	One term is really enough	7/1/2023 1:33 PM
260	We must fully inform ourselves before deciding to embark on a change that will be costly (both in terms of time & $$) to impose more restrictive term limits on our city elected officials. For example, "Scholarship has identified one consistent effect of term limits that most will agree is deleterious: when term limits are applied to both the executive and legislative branches, they weaken the legislative branch in a significant fashion. Term limits' systematic removal of experienced members from the legislature handicaps it vis-à-vis the executive branch with regard to expertise and thus influence. This finding has particular implications for New York City, which invests its executive branch (the Mayor) with a particularly strong set of powers, making the role of its legislature (the City Council) as a check on executive power all the more important." (source: https://as.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyu-as/faculty/documents/egan.municipal.termlimits.2010.pdf)	7/1/2023 1:32 PM
261	I hate term limits. We should abolish them.	7/1/2023 10:28 AM
262	If the voters are not smart enough to vote out an office holder who does not deserve to hold office, then the voters should get what they deserve -- an undeserving office holder.	7/1/2023 10:24 AM
263	i would be uncomfortable with too much turnover, Prefer a continual changing blend of experienced council members and newcomers	7/1/2023 9:54 AM
264	They should be able to run for a different office after they are termed out.	7/1/2023 9:33 AM
265	This is a bad idea	7/1/2023 9:21 AM
266	I like the idea of getting fresh people and ideas in more frequently	7/1/2023 9:07 AM
267	One term should be an option as well.	7/1/2023 9:03 AM
268	Would support limiting the council terms to apply to any council position, not 12 years for district and then another 12 years for at large	7/1/2023 8:50 AM
269	It would cost more to run elections every 8 years. And costly training as well	7/1/2023 8:26 AM
270	Q3 is vague. Is it asking if someone currently serving a third term should be able to finish that term? Or is it asking if someone currently serving, or about to start serving a first or second term, should be allowed to run for a third?	7/1/2023 8:06 AM
271	I strongly support this initiative and am so pleased to see a council member exploring it. Thank you!	7/1/2023 7:39 AM
272	Robust and organic competition would reflect the choice of the people better than shorter. I hope for further attempts at limiting the influence of corporate and outside money to make our choices stronger.	7/1/2023 7:26 AM
273	Eliminated the two city council at large	7/1/2023 7:19 AM
274	We already have term limits.	6/30/2023 9:13 PM
275	thanks for pursuing this I believe 12 years is too long.	6/30/2023 8:22 PM
276	Say no to term limits conservative idea	6/30/2023 8:20 PM
277	I think 12 years is ok	6/30/2023 8:20 PM
278	Elections are resource intensive & time consuming. Allow voters to decide the third term. I would have voted to elect Robin Kneich & Debbie Ortega for a fourth term. Residents lost two hard working & results oriented councilpersons. Respectfully, Shayne Brady Congress Park 'Hood'.	6/30/2023 8:12 PM
279	This is a good proposal	6/30/2023 7:41 PM

280	why is this being brought up? is the idea that 12 years is too long? or? I don't really have anything to base my thoughts on, except that some elected officials seem to get "stale" as they stay in office. Others don't, of course, so it'd be sad to lose them.	6/30/2023 6:49 PM
281	Our current city council is ineffective and rubber stamps whatever the city wants regardless of what the constituents want.	6/30/2023 6:44 PM
282	Elections are already an effective natural term limit. Why should government arbitrarily take away voter choices by preventing reelection of a popular and respected representative? Term limits may result in an election between two or more undesirable candidates while a better candidate is blocked from continuing in office.	6/30/2023 6:34 PM
283	This is a good idea	6/30/2023 5:48 PM
284	Match other elected officials (like CO Governor) and go with two, four year terms. 12 years is too long to be able to make an impact.	6/30/2023 5:13 PM
285	The District Attotney currently is allowed 3 terms as well and that office should also be included in the proposed term limit change.	6/30/2023 4:46 PM
286	Term limits for elected officials, esp legislative officials like city council, who face voters every 2-4 years are a form of corruption that takes power away from voters and transfers it to unelected officials, including lobbyists and professional staff in various departments. While I'm comfortable accepting the tradeoffs of a 3 term limit for executive positions like the mayor because 3 terms is probably sufficient, I think we should eliminate all term limits for city council and instead focus on making the council elections more democratic by providing 100% public funding for those elections.	6/30/2023 4:23 PM
287	Term limits are necessary for all elected officials including U.S. State Senators and House Representatives to stop the graft in Washinton DC as well as in Denver, CO. When is the last time that you heard from CO Senators Bennet and Hickenloper? What advocacy efforts are they involved in for the City of Denver?	6/30/2023 2:58 PM
288	I believe that the amount of institutional knowledge that is built in these positions is important to not limit to 8 years. While new ideas and opinions are definitely needed as part of the whole process, bringing more turnover to the roles is going to hurt the pace of “getting things done”	6/30/2023 2:56 PM
289	As a Native of both Colorado and Denver, the third term has been abused at all levels over the last 30 years if not longer. Where at one time it looked like those elected had good intentions, by there third term, they have failed and those good intentions fell to the wayside. Two terms is more than enough time to fulfill there constituents wishes, without reeking havoc on the entire City of Denver. The opportunity to run for office again after leaving for a cycle, is always an option and those that are determined should easily win, on their previous merits and record, unless they failed at their elected positions, the first and second time around. Why should we sacrifice the City of Denver, for their failures a third time, it doesn't make sense. If you can't get the job done the first or second time around, your not going to do it with a third term. Denver is changing and not necessarily for the good, our electors have been failing us for, quite some time now. Two terms are more than enough, to get the job done.	6/30/2023 2:30 PM
290	Twelve years is too long. Two terms is more appropriate.	6/30/2023 2:02 PM
291	12 years is too long especially for mayor since it seems that many candidates are hesitant to challenge an incumbent.	6/30/2023 1:36 PM
292	How about focusing on a real problem. Let people decide via voting how long someone stays in office. This is wasteful.	6/30/2023 1:10 PM
293	With an 8 year limit we would lose valuable experience. City Council members especially have a learning curve during their first terms that usually results in their being more effective in subsequent terms. And if we don’t like them, we can alway throw the bums out.	6/30/2023 1:09 PM
294	No	6/30/2023 1:06 PM
295	It's always good to have fresh ideas and new perspectives on things. People in office too long can either get complacent, or dictatorial, and not open to looking at new views of things.	6/30/2023 1:00 PM
296	Two terms are plenty !	6/30/2023 12:55 PM
297	I appreciate that we have term limits, but don't understand what we would gain by two-term limits versus three. What's the goal?	6/30/2023 12:51 PM

298	No using elected positions to promote political positions nor persons running for political offices.	6/30/2023 12:33 PM
299	What problem are you trying to solve?	6/30/2023 12:27 PM
300	In order to hire qualified staff for the city, the 12 years of an employment term is far more enticing than an 8 year. Qualified professional people would be easier to hire than those who just want to have the City experience.	6/30/2023 12:03 PM
301	I believe it takes time to become an effective office holder and three terms is about right	6/30/2023 11:55 AM
302	I have an incompetent councilman	6/30/2023 11:44 AM
303	I think City Council should be able to serve 12 years, but the Mayor should absolutely term out at 8 years. Thanks for bringing this forward.	6/30/2023 11:36 AM
304	My vote is a term limit as is every vote. And, I love our auditor...who would want to kick him out? (crooks, that's who) Nope. I'm against term limits for the mayor, etc. Hancock was a crook, carpetbagger and a liar. But...he was voted in and we had to live with it. That's the price you pay for having a vote and I accept it.	6/30/2023 11:23 AM
305	The unique 3 term rule for Denver city offices has led to a city government that is out of step with neighborhoods and residents. Name recognition is too large of a hurdle for new candidates to overcome. This creates a disconnect where incumbents don't really feel the need to address resident's issues and instead just need to get their names out during election season.	6/30/2023 10:45 AM
306	Would this include the mayoral term?	6/30/2023 9:29 AM
307	Tighter term limits are a great idea to promote democracy. Thank you for working on this topic.	6/30/2023 8:50 AM
308	It’s about time to limit terms!	6/30/2023 8:45 AM
309	More experience is a good thing especially since it takes most of the first term to understand the system and build relationships.	6/30/2023 8:40 AM
310	We lose so much valuable knowledge when people leave office just because they’re termed out. It’s not because we the voters think they don’t represent us any more. Incumbents have lost seats in the last three elections so it’s proof the voters know what they’re doing and aren’t afraid to kick out an underperforming elected official. Abolish term limits and let people run on their merits.	6/30/2023 8:34 AM
311	I think an 8 year term limit may be too short to accomplish some goals	6/30/2023 8:31 AM
312	Changing the limit will prevent further displacement and gentrification propelled by the existing elected officials.	6/30/2023 8:24 AM
313	Thanks for asking	6/30/2023 8:15 AM
314	Why would we want to shorten institutional knowledge of elected officials? We have so much trouble with this already within Denver’s departments. Moving institutional knowledge outside of our elected offices empowers lobbyists and takes power from voters. See: https://www.brookings.edu/articles/five-reasons-to-oppose-congressional-term-limits I’m not surprised this comes from Sawyer and her anti-democratic leanings.	6/30/2023 8:07 AM
315	No	6/30/2023 8:03 AM
316	More cops, reduce my taxes and shrink Denver govt and reduce number of employees where possible	6/30/2023 7:38 AM
317	Traffic, too many people, not enough police	6/30/2023 5:29 AM
318	When your constituents call asking for help, your office should have the common decency to at least return calls.	6/30/2023 3:07 AM
319	Large-scale change sometimes seems to move very slowly. Twelve years does not seem like a long time to complete a significant initiative and continuity can be important. If there is a compelling argument for limiting terms to eight years, I'd be open to hearing it.	6/30/2023 12:01 AM
320	Not right now.	6/29/2023 9:10 PM
321	There is enough natural turnover already, reducing the limit to two terms would add to the	6/29/2023 9:09 PM

	inexperience and "OJT" learning curve of new members.	
322	Big money in elections is just as important as term limits. Accepting big money from outside the city, is unacceptable. Donation only from future constituents with tax assistance needs to be the only way and this is not to be voluntary!	6/29/2023 8:41 PM
323	What problem we are trying to solve? I don't have strong feelings either way. What I want is a low-barrier for good people to run for office, lower "cost for entry" with fundraising (and that matching fund helps), some way to have Ranked Choice Voting or Approval Voting, and effective community participation (RNO support/reform). I don't perceive how long a legislator is in office as a problem, but I could be convinced. What is more of a problem is that our City bureaucracy does not work for the small business, the single-parent, or the busy person. The scales are tipped to lobbying groups (Sewald-Hanfling, CRA, etc.) and the entities that can afford them, to home-owners over renters, to the retired and/or wealthy over the working class and non-native english speakers. A strong argument could be made for having legislators with deep experience (long tenure). And, if the playing field is pretty level, one can always "vote-out" an incumbent, even without term limits.	6/29/2023 8:03 PM
324	Limit terms. Representatives loose touch with voters needs and priorities	6/29/2023 7:59 PM
325	Great idea!	6/29/2023 7:05 PM
326	Need to put pressure on elected officials to do more with less time while in office. Incumbents always have advantage	6/29/2023 6:46 PM
327	The quality of the coucil members and their integrity is far more important than the number of terms. Also more important is the election of at large council who are elected with far less than 50% of vote. Witness the last at large election, with 9 candidates and less than 25% of vote.	6/29/2023 6:35 PM
328	Term limit of 8 years is a GREAT thing. Too many elected officials are worthless in that 3rd term!	6/29/2023 5:16 PM
329	There should be more information on when it would go into affect and what is the reasoning behind this. There really is no context to this.	6/29/2023 5:14 PM
330	Revisit council at-large changes. I am very concerned that someone who only received "20%" of a citywide vote gets to represent THE ENTIRE CITY! Even 30 or 35% is too low. Maybe create an at-large1 and at-large2 so that runoffs can be done. (Both would represent the entire city: they just would have different designations.) It has become too easy for partisan and single-issue at-large councilmembers to win election with such minority votes. If there's just no way to get majority-elected at-large councilmembers, then I'd rather they get replaced with two additional district members. (Going forward, I don't know who is going to be able to replace Robin's knowledge and expertise!)	6/29/2023 5:13 PM
331	thanks!	6/29/2023 5:08 PM
332	After the disaster of Hancock, it is clear we need a change	6/29/2023 5:00 PM
333	I think this should be nation wide!!	6/29/2023 4:54 PM
334	8 years is enough time. Thank you!	6/29/2023 4:53 PM
335	None	6/29/2023 4:46 PM
336	Other thoughts are if Council members run for at large after serving a district, it gives them added time on Council so it's not fresh thinking. Denver changes exponentially faster and faster and yet there is no plan for transit that makes it easier for getting vehicles out of the picture, we concentrate on homeless, POC and others but seem to forget seniors, others that pay taxes and are not a drain on city services. We are all in this together and while some may need more, the rest of us feel left out to be honest	6/29/2023 4:23 PM
337	I oppose term limits. I think there's value in continuity. Councilwoman-at-large Cathy Reynolds is a good example of strong Council leadership based on her ability but also her longevity. Recent council elections have shown that incumbents can be defeated. And there is also natural turnover -as with Clark and Black.	6/29/2023 4:04 PM
338	no	6/29/2023 3:43 PM
339	I think that there is efficiency to staying in the same job. I do not support term limits. If someone is doing a good job, they should be allowed to stay in office if that is what voters	6/29/2023 3:33 PM

	want.	
340	I need more rationale for this reversal; I remember the change from 2 to 3 terms.	6/29/2023 3:33 PM
341	8 years is enough for anybody.	6/29/2023 3:06 PM
342	We've recently been represented by some excellent people on our City Council district and at-large seats. I'm not seeing a pressing need to push them out sooner in the future.	6/29/2023 3:01 PM
343	Long overdue, thanks for leading the effort	6/29/2023 3:00 PM