

ANGELA DOUGAN

Dear Members of Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition,

I was so honored to receive your COS City Council Candidate questions and will be attaching them below but honestly wanted give you a quick background of my beliefs and feelings on the Second Amendment.

I was raised in Arkansas where my Grandpa owned a farm and raised Santa Gertrudis Cattle. On that farm we were able to fish, swim, target shoot and on the holidays the men would hunt. Never depended on making a meal out of what they brought back but it was a tradition and really a true bonding time for the Uncles. Looking back, these are some of my most treasured memories. I remember when my Uncle Sub put a rifle in my hands and he directed my aim to the soda can's on top of the fence rail. I also, remember the ten minute lecture of how a gun worked and that you always respected your weapon. It was a freedom granted to every American by our Constitution.

I was actually in my twenties before I realized that Ford did not install gun racks as part of their standard package. I always knew never to touch the gun without supervision and permission. I knew guns were to hunt for sport or for food, (was again in my twenties before I knew meat came from the grocery store and not in white paper) guns were also for protection whether we were up against a wild/sick animal or someone wanting to do harm to me or my family. To this day, I have never found a place where I felt safer than my Grandpa's farm. When he passed, I asked for his Remington rifle and although I do not have the gun experience I hope to attain, it is one of my most prized possessions.

As you can see my background has formed my feelings on most of the current legislation put forth in order to "protect" us from guns. I may never personally want an AK47 but if we outlaw the more powerful guns or limit the number of guns/ammunition a person can own then only the criminals will have access. When bad things happen like most recently in Arizona people want to feel that they can stop such a tragedy the next time and we get knee jerk laws that emotional people believe will help. I watched the shooting rampage in Detroit at a POLICE station. People don't generally come into places where people are trained and carrying guns but this guy did and no one could stop him. You cannot legislate people to be good and law abiding so why punish a whole group of law abiding citizens for what a few unlawful or ill people may do. My understanding is that most law abiding citizens will go through the proper process but most criminals do not. Most law abiding people will never hurt another maliciously but criminals will so now that we have a paperwork jungle and yet we are no closer to stopping the criminals from hurting innocents. All we have done is taken away the right of law abiding citizens to protect themselves or curtail their ability to do the work/sports of my Grandpa.

I have a two teen daughters, one will be going off to college in a few years and my gift to her will be getting her conceal carry permit with me. I want her to always know she can protect herself and feel the safety I felt of my youth. I am frightened that she is going to go to a college where no one is allowed to carry. Talk about allowing an unfair advantage??!?. What if that Detroit Police Station had been a college campus? We already know that the killer would have gotten far past the front desk and many

more lives would have ended or been terrorized. It's sadly has already happened too often in our schools and colleges.

I believe the Founding Fathers had it right...

[PPFC PAC Note: Ms Dougan didn't fill out the survey; rather, she just provided the answers. To make it easier for our members to evaluate her response, the questions have been inserted ahead of her answers.]

Q1. 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

- 1) Yes, I believe working towards a regionalized park system is important and the types of parks need to be discussed so that all citizens can benefit from the use of their tax dollars.

Q2. 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?

- 2) Practice is a necessity. Trust me shooting off a fence rail once a year does not make a marksman. I would like to see if we have regulations that is making this type of private industry difficult to come to COS and clear those issue's up as well as for all business to take a look at our land code use policies and taxing system to be sure business can thrive.

Q3. Do you believe that public shooting ranges are a benefit to the community? If so how would you support and encourage firearm ranges.

- 3) Yes. Yes. I would like to see if our current city owned shooting ranges could not be utilized for public use or if we could move this training necessity to a private source.

Q4. 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

- 4) Yes

Q5. 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

- 5) NO

Q6. Do you believe that the Rampart Shooting Range should be re-opened? Please answer: Yes or No

6) I really need more information. I vaguely remember environmental issues and injuries and such but honestly feel people should have a place to be able to shoot and be responsible for their actions as long as the City is not liable.

Q7. 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

7) No

Q8. 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

8) No

Q9. 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

9) Yes

Q10. 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

10) I am a bit torn on this one because I know that non law abiding citizens don't give a hoot about following the process but as a law abiding citizen I don't mind giving the information. I would support a "voluntary" but know that means it is a useless law so I am going with a Yes because I think we could find a better solution and my values say why punish those who will never use the gun unlawfully.

Q11. 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

11) No, they should be able to carry anywhere including schools.

Q12. 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

12) Yes

Q13. 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

13) No

Q14. 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

14) Yes

Q15. What is your favorite firearm?

15) My Grandpa's rifle

Q16. 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

16) Yes

Q17. Do you believe gun owners should be required to register their firearms? Please answer: Yes or No

17) No because criminals don't.

Q18. 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

18) No

Q19. Do you believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may own? Please answer: Yes or No

19) No

Q20. 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

20) Yes, I do not want citizens rights to be limited

Q21. 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

21) Yes, I do not want safe storage laws

Q22. 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

22) Need a bit more info because of the Rampart Range issue but my inclination is 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)

Q23. 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

23) Yes

Q24. If offered, would you accept:

\_\_\_\_\_ A PPFC Endorsement

\_\_\_\_\_ A PPFC Contribution to your campaign

24) Yes, Yes

Q25. Any further comments you would like us to consider:

Thanks for you time and involvement!!

Angela Dougan 2/7/11

City Council Dist 2 Candidate