



Historic Denver, Inc.

2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Paul Kashmann, Council District 6

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

For nearly four decades as publisher of Washington Park Profile I was a consistent voice for historic preservation. The Profile played a significant role in the preservation/conversion of Washington Park School into condominiums, and was involved in the move to preserve the Saco de Boer residence. Since my election to Council I have actively participated in a Conservation Overlay District for Krisana Park, establishment of the Vassar School Bungalows Historic District and supported several other designations in the University Park neighborhood.

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?

Union Station certainly comes to mind, as well as the establishment of the LoDo Historic District. In my district, the repurposing of Washington Park School is probably the best example of that type of multi-pronged investment in preservation.

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 should always be a stated value that new development reflect the community's existing design palette as much as possible. I fully support the Discover Denver initiative to proactively identify and target important structures for preservation. Again, University Park is a great example of a community taking preservation into its own hands and working with neighbors to landmark individual properties.

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

There are some wonderful buildings on the University of Denver Campus, as well as the John Paul II Center in the Cory-Merrill neighborhood that must never be lost. District 6 still has a significant number of spectacular homes in several neighborhoods that must be preserved.

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

. . . creating a fund that allows for purchase of historic structures in danger of demolition, employing a mandatory period of mediation in contested designations.

- 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.***

The photos I would submit are already in your collection. For me the best example of what historic preservation means to me is the contrast of the small bungalows of the Vassar School Bungalows Historic District in the Rosedale neighborhood and the grand Phipps Mansion in Belcaro. Working class bungalows tell the story of Denver as poignantly as the lavish lifestyle of the Phipps family.