

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: **Generally yes; if it was supervised**
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 honestly have not given this question much thought. My basic philosophy is to REIMAGINE Colorado Springs as a sports & wellness Mecca. Shooting is a sport, ergo, we could be looking to how a firing range could fit into this matrix. I have been espousing an idea around the development of an Olympic Events Center supporting the hard surface sports, basketball, volleyball, etc. It could be that such a center could incorporate a shooting range.**
3. Do you believe that public shooting ranges are a benefit to the community? If so how would you support and encourage firearm ranges. **Again, I honestly was not really thinking how I would advocate specifically for firearms; ranges, etc. I would be open to discuss this issue and listen to reasonable suggestions.**
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? **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? **Most likely not; especially if the intention has been subverted to another government intrusion into our lives.**
6. Do you believe that the Rampart Shooting Range should be re-opened? **Yes – if it can be done safely.**
7. In light of recent national events, do you believe that the City of Colorado Springs should enact an ordinance limiting magazine capacity? **No**
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? **18 year olds can go to war and kill people on our behalf. They should be able to smoke, drink and own a gun.**
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: **This is way, way out of the way of city council; but generally I would favor states honoring other states conceal carry permits.**

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? **No**
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? **I think if you're trained and permitted, you should be allowed to carry wherever you go.**
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? **No**
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? **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? **Yes**
15. What is your favorite firearm? **Which one? My 12 gauge Remington Auto 3" mag; my Ruger; my 357 revolver; my Colt 1911; my Winchester pump? So many to choose from! LOL! My wife's is her 22 rifle with scope that I bought her for Christmas.**
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? **Yes**
17. Do you believe gun owners should be required to register their firearms? **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? **No**
19. Do you believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may own? **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)? **I am not in favor of any law that prevents citizens from owning as many firearms as they wish; possess; or carry.**
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? **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? **Yes**

23. 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)

24. 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? **Yes**

25. If offered, would you accept:

Yes ___ A PPFC Endorsement

Yes ___ A PPFC Contribution to your campaign

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

I'm a gun owner and member of the PPFC. I'm registered for concealed carry as is my wife; we keep firearms "at the ready" and believe that if everyone did, we would have less crime. I believe we should have the right to bear arms at will; have as many and whatever type of weapon we choose, without any registration.

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



Signature

Printed Name

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