

KENNETH DUNCAN

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, I would support such a firing range. There are, of course, certain specifics which would need to be ironed out such as the cost of operating the range and who would pay for those costs. Who would be responsible for administering the range and how would they be paid?

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?

Firstly, I would back any proposal for a city regulation, or amendment to the charter that would protect our rights as law abiding gun owners.

Secondly it all depends on funding. I would certainly agree that practice is important, but at what cost to the city? I would be happy to publicly back any proposal that would produce a self sufficient range. If city funds were required to get such a range off the ground, there would have to be very specific times of repayment. More specifically, I would prefer to back the type of range mentioned in question 1.

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

I would publicly support any new applications for shooting ranges that fulfilled all existing requirements for safety and community impact. I would show my support by publicly participating in shooting activities such as turkey shoots, etc. and participating in regular practice with my friends.

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. It is obvious to me that the right to bear arms mentioned in the 2nd amendment is in no way attached to being a present member of a militia. Rather, it infers that because a militia is essential in the case it MAY be necessary, regular citizens should be well armed in the instance they are called to form one. I love how the Colorado Constitution spells out my right to possess firearms for personal protection without needing to be part of a militia.

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 _____

No I would not support a program that is used to punish non-violent offenders the same as violent offenders. I think that it is clear, if we would just prosecute criminals under existing laws concerning weapons usage, we would need NO additional laws concerning such criminal activity.

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

I would certainly support re-opening it if there was a plan in place to make it financially feasible, and to assure proper management of the range.

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 do not believe that we should have an ordinance limiting magazine capacity.

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 _____

Bottom line, I would have to say no. If you are old enough to go to war, you are old enough to own a firearm.

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 _____

Yes I would.

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 have to understand their laws more clearly. I believe I could back such a law in Colorado.

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 _____

No I do not. The right to protect yourself should apply everywhere.

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 I would oppose such a law.

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 _____

Heavens 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 I will oppose any such data collection.

15. What is your favorite firearm?

My personal favorite is my mini-14, but I like all my firearms for different reasons.

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 do believe that a person who is bent on shooting someone will find a way to do it, but you can not prove what hasn't happened. This is one of those instances where I believe supporting THIS law **benefits** our mission/goal of promoting gun ownership. We must do what we can to show we ARE responsible citizens by trying to keep weapons out of the hands of criminals and mentally ill citizens. I am open to discussion on this point.

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

I do not believe that we should be required to register our weapons. It is clear that the information has no other use than to catalogue what we have so the government knows what to look for when it comes to get them.

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 I support upholding that law statewide in all localities.

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 I oppose "safe storage" laws. We need to be able to defend ourselves at a moments notice.

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 I would support opening up more public land to hunting and recreation.

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 _____

I am not sure exactly what the question is asking. I would publicly support open carry for those who are law abiding citizens and very harsh penalties for those who abuse the privilege.

24. If offered, would you accept:

 X A PPFC Endorsement

 X A PPFC Contribution to your campaign

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

I am trying very hard to be seen as a candidate that is open to discussion. While garnering your support is very important to me, my first responsibility is to be honest. I would love your support, but in every aspect of civilization there needs to be openness to find a common ground. Sometimes it is necessary to relax our hold on one thing in order to hold on to what is most important. (see response to question 16)

You can find out more about my views on local as well as national issues on my website.

<http://home.comcast.net/~kpduncan/site/> or Duncan4mayor.com

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

Signature

Printed Name

Date