

SOS Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire: Kelly Brough

For the third time since November of 2021 (yes 301 and no 302 and no 2 O), voters in the City and County of Denver have sent a decisive message in overwhelming fashion that they wish to guarantee the open space and recreational future of the Park Hill Golf Course land. As the leaders of this multi-year fight, Save Open Space Denver feels it is our responsibility to lay out the principles that should guide any future discussions regarding this invaluable land. We expect the following:

1. That future City leaders will respect and honor the conservation easement and its conservation purposes of providing open space and recreation to the people of Denver.

After the election I committed publicly that I would uphold the wishes of the voters who have now voted 3 times on this issue. (See April 12th [Press Release](#)) I said then and I will say now that I will uphold the conservation easement and create a regional park.

2. That open space and recreation are the ONLY legal and appropriate uses for this land.

Denver voters have been clear. They want to keep the conservation easement in place and create a regional park. I have repeatedly said I will honor those wishes and if elected mayor, I will reach out to the current owner of the land to begin discussions of having the city start a process for the city to purchase the land. This process would include having an independent appraisal done to assess the value of the property.

3. If Westside Investment Partners chooses not to re-open golf operations, that City leaders will facilitate the City's purchase of the property for a designated city park at its fair market value (as encumbered by the easement) by using funds from the Referred Measure 2A 0.25% sales tax revenues

Westside has submitted an application to Denver City Council to return the land to its previous zoning of open space. On May 9, the Land Use committee approved the application and it will go to Council for first reading May 13 and for a final vote on May 20. My team and I are monitoring this process as it happens.

4. That the newly elected Mayor engage a wide range of unpaid Denver community volunteers in a measured and thoughtful planning process to define a broad outline of features and amenities that will activate the land consistent with the conservation easement's open space and recreational purposes

I have publicly committed to engaging in an inclusive process with the community to build a plan for this property once it is acquired by the city.

5. That the outgoing administration will respect the next administration's ability to fully take on this once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen our parks system by refraining from any type of intervention in this process before July 17.

My team and I will continue to monitor the process but believe the current administration will honor the wishes of the voters.

6. That full appraisals of the property will be conducted to determine its fair market value both with the conservation easement in place and without the conservation easement in place.

I have committed to requesting an independent appraisal assessing the value of the property if elected mayor.

7. That the incoming administration will comply with state law in its future dealings with the protected land.

Yes.

8. That the newly elected Mayor and City Council will repeal the small area plan approved on December 5, 2022, in accordance with the voters' rejection of Measure 2 O

After the April 4th election I publicly committed to honoring the wishes of the Denver voters. I am committed to conduct a transparent and inclusive process that engages the community and protects the conservation easement.