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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In the interest of saving the city money by sharing jointly needed assets, would you support a regional firearm range for use both by citizens and law enforcement in the metro area?

Please answer: Yes or No _____

YES_

2. Many communities, even small ones like Pueblo (<http://www.puebloshooters.org/>) and Greeley (<http://www.greeleygov.com/recreation/GreeleyRecAmenities.aspx>), have public shooting facilities. Believing that responsible firearm owners should routinely practice, what will you do to see that the recreational opportunities for firearm enthusiasts in this community are met as well?

I will advocate for public shooting facilities properly maintained by responsible firearm owners. I will especially advocate for safe and responsible facilities for supervised youth.

3. Do you believe that public shooting ranges are a benefit to the community? If so how would you support and encourage firearm ranges.

Yes they are a benefit to the community and I will support these ranges provided there are assurances for safety and removal of shell casings and trash

4. Do you believe the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirms every individual's right to keep and bear arms and that the Colorado Constitution reaffirms that right? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

5. Project Safe Neighborhood was intended to aggressively prosecute violent criminals who use guns during the commission of their crime. We feel, however, that this project and others like it have gone beyond their original intent and are being used to harass all gun owners in general. Would you support any program like Project Safe Neighborhood that is used to prosecute offenses involving guns, even if nonviolent? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I do not have enough knowledge to form an opinion on this question. I would seek the counsel of the PPFC.

6. Do you believe that the Rampart Shooting Range should be re-opened? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes, with assurances as described in question 3. I would prefer the range to be moved further away from the Cedar Heights community where I live.

7. In light of recent national events, do you believe that the City of Colorado Springs should enact an ordinance limiting magazine capacity? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I am hesitant to limit magazine capacity. I do not have enough knowledge to form an full opinion. I would seek the counsel of the CSPD and the PPFC.

8. Currently federal and state laws allow 18 to 20 year old law-abiding citizens to buy rifles and shotguns or possess handguns. Would you support laws that would further restrict 18 to 20 year olds rights to purchase or possess a firearm? Please answer: Yes or No _____

No

9. Article IV of the U.S. Constitution says that "Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and Judicial Proceedings of every other State". Would you support a Federal law that requires states to honor concealed carry permits issued by other states? Please answer: Yes or No _____

My inclination is to say Yes. However, I would seek the counsel of the PPFC before forming a final opinion.

10. In Vermont and Alaska, law-abiding citizens have a legal right to carry concealed firearms without the requirement of obtaining a permit to do so. Would you support a similar concealed carry law in Colorado? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I would need more information on this issue.

11. Concealed carry permit holders are more law abiding as a group than the average citizen. Do you support prohibiting law abiding concealed carry permit holders from carrying concealed within public schools or on school grounds? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I would need more information on this issue.

12. Some proposed laws would limit gun ownership based on the appearance of the firearm or the caliber. Would you oppose any law that limits lawful citizens from owning a specific firearm based on its appearance, cosmetic features, or caliber? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

13. Some lawsuits have been pursued against firearm manufacturers because of crimes committed with their product. Do you believe a manufacturer should be held liable for illegal activity that occurs using their product? Please answer: Yes or No _____

No

14. Will you oppose the creation or maintenance of any database of firearms purchasers or any database that, in any way, mingles information about lawful firearm owners with that of criminals or suspects? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

15. What is your favorite firearm?

12 ga. Benelli Legacy

16. Despite millions of dollars spent on the federal Brady background check and the redundant Colorado background check, there is no evidence that either program has stopped a single criminal from acquiring a firearm. Would you support the repeal of background checks to purchase a firearm? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I need more information

17. Do you believe gun owners should be required to register their firearms? Please answer: Yes or No _____ No _____

18. Do you believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may purchase in any specific time period? Please answer: Yes or No _____

No

19. Do you believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may own? Please answer: Yes or No _____

No

20. Do you support upholding the state law (SB25, passed in 2003) that prohibits localities, even Home Rule entities, from limiting the rights of citizens to purchase, possess, or carry firearms (including open carry)? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

21. Do you oppose the passage of "safe storage" laws or ordinances that make it impossible for a law abiding citizen to keep a firearm in a condition ready to defend their family? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

22. Sportsmen/women in Colorado face a problem of not having access to forest land where hunting and other recreational activities are allowed. Would you support legislation to increase access to publicly owned lands for recreational purposes, including hunting? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

Currently the Colorado Springs municipal code states, in part:

C. For purposes of this section, "display" means any opening, or unfolding, manifestation, exhibition, ostentatious showing, or exhibition for effect meant to intimidate, threaten, alarm, or frighten any person.

D. It shall be an affirmative defense that the actor displayed the weapon in self-defense, or to defend another person, or to defend the actor's premises or property. All other applicable State defenses apply. (1968 Code §8-14; Ord. 80-13; Ord. 97-132; Ord. 01-42; Ord. 03-105)

23. In effect, Colorado Springs code allows one to "menace" an aggressor to protect one's self, family, or property. Would you support a change to the Colorado State law that would allow the presentation of a firearm as a less than lethal show of force to protect one's self, family, or property? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes

24. If offered, would you accept:

Yes A PPFC Endorsement

Yes A PPFC Contribution to your campaign

25. Any further comments you would like us to consider:

I certify that the above responses are mine and reflect my true position on the stated issues:






