



Historic Denver, Inc.

2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Stacie Gilmore, Council District 11

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

I have a very personal connection with historic preservation. A few of my favorite places in Denver are Civic Center Park, Larimer Square, and the City Park Pavilion. These are sites that bring back family memories that are special to me and the historical building that show our rich history.

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?

My favorite examples of historic preservation are Larimer Square and Union Station in addition to Red Rocks Amphitheater. The investment in preservation has directly influenced the successful economic vitality of these sites and show a balance of preservation, redevelopment and reinvestment that is vital to make sure you are creating something that is sustainable.

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?

I would encourage ongoing dialogue and input from all interested stakeholders to move a development process forward that ensures the character of our neighborhoods is protected.

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

The District 11 neighborhoods of Montbello, Parkfield, Green Valley Ranch, and High Point are all relatively new neighborhoods with little or no opportunities for preservation. If somehow I am mistaken about this, I would appreciate Historic Denver making me aware of such examples! Challenges in District 11 center more on attainability/affordability issues rather than the challenges and opportunities for historic preservation.

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

I believe historic preservation in Denver can be strengthened by greater awareness of how historic preservation contributes to a more robust cultural environment. With so much controversy and sensitivity generated by various developments, redevelopments, infill projects and new apartment buildings going up, there's a great opportunity for outreach and education by historic preservationists.

- 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. (See following page).**



The City and County building holds special personal significance to myself and my family as my husband and I were married on September 16, 1994 by Judge Claudia Jordan, the first African-American female appointed in Colorado in her first floor courtroom.

My father-in-law passed away on February 10, 2018 and I think of him fondly every time I enter the side entrance, sitting on the bench outside the courtroom waiting for his youngest son to get married, while holding his grandson, Sterling who was 3 months old at the time