



Historic Denver, Inc.

2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Chris Herndon, District 8

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

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?

The old Stapleton air traffic control tower is in my district and I worked with the community to find an adaptive reuse for the iconic building. I worked closely with Punch Bowl Social to reactivate the tower as a family-friendly business serving Northeast Denver. Station 26, a brewery located in a decommissioned fire station in Northeast Park Hill, is another excellent example of adaptive reuse in the district. I continue to work to make sure we'll be able to point to East Colfax as an example of successful strategic reinvestment in the coming years.

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?

It's important that we balance the culture and integrity of neighborhoods with the need for new housing units as our population grows, so the city remains affordable. I support allowing more accessory dwelling units to help increase housing efficiency while mitigating impact in our existing neighborhoods.

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

East Colfax will be a focus for my third term as we conclude the East Area Plan and work to turn the vision of the plan into a reality. There are certainly iconic buildings/signage along the corridor and my hope is to strike a balance of preservation and redevelopment.

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 increasing dialogue and interaction between the city and communities and neighborhoods.

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.*

