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I was planning to observe the meeting today at 1:30 but am unable to come at the last moment. I voted for the Green Roof Initiative because it is one effective strategy to keep the city cooler as temperatures rise, and our climate becomes even more arid. This is not something happening in the future; it is happening now.

I felt the initiative indicated the will of the people to address and plan for climate change. The fact that developers, builders, real estate interests find this initiative expensive and annoying is not surprising. Please do not to yield the future to these interests. If they want their bottom line to remain healthy, there are number of innovative directions to travel. Some examples:

Task breaks for:
1) designing a building water recycling system to water the roof garden
2) designing sizable ground level green spaces, like atriums within the building, or equal footage external gardens or wooded areas on the property (perhaps on top of underground parking)
3) forming and belonging to building consortiums that combine efforts to create and maintain parks

Partners for innovation, e.g.:
- Denver Botanic Gardens, which has multiple initiatives in this area and many others around plants and water in Colorado.
- Community Gardens and food-raising/sharing organizations
- Water use planning groups
- Denver and other Parks and Rec

This list could go on for pages but I'm trying to get letter in before the meeting.

The main point is not to yield to resisters but to lead the way to solutions.

Please respect the vote, and demand solutions to the issues the initiative is attempting to address.

Thank you.

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