

## Historic Denver, Inc.

## 2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

## **CANDIDATE NAME: Patrick Key**

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

Not exactly personal, but I'm very much aware of the importance of preservation, having lived in the downtown area for 20 plus years. The landmarks and buildings are amazing. They should NOT be jeopardized in any way, shape or form.

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 refurbishing of The Molly Brown House, The capital building a year or so ago, redoing the dome, and as recently The Cathedral. I'm particularly fund of the refurbished New House Hotel.

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?

The District itself is pretty much tight & secure. They're not too many open spaces, a lot of old residential apartment buildings are fairly living up to code, with increased improvements and amenities added. I'm not concerned about Gentrification in my district. There isn't or ever was a vast Latino, African American, populus in just one area. And the further south you go, I find it hard to believe, that anything is going to come of selling, buying out, or tearing down multi-million dollar homes...yeah, good luck with that.

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

In District 10, none that I'm aware of. So far the city has seemed to step up to the plate, in regards to this. I of course intend to uphold that. Let's not however; let our guard down especially when it comes to our parks. That is primarily the only open spaces we have to contend with, where an unscrupulous developer from out of state may want to take advantage of. I will not allow that to happen.

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

Educating our visitors, as well as our new residents. The city of Denver has so much to offer. Naturally of course, it would be an outrage to many of the long timed and life-long citizens of our city and district. We've won when it's an outrage to our new citizens as well.

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.