

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 17-1157

Recognizing and Celebrating the Service of Greater Capitol Hill Community Activist Roger D. Armstrong

WHEREAS, Roger D. Armstrong worked tirelessly on behalf of the Greater Capitol Hill and Denver community for more than 25 years, and

WHEREAS, Roger D. Armstrong died on October 14, 2017 after a long and quiet battle with cancer, and

WHEREAS, Roger D. Armstrong began his career in Philadelphia performing AIDS outreach and education and producing large fundraising events for AIDS research and patient support. He relocated to Denver and continued his work with the Colorado AIDS Project, and

WHEREAS, Roger D. Armstrong became executive director of the historic Temple Events Center in the Uptown neighborhood, overseeing the preservation of this architectural masterpiece and its transformation into a functional arts and cultural center that hosted many community events and forums until its sale, and

WHEREAS, he joined Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods – CHUN – first as a board member, and in 2005 became director of the Capitol Hill People's Fair, and

WHEREAS, he accepted appointment as executive director of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods in June 2008, serving for nine years. In this role, he managed the Capitol Hill Community Center at the historic Tears-McFarlane Mansion, including many renovation projects, and

WHEREAS, at CHUN he also supervised the work of hundreds of volunteers, raised thousands of dollars for local nonprofit organizations, and successfully produced one of the nation's largest community festivals, and

WHEREAS, Roger D. Armstrong was a respected voice and advocate for special events and special event managers in the City of Denver for more than 20 years, helping to develop Denver's special events policy and elevating the special event industry to the strong position it occupies today, and

WHEREAS, he represented Greater Capitol Hill on countless boards and committees, among them the Denver Botanic Gardens' Board of Trustees and Neighborhood Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Commission to End Homelessness and the Police District 6 Neighborhood Advisory Committee, for which he helped the police and neighbors work on crime and safety issues, and

WHEREAS, Roger served on the Colfax Business Improvement District Board of Directors, advising the BID on community relations within the Colfax-area registered neighborhood organizations to support Colfax revitalization, and

WHEREAS, as the executive director of CHUN Roger also worked collaboratively with many other Denver city agencies and community and registered neighborhood organizations in Greater Capitol Hill and beyond on short-term crises and long-range policy. He advised and cooperated on issues of public safety, housing, homelessness, parks, sustainability, liquor and marijuana licensure, land use, transportation, and historic preservation, and

WHEREAS, Roger D. Armstrong listened carefully and handled controversy calmly without stirring additional controversy, and fairly heard the voices that rose during various neighborhood trials and tribulations, making each participant feel valued in the process, and

WHEREAS, he conducted himself with professionalism, knowledge, thoughtfulness, fairness, kindness, dignity and integrity with CHUN board members, staff, volunteers, city officials and community members, earning the admiration of those whose lives he touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1. That the Denver City council offers its thanks and appreciation for the life and work of Roger D. Armstrong.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Cathy Lopez and to CHUN.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 16, 2017

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM