

PPFC PAC Note: Mr. McDonald did not put his answers on the questionnaire form supplied by the PPFC. To make it easier for the reader to review his answers, we have added the PPFC questions to his answers.

Pikes Peak Firearm Coalition Questionnaire  
Candidate Phil McDonald  
February 18, 2011

## 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 a regional firearm range for use both by citizens and law enforcement in the metro area. However, I feel that private citizens may not "at time" be present during law enforcement training.

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?

As Mayor, I would endorse a regional firearm range for both citizens and law enforcement so that it would present an opportunity to learn and train at a professional level facility.

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 I believe public shooting ranges are a benefit to the community. In support of this effort, I would become a member myself. I would research the option of implementing a non-profit partnership between Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation and the Regional Shooting Range to offer hunter education class, firearm safety training, and any other applicable classes and/or training to promote responsible firearm ownership.

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 I believe the Second Amendment and the Colorado Constitution affirm every individual's right to keep and bear arms. However, I believe the exception to this is convicted felons have lost that privilege by their actions.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would support any legitimate proposals that addresses the use of a gun in a violent crime (i.e. forcible rape, aggravated robbery). However, I would reject any proposal that could be inappropriately used to deny citizens of their gun rights.

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

Yes, I believe the Rampart Shooting Range should be re-opened. I would also like to see it staffed and supervised.

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, I do not believe that the City of Colorado Springs should enact 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 \_\_\_\_\_

No, I would not support laws that would further restrict 18-20 year olds rights to purchase or possess 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 support a Federal law that requires states to honor concealed carry permits issued by other states.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

No, I would not consider a similar concealed carry law in Colorado that is permitted in Vermont and Alaska.

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 would not support a law prohibiting law abiding concealed carry permit holders from carrying concealed within public schools or on school grounds.

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 any law that limits lawful citizens from owning a specific firearm based on its appearance, cosmetic features, or caliber.

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, I do not believe a manufacturer should be held liable for illegal activity that occurs using their product.

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 would oppose the creation or maintenance of any databases of firearms purchasers or mingles information about lawful firearm owners with that of criminals or suspects.

15. What is your favorite firearm?

My favorite firearm is a shotgun, and the bigger the better! This is my favorite because it is multi-purpose - good for small game hunting, home defense, fires different rounds.

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 would repeal the federal government's background check as I believe it oversteps the Second Amendment. However, each state is sovereign and should set its own precedence with regard to background checks.

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

No, I do not believe gun owners should be required to register their firearms.

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, I do not believe there should be limits on the number of firearms any one individual may purchase.

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, I do not believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may own.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

I believe that any legislative body should not limit citizens their rights to purchase, possess, or carry firearms.

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 the passage of "safe storage" laws or ordinances.

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 legislation to increase access to publicly owned lands for recreational purposes.

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, I would support any laws that gives an affirmative defense to protect one's self, family, third person, premises, and property.

24. If offered, would you accept:  
\_\_\_\_\_ A PPFC Endorsement                      \_\_\_\_\_ A PPFC Contribution to your campaign

Yes, I would gladly accept a PPFC endorsement.

Yes, I would gladly accept a PPFC contribution to my campaign.

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

Of all the forums I have attended to date, I truly enjoyed the PPFC forum. I was appreciative of the those that attended and the respect everyone showed to myself and the other candidates. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity PPFC gave me to speak and express my stance on gun rights. If elected as Mayor, I look forward to a partnership wherein I can utilize your input and expertise.

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

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date