



Historic Denver, Inc.

2019 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Patrick F. Thibault, District 8

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

My aunt Barbara was a former owner of the Anderson House at 2329 Elliot St. In Jefferson Park. The home was originally owned by William W. Anderson. His involvement as the attorney for Alfred Packer is just a chapter in the history of Mr. Anderson. The house changed owners after my aunt passed of lung cancer. The Jefferson Park community, and my mother, worked to preserve the property under Denver's Landmark preservation commission. Despite the property meeting the criteria for designation, Denver City Council ultimately voted for the demolition of the property for townhomes.

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?

One location in District 8 that blends innovation with preservation of neighborhood history is Station 26 Brewing co. After a new fire station was built in 2006, the space was vacant and not on the market for sale. The name itself pays homage to the old fire station in North Park Hill. Station 26 Brewing co has turned an unutilized space into a business that has created an environment that brings together new and generational 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?

We need to identify appropriate locations for infill projects through the East Area Plan. Our East Colfax corridor presents opportunities to preserve unique history and culture, while capitalizing on infill development that enhances our neighborhoods. I will also

work to provide more opportunities for community input and review during demolition permit and zoning change applications, as well as projects that may not require community notice, but could potentially change the dynamics of a neighborhood.

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

What has made Park Hill a unique place to live is that you can find a brick home, and a backyard, in an inclusive urban neighborhood atmosphere. In order to preserve this unique neighborhood culture and history we need to provide a better understanding of the planning and review process for our District 8 residents to help impact construction/improvement choices.

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

...continuing to expand the dialogue to include more racially, socio-economically, and generationally diverse voices to preserve sites in our historically underrepresented communities.

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.