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2023 Denver Municipal Runoff Candidate Questionnaire Responses *City Council, District 9: Candi CdeBaca*

Reproductive Rights

Q: Will you support funding practical support for abortion, such as lodging and traveling expenses? If yes, why and how would you fund it? If no, why not?

A: Yes. When and where it's practical, I think having small grants for emergency assistance would make sense via Human Services budgets.

Housing

Q: There is a housing crisis in Denver. Do you support the expansion of publicly funded affordable housing in the city? If yes, why? And if no, why not and how would you address housing affordability and accessibility?

A: Yes. The private sector has no incentive to build at the levels of affordability we need. We need social housing and a housing bond to fund it. We also need to utilize eminent domain to acquire properties to utilize.

Q: Will you repeal the camping ban? If yes, why? And if no, why not?

A: Yes. Because it's a decade old and has not done much in the way of solving homelessness. It's a money suck and we can be using those dollars to actually solve the problem instead.

Environmental Justice

Q: Will you hold corporate polluters, like Suncor, accountable to reducing harmful pollutants in our air, land, and water that disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, Latine/x, immigrant, and low income communities? If yes, how? And if no, why not?

A: Yes. I have already begun. I've tried to explore a pollution trespass ordinance and have built a coalition that catalyzed EPA investigation and monitoring of Suncor. I also worked with a state coalition to pass the state's first air monitoring bill that gives credibility to community science. I've partnered with local orgs and with our Sheriff department to cite air monitors. I am working with Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment to potentially enable local enforcement of state law.

Economic Justice

Q: Would you tax cigarettes, alcohol or gas to help fund government programs in Denver?

A: No.

Q: Many advocates have argued that these sin taxes put the financial burden onto people who are in the lowest economic levels. How does this influence your previous response? If you answered no, how do you propose paying for public goods and services?

A: I agree. I'd rather tax luxury items, real estate flips, etc. We should put the burden on higher income earners by isolating purchases that only a higher income earner would be making.