



Historic Denver, Inc.

2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: David Sabados

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

I moved to North Denver because I was drawn to its rich, diverse heritage. This heritage is reflected in so many of the District's historic landmarks, from the iconic Elitch Gardens Theatre to five public schools, eight churches, two libraries, six historic districts and multiple residences.

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 restoration of the Elitch Theatre, with a grant from Denver's Office of Economic Development and private developers, preserved an important piece of Denver's cultural historic that enhanced redevelopment of the original Elitch Gardens into a mixed use community.

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?

As a member of City Council, I would encourage and facilitate engaging all stakeholders at the front end. This approach lends itself to promoting trust and surfacing concerns and possible solutions early.

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

Meeting the demand for attainable housing in the face of rapid growth while preserving the character of neighborhoods in District 1 is a huge challenge. That is why I favor making ADUs and duplex/triplex construction easier as a way of increasing and dispersing our housing supply across the city. Duplexes and carriage houses are not new to NW Denver, and create much needed housing while preserving the character of our residential neighborhoods.

There is also a push for preserving a mortuary on Tennyson. It's a beautiful building sitting on a large piece of property. The BRUN historic group is encouraging options that leave the building but have development around it, mixing old and new.

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

Collaboration among all stakeholders grounded in a clear understanding of the value of historic preservation.

- 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.**