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## Denver City Council Legislative Services

# Future Policy Topics

### CHAMPIONING

#### Environment & Sustainability

- Eliminate the use of plastic bags (*Black, Gilmore, Ortega*)
- Policy focus on “auto opt-in” to sustainability practices (*Clark*)
- Championing major electric upgrades at city facilities for charging stations for EVs (*Kniech*)
- Waste management requirements for city-permitted events (*Hinds*)

#### Housing & Homelessness

- Rental license/registry to ensure our rental stock is safe and habitable for residents (*Gilmore*)
- Identify effective ways to reduce involuntary displacement of residents and businesses, then have City invest (in pilot projects to prove effectiveness) (*Kniech*)

#### Economic Opportunity

- Raise minimum wage pending state legislation (*Kniech*)
- Paid Family Leave (*Kniech*)
- Incentivize worker owned co-ops (*Kniech*)
- Wage Bond for construction workers experiencing wage theft (*Gilmore, Torres, Sawyer*)
- Regional training center for economic mobility opportunities (*Gilmore*)

#### Transportation & Mobility

- Twenty is Plenty - lowering speed limits 25 to 20 mph on neighborhood streets (*Kashmann*)
- Two stroke engines banning/restrictions (*Sawyer*)

#### Neighborhood Quality of Life

- Expand tree canopy – require all new construction to contribute to the tree canopy (*Black*)
- Architectural standards to protect neighborhood character (*Black*)
- Increase support for RNOs (*Kashmann*)
- RNO reform (*Kashmann, Hinds*)
- Focus on violent youth crime interruption & restorative justice with nonprofit collaboration (*Clark*)
- Invest in youth crime prevention/supportive programs (*Gilmore, Clark*)
- Incentivize grocery stores to come to food deserts (*Gilmore*)
- Review gaps in animal protection policies (*Hinds*)
- Right of way vacation process (*Sandoval*)
- Active Street Overlay (*Sandoval*)

#### Miscellaneous

- Banning fracking in the City & County of Denver (*Sawyer*)
- Banning smoking at transit stops (*Sawyer*)
- Medical waste disposal (*Sawyer*)
- Municipal broadband (*Kashmann*)
- ADA Parking Placards (*Hinds*)
- City language accessibility for community residents (*Torres*)

## Completed

- Identify options to increase open/green space in large developments (*Clark*)
- Funding to support deeper engagement of communities vulnerable to displacement (*Kniech*)
- Launch participatory budgeting (*Kniech*)
- Permanent tiny houses (*Kniech*)

## MONITORING

### Environment & Sustainability

- In building code – all new developments of a specific size must have recycling and composting opportunities built in and required (*Clark, Black*)
- Expand solid waste campus, create solid waste recycling markets in Denver, better manage construction and demo materials (*Gilmore*)
- Revamp solid waste system to be incentive based to reach sustainability goals (*Black*)

### Housing & Homelessness

- Place requirements that supports housing goals with up-zone in property entitlements (*Kniech*)
- Identify and implement tools for deed restricting existing properties that are currently affordable or market rate citywide (*Kniech*)
- Monitor/enforce deed-restricted compliance with DEDO employee at closings (*Kniech, Gilmore*)

### Neighborhood Quality of Life

- High quality amenities for parks, maintain all park properties, support “Game Plan” (*Gilmore*)

### Transportation & Mobility

- Subsidize transportation options for DEN employees (*Gilmore*)
- Pass a sustainable source of funding for multi modal transportation by the end of 2020 (*Kniech, Black*)

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Require subordinate unit requirements
- Refine and expand overlay districts to provide for density bonus
- ADU’s throughout the city
- Allow Denver to regulate the rental market
- Establish a separate transportation/mobility department
- Provide adequate funding for Council transportation priorities
- Devolve state designated highways within the City to city streets for better management
- Subsidize or establish a co-op type mechanism for small businesses to provide subsidized transportation options to their employees
- Council and RTD have a face-to-face mechanism to coordinate priorities
- Have an equity discussion with respect to transportation.
- Create a “move people first” toolbox for City departments and Council
- Much more timely installation of approved infrastructure improvements
- Evaluate use of recycled water in parks
- Integrate green water metering
- Divest from fossil fuel
- Expand solar storage project
- Evaluate how to use city owned property for economic opportunity, especially with focus on small business
- Infuse creative and literary spaces into areas of economic mobility focus
- Provide marketing and promotional opportunities for small art/music/creative enterprises
- Recycle wastewater along waterways

- Take a comprehensive view of development impact upon infrastructure & sustainability
- Entrepreneurial business center for people of color
- Incentivize worker owned co-ops
- Explore a department devoted to climate and sustainability
- Educate regarding the role and opportunity of the Office of Financial Empowerment
- Refocus some of DEDO's business outreach on small business development and sustainability  
Provide technical support and assistance for small and minority businesses
- Property tax rebate for small businesses
- Establish city-wide indicators for economic opportunity and mobility and use to drive policy
- Identify specific areas for ground floor mixed-use and enforce the tool
- Strengthen community policing and crime prevention
- New training facility for police
- Increase traffic operations officers
- Focus on violent youth crime interruption, restorative justice, nonprofits that work with middle school and high school kids, stopping the cycle
- Establish parking authority for strategically placed parking facilities
- Group and supportive housing dispersed throughout the City
- Preserve and enhance Historic Designated properties