



**Historic Denver, Inc.**

## **2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire**

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**CANDIDATE NAME: Kevin Flynn, District 2**

**1. Do you have a personal connection with historic preservation?**

Yes, I am closely involved with the planning process for the Loretto Heights campus, one of the most historic sites in my council (Fort Logan and Marston Water Treatment Plant being on an equal par, in my opinion). The historic aspect of the site can be the foundation for a successful, community-driven revitalization.

**2. What is your favorite example in Denver (or in your district) where historic preservation, economic redevelopment and strategic reinvestment were successfully combined to create something new?**

I have two, and one is just prospective at this stage. Uptown Tavern at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pearl Street achieved preservation without designation while creatively weaving it into a redevelopment of the remainder of the block; it was based on a rezoning that reconfigured the remainder for additional density that otherwise was sacrificed in preserving the tavern, but within the general development envelope of the prior zone district regulations. The prospective example is the pending preservation of Pancratia Hall on the Loretto Heights campus, a repurposing of the building to affordable, workforce housing, using a combination of funding sources.

**3. Neighborhoods across Denver are facing intense development pressure, and Denver's population is expected to increase in the decades to come. What specific ideas do you have to balance new infill with our historic built environment?**

Design or conservation overlays. Compatible design review is, in my opinion, one of the most useful tools to preserve character while adding some infill density.

- 4. Identify the most critical historic preservation challenge/opportunity in your district. At-Large and Mayoral candidates: you can pick anywhere in the city.**

While I'm tempted to say Loretto Heights, I have little serious concern about that because of the robust process that's currently underway to develop a community vision and consensus. I am actually more concerned about preserving the character of our Cliff May Homes, an incredible, largely intact subdivision within Harvey Park (Filing 2 – 1954 by Burns Brentwood Development Co.) A historic district designation may be difficult, not necessarily due to any property owner objection but possibly because of some alterations to many of the homes that, while still mid-mod, have changed some original features. But a conservation overlay might be a workable path forward to keep the general character intact.

- 5. Please finish this sentence: *"I believe historic preservation in Denver can be strengthened by..."***

...proactive outreach to owners of eligible structures, particularly within underrepresented communities.

- 6. Extra & Optional: We think historic preservation is most authentic as a personal and visual experience. *Show us in 1 or 2 images (no more than 2, please) what historic preservation means to you.***