

## 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?

The easy answer is reopening the ranges on Rampart Range Road. While technically a federal matter there is no reason why the elected officials of Colorado Springs can't question the decision. In fact there's every reason to do so.

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 do and as the Mayor I would not have a problem being a high profile, very vocal, advocate for the firearms community. It's about time that some of the Parks and Open Space master planning efforts accommodate the needs of the shooting public. It is after all an outdoor recreational activity and should qualify for consideration under the TOPS ordinance.

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 **No**

I am always concerned that government will over reach when it applies these types of laws. In concept I fully support use a gun and go to jail. I am aware that the concept is often interpreted as "have a gun and go to jail" and I have a huge problem with that.

"The people's right to bear arms shall not be infringed" is a prohibition statement that is very difficult to misinterpret but our government can do it over and over again. How else do you explain way over 20,000 federal gun control laws?

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

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 **No**

The ability to load another clip kind of defeats the intent behind a ban on high capacity magazines. I personally can drop a clip, insert a new one, release the slide and resume shooting in under 2 seconds using my 9mm Ruger or my model 1911. This statement also holds true for my AK and its 30 round banana clips.

Adopting an ordinance that is purely ornamental is an abuse of power and a disservice to the community.

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 **Yes**

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 **Yes**

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**

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**

Such a law would probably strip me of 60% of my private collection. The physical characteristics of any firearm have very little impact on its performance. That is a 100% operator related function.



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?

I'm partial to the model 1911, but my Springfield Armory .300 Win/Mag is a superior performer. I like my Remington 720 7mm mag but it doesn't quite have the reach of the .300. Of course there is nothing wrong with the .303s or my 30-06 either if I'm thinking 1,000 meters or less.

I guess the true and correct answer is it depends on the distance and the target. At close quarters it is very hard to beat a short barreled 12 gauge pump. At 2,000 meters I'd prefer an M109 Barrett.

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     **Yes**    

Every law abiding citizen of this country has the right to own firearms. Maybe government should be focusing in on what it is supposed to do instead of trying to do what it is prohibited in doing. The role of government is to serve never to dictate

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

However, you probably should declare them for insurance purposes

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**

