3500 & 3600 Park Avenue West

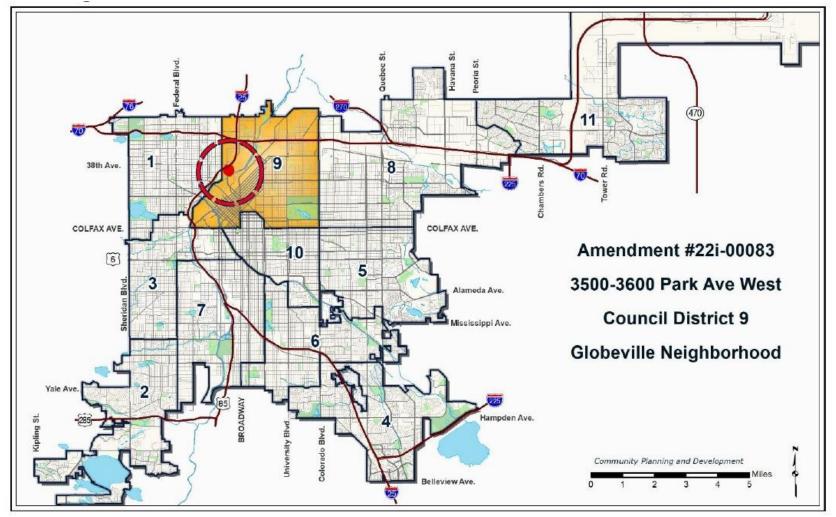
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Request: I-B UO-2 to C-MX-8

City Council Date: 11/14/2022

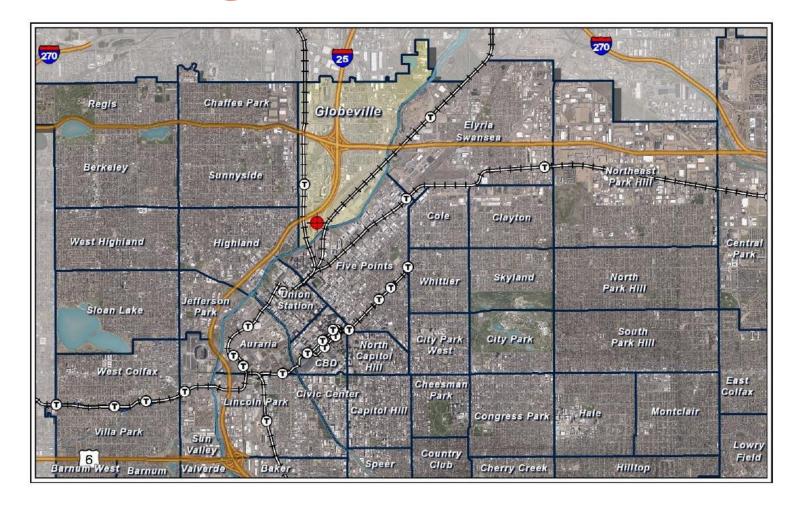


Council District 9: Councilmember CdeBaca





Globeville Neighborhood





Request: C-MX-8



Location

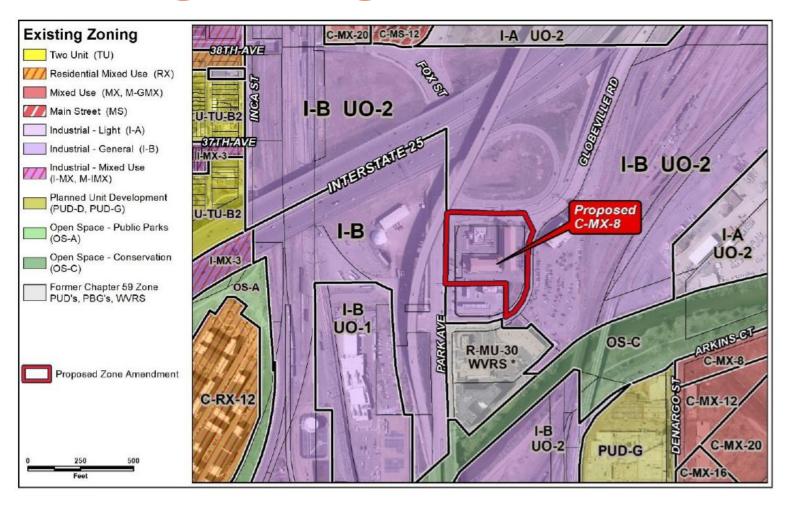
- Approx. 97,400 square feet or 2.24 acres
- La Quinta Inn and the Old West
 Pancake House Restaurant

Proposal

- Rezoning from I-B to C-MX-8
 - Allows Town House, Drive Thru Services, Drive Thru Restaurant, General, and Shopfront building forms
 - Max. building height 110'



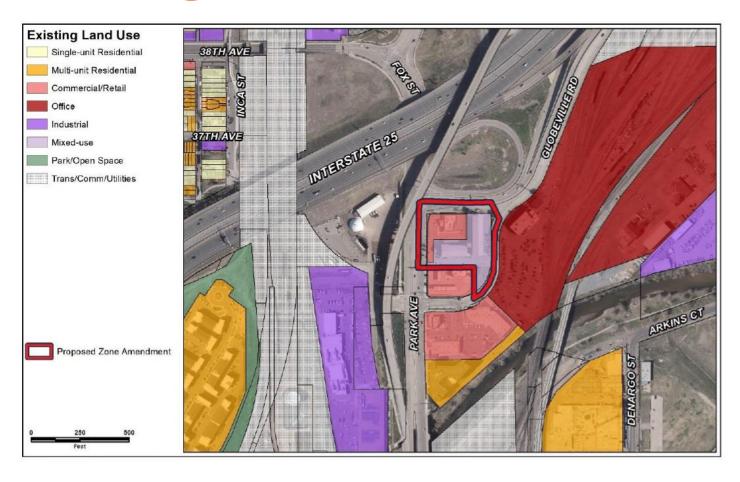
Existing Zoning: I-B UO-2



- Current Zoning:
 - I-B UO-2
 - Allows General and Industrial building forms
 - Maximum Floor AreaRatio: 2.0
 - Not Retaining the UO-2



Existing Land Use



Land Use: Commercial/Retail and Mixed-Use

Surrounding Land Uses:

- Office
- Single/Two Unit Residential
- Multi Unit Residential
- Commercial/Retail
- Industrial



Existing Building Form/Scale





View of the subject properties, looking east.



View of the properties to the south of the subject properties, looking east.



Existing Building Form/Scale





View of the Interstate 25 on/off ramps to the north of the subject properties, looking east.



View of the Denver Police Department Training Facility to the west across Park Avenue West, looking west.



Process

- Informational Notice: 8/10/22
- Planning Board Notice Posted: 9/6/22
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 9/21/22 (passed unanimously)
- LUTI Committee: 10/4/22
- City Council Public Hearing: 11/14/22
- Public Comment
 - To date, staff has received two letters of support from the Denver North Business Association RNO and RINO Art District RNO.



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - Blueprint Denver (2019)
 - Globeville Neighborhood Plan (2014)
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Consistency with Adopted Plans: Comprehensive Plan 2040

Equity

- Equitable, Accessible and Inclusive Goal 1 Strategy A Increase the development of housing units close to transit and mixed-use developments (p. 28).
- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 2 Strategy A Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families (p. 28).
- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 3, Strategy B: Use land use regulations to enable and encourage the private development of affordable, missing middle and mixed-income housing, especially where close to transit (pg. 28).

Climate

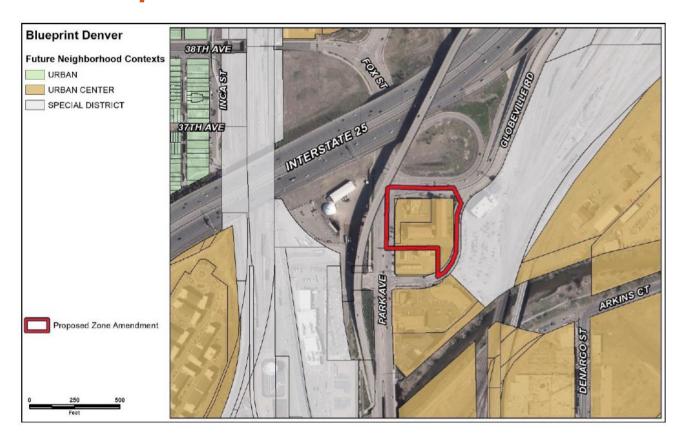
- Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy A: Promote infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place (p. 54).
- Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy B Encourage mixed-use communities where residents can live, work and play in their own neighborhoods (p. 54).







Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver 2019

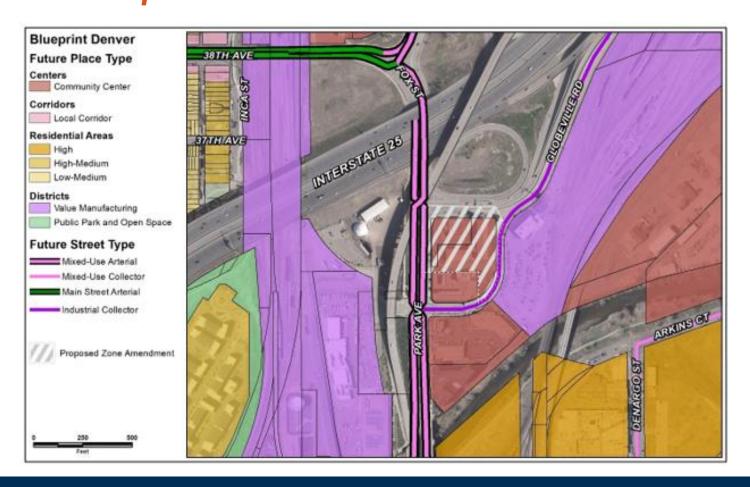


Future Context - Urban Center

- The Urban Center neighborhood context "A high mix of uses throughout the area, with multiunit residential typically in multistory, mixed-use building forms" (p. 137).
- The intent of the proposed C-MX-8 district is to "promote safe, active, and pedestrian-scaled, diverse areas through the use of building forms that clearly define and activate the public street edge" (DZC, Section 7).



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver 2019



Future Place - Community Center

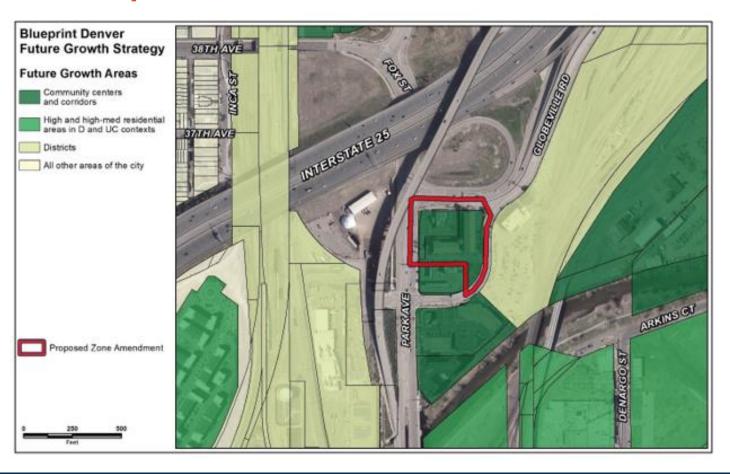
- A balance of either residential and employment; residential and dining/shopping; or employment and dining/shopping uses.
- Buildings are, mid-scale but vary by context and surrounding character.
 Buildings often orient to the street or other public spaces

Future Street Type

 Park Avenue – Mixed-Use Arterial: contain a varied mix of uses including retail, office, residential and restaurants



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver 2019



Growth Areas Strategy –
Community Centers & Corridors

- Anticipated to see around 25% of new housing growth and 20% of new employment growth by 2040
- Most growth is guided to regional centers, community centers and corridors, select districts and high and medium-high intensity residential areas. Other areas of the city are still expected to see some growth, however more limited.



EQUITY ANALYSIS

Blueprint Denver Contains Three Major Equity Concepts

 Integrating these concepts into planning and implementation will help to create a more equitable Denver.

Improving
Access to
Opportunity

creating more equitable access to quality-of-life amenities, health and quality education.

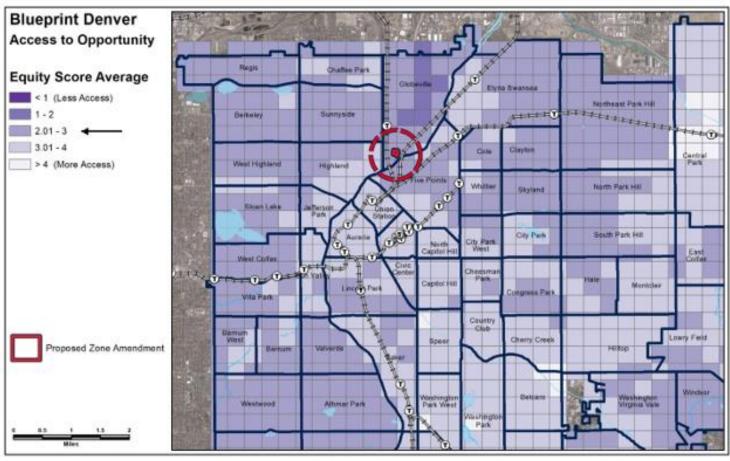
Reducing Vulnerability to Displacement

stabilizing residents and businesses who are vulnerable to involuntary displacement due to increasing property values and rents. Expanding Housing and Jobs Diversity

providing a better and more inclusive range of housing and employment options in all neighborhoods.

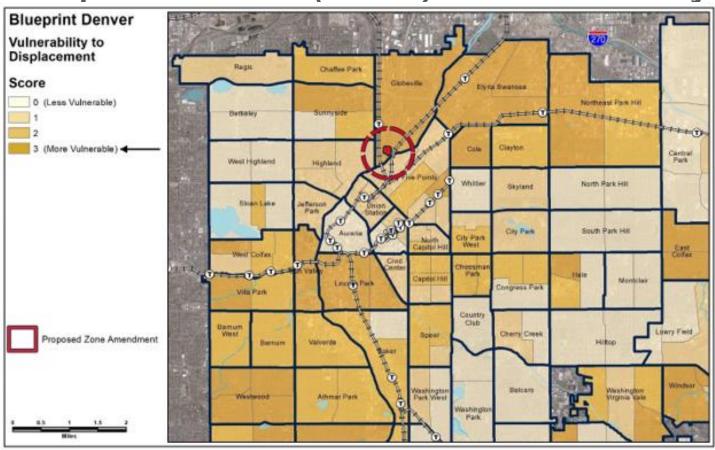


Blueprint Denver (2019) - Access to Opportunity



- Moderate access to opportunity
- Less equitable access to fresh foods, healthcare, and transit
- Higher-than-average percentage of children with obesity

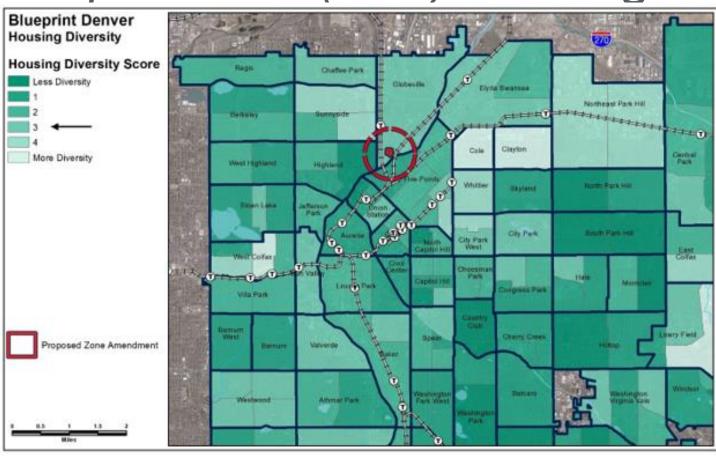
Blueprint Denver (2019) - Vulnerability to Involuntary Displacement



- High vulnerability to involuntary displacement
- Lower-than-average median household incomes
- Lower-than average percentage of people with less than a college degree
- Higher-than-average percentage of renters



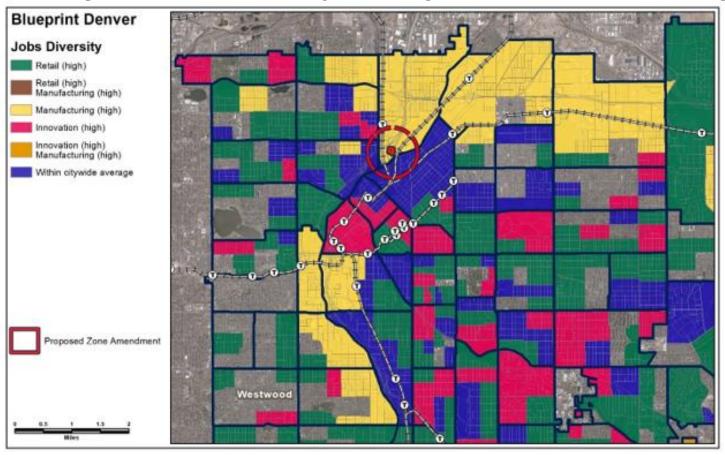
Blueprint Denver (2019) - Housing Diversity



- Moderate housing diversity
- Not diverse in terms of the percentage of renters to owners and housing costs



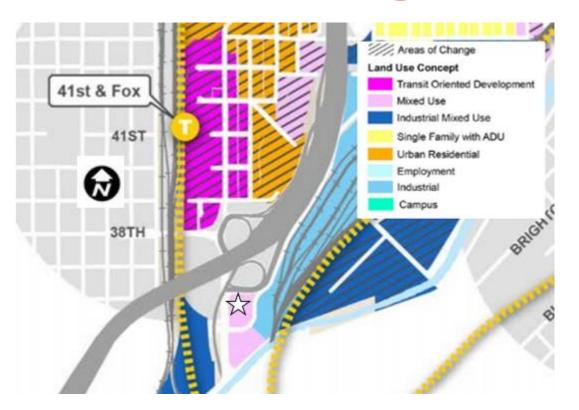
Blueprint Denver (2019) - Jobs Diversity



- The total number of jobs are 4,356 with
 5.29 jobs per acre.
- Manufacturing Jobs is significantly higher than city wide average of 10.7%



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Globeville Neighborhood Plan



Land Use

Mixed Use

• "These areas have both a sizable employment base as well as a variety of mid to high-density housing options. Intensity is higher in mixed-use areas than in predominantly residential areas. Land uses may be, but are not necessarily, mixed in each building, development, or block. Pedestrian access is important within these areas, with residential and non-residential uses always within short walking distance of one another" (p. 30).:



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Globeville Neighborhood Plan



Building Heights

8 stories



Central Platte Valley Comprehensive Plan Amendment (1991)

Flex Areas allow for mid-rise buildings where development can be "next to elevated roadways to allow a greater proportion of the building to be above the street (p.76)."



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- Implements adopted plans
- Provides new housing in an area vulnerable to displacement
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



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4. Justifying Circumstances

- Changed or changing conditions in a particular area, or in the city generally; or,
- A City adopted plan:
 - Blueprint Denver (2019)
 - Globeville Neighborhood Plan (2014)
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- Urban Center Neighborhood Context primarily consists of mix of multi-unit residential, commercial, office, civic, institutional, and entertainment uses in large buildings containing one or more uses
- Multi-unit residential and commercial uses are located along local streets, arterials, and main streets
- Mixed-use districts promote safe, active, and pedestrian-scaled diverse areas



CPD Recommendation

- CPD recommends approval, based on finding all review criteria have been met
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