



## Historic Denver, Inc.

### 2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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#### **CANDIDATE NAME: David Roybal, District 3**

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

Fourth generation Westsider, and my family has involvement in the Chicano movement of the 1960s. Grew up in the Sun Valley around the Emmanuel Martinez mural. Born at Denver General and grew up in the Sun Valley neighborhood. My great aunt went to the Catholic School on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave in 1940s. My grandmother lived in the Sun Valley neighborhood since 1955. I attended Fairview, Baker, Lake Junior High and North High School. I will fight to keep West Denver's history alive.

**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?**

Steam on the Platte. Turned an old soap factory into a business. The area between Sun Valley and Lincoln Park is named Jerome Park. There are no residents in that area.

Ninth Street Historic Park is a fine example. The sidewalk cobble stone is still present and brings out the sense of the neighborhood. There's a current project keeping the Sun Valley projects for the residents.

**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?**

Lincoln Park and Sun Valley must fight to keep its history alive. The explosion of Elitch's to South of the Broncos Stadium. All of that high-priced housing will only benefit the wealthy if the neighborhood doesn't fight. Hopefully we see historic representation at Brooklyn's neighborhood under W. Colfax.

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

Keep poor people and people affected by Denver's social problems. High rent lofts don't make you immune to problems of the city. We must make sure low-income developments are in the power of the people. DHA is in the bed with the developers. Those that live in the community care about the public safety, no more people representing public safety that don't care where it's running around trying to find attainable cases.

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