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**Denver City Council At-Large Candidate Travis Leiker  
Announces First Policy Priority**

*Investing in historically marginalized neighborhoods and their infrastructure remains top of mind  
and are foundational for candidate's vision for city*

(Denver, CO)—Denver City Council At-Large Candidate Travis Leiker announces the first in a series of policy goals for the next phase of Denver’s evolution as a great city. This announcement comes on the heels of the recent passage of two ballot measures that helped improve neighborhood growth and vibrancy—expanding resources provided by our neighborhood libraries and improving sidewalks throughout the city.

“I want to congratulate the proponents of ballot measures 307 and 2I,” said Travis Leiker. He added, “Now, the next council and mayor will be tasked with successfully implementing each in an efficient, effective, and equitable way.”

**Priority: Investing in all Denver neighborhoods.**

Our city’s greatness depends on maintaining the safety and quality of life of each one of our neighborhoods. Denver’s uniqueness is rooted in its neighborhoods, reflecting a rich diversity of people and zoning characteristics. The 2023 municipal elections present an opportunity for Denver to reaffirm its support for investments in infrastructure and ensure that the interests of neighborhoods will shape the future of the city for generations to come.

We need to invest in Denver's future and its families, up to and including promoting access to libraries, recreation centers, and measures that provide clean air and safe drinking water. Denverites must be able to move around freely and easily, an essential part of what makes a good quality of life in a growing city. We need to make biking, walking, and micromodal transportation easier for everyone including broad and unobstructed sidewalks, clearly marked pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, and climate friendly infrastructure.

Peer cities have made their public transportation systems more environmentally friendly by utilizing clean energy like electric vehicles for some of the city’s core services. By adopting these policies as well as expanding Denver’s tree canopy and creating more green spaces, especially in historically marginalized communities, we can further Denver’s sustainability goals.

**Here’s how:**

- Invest more in parks and open spaces; enhance and expand tree lawns; provide access to the arts, libraries, and culture; expand high-quality, affordable health care and food security.
- Actively support and pursue increased funding for safety net health care providers like Denver Health and other organizations.
- Promote equitable distribution of city resources; work to deploy city resources in neighborhoods that have faced inequities for far too long.
- Leverage social impact bonds to bring additional resources into neighborhoods.
- Work to expand car sharing programs, public transit systems, and adopt a curated, Denver-specific bus route system in partnership with RTD.
- Make it easier for the adaptive reuse of historic structures to meet contemporary needs and reduce waste.
- Upgrade local infrastructure and support adaptive reuse initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint and expedite neighborhood revitalization.
- Tackle climate change with renewed support for composting, recycling, and other climate friendly measures to curb our carbon footprint.
- Deliver city essentials such as filling potholes, enhancing sidewalk infrastructure, and neighborhood wayfinding in an energy efficient and environmentally sustainable way.
- Work closely with Xcel Energy, Energize Denver, and environmental groups to explore new opportunities to combat climate change.

“Collaboration and smart management are foundational to creating a great city that works for everyone,” Leiker continues. “My team is ready to get to work on these and other critical issues.”

Over the coming weeks, the Travis Leiker for Denver campaign will continue to outline specific policy proposals that will bring real solutions to the table and demonstrate that Leiker is the thought leader Denver needs on City Council and in the at-large role.

For more information and a complete list of endorsements, please visit [TravisLeiker.com](https://TravisLeiker.com).

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*Travis Leiker is candidate for Denver City Council at-large in 2023 and is currently Senior Director at the University of Colorado. In addition to serving as President of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, one of Denver’s largest and oldest neighborhood organizations for more than six years, Leiker served four years as the Board President at NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado (now Cobalt Advocates). In both instances, Leiker led each organization from near-bankruptcy to stability and programmatic success. Other professional experience includes work at Conservation Colorado, helping to train a new generation of women leaders to run for office, and work in public policy and issue advocacy. Travis Leiker holds both a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado. He is a 16-year resident of the Mile High City and lives with his partner David and their dog Eleanor.*

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