

Proclamation No. CP16-0102 Honoring longtime District 1 resident Shirley Schley for her unwavering commitment and neighborhood advocacy for the City of Denver

WHEREAS, Shirley Schley was born and raised in northwest Denver, and until January 2016, has never lived outside of Council District 1; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Schley raised two kids, worked for Denver Public Schools, and started becoming politically active in the 1970's by going door to door in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. This was the beginning of her lifelong commitment to the Democratic Party and found her passion in trying to make a difference and fighting for just causes, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Schley has worked tirelessly throughout the years to improve and protect the Sloan's Lake neighborhood and northwest Denver area. Shirley served as a Denver City Council Aide to former District 1 Councilman Bill Scheitler from 1979-1987. Two major initiatives in which she was involved included the residential parking sticker program for residents who were impacted by stadium parking, and creation of a view plan ordinance to protect our coveted views of the city; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Schley has been a passionate advocate of single-family homes in Council District 1, and has been involved with protecting the quality and historic character of many neighborhoods in Northwest Denver, notably preventing high-rises from being built on properties on Osceola and Perry Streets, from 26th-28th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Schley has also volunteered her time to be involved in efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe and vibrant. Those that have benefited from her community passion include Denver Digs Trees, The Greeenway Foundation, Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group, St. Anthony's Task Force, Neighborhood Watch, and Lake Middle School; and

WHEREAS, many residents of Council District 1 have expressed how Shirley Schley will be sorely missed, knowing the neighborhood is losing one of their strongest advocates. We wish Shirley well in her new endeavors, and thank her for all that she's done for Northwest Denver and Council District 1; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Denver's loss will be East Denver's gain.

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver applaud Shirley Schley for her lifelong commitment to the City of Denver, serving in various capacities to make this city a better place.

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 a copy be transmitted to Shirley Schley.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL February 16, 2016