

MIKE TERRY

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

Yes I would. Any joint sharing of costs between the city, county, state, federal government and/or private sector makes fiscal sense and a regional firearm range promotes gun safety.

2. Many communities, even small ones like Pueblo ([http://www.puebloshooters.org/](http://www.pueblosshooters.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 right to bear arms is a constitutional right per our 2nd Amendment. I'm a strong advocate for limiting government to what's stated explicitly in the U.S. Constitution, including the 2nd Amendment. It is my individual belief that as part of that constitutional right, gun owners have an individual responsibility to operate and handle guns safely and responsibly. As part of that belief, I'd support recreational opportunities for firearms enthusiasts, including public shooting facilities.

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, public shooting ranges provide a benefit to the community. As a public safety issue, I'd support partnerships between the city and the private sector to ensure a regional firearm range is available to gun owners.

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, I'm a strong believer in the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and I believe the Colorado Constitution reaffirms that right.

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: No

I agree that Project Safe Neighborhood has gone beyond their original intent and are being used to harass all gun owners in general. While local governments have to worry about keeping their communities safe, they need to do so within the context and construction of the U.S. Constitution and state constitutions. I will oppose any laws that "nibble away" at the 2nd Amendment because I believe gun owners have a right to defend themselves.

6. Do you believe that the Rampart Shooting Range should be re-opened? Please answer:

I believe Rampart Shooting Range should re-open or a public shooting range option should be available to provide responsible gun owners an opportunity to learn gun safety and to operate and train in a safe environment.

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: No

No. I believe "knee jerk" reactions only exclude the constitutional rights to responsible gun owners. It's already illegal to murder innocent people and that doesn't stop people from committing murder. Statistics have shown that crime rates are lower where citizens are free to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights.

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: No

No. 18 to 20 year olds should be allowed to own rifles and shotguns for hunting or recreational purposes. The U.S. Constitution doesn't restrict ownerships or usage to 21 year olds.

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: No

I believe that government closest to the people is the best to ensure liberty and to meet the needs of the community. I would not support a federal law that overrides state law, although federal law should ensure that 2nd Amendment rights are being upheld.

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

Criminals that get guns to commit crimes are not usually worried about permits and laws. Therefore, the requirement of obtaining a permit to carry a concealed firearm only affects law-abiding citizens. Also, I've not seen any data which substantiates the requirement for a permit and provides an expressed community benefit. Also, data I've seen indicates concealed carry permit holders are more law abiding than the average citizen. Therefore, I'd support a similar 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: No

No, I do not support prohibiting law abiding concealed carry permit holders from carrying within public schools or on school grounds. Select teachers, administrators or resource officers with concealed carry permits who are properly trained may have prevented or mitigated the mass shootings at Virginia Tech, Columbine, Northern Illinois, Dawson College, and others. While a Widefield School District #3 Board of

Education director, I supported a concealed weapon permit for highly trained security personnel to respond to a Columbine type mass murder attack.

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

I've not seen data that substantiates or shows the benefits of limiting gun ownership based on the appearance of the firearm or the caliber. Those laws are not effective, and I would not support them. Again, the negative impact is on the lawful gun owners and not the criminals who do not abide by the law in the first place.

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: No

I absolutely would not support lawsuits that do not hold criminals accountable for their own actions. This is an attempt by liberals through proxy to reduce guns in the community by eliminating gun manufacturers. This is an indirect means to meet their liberal ideologically based agenda.

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

Yes I would oppose a database that mingles information about lawful firearm owners with that of criminals or suspects. Why would the government maintain a database to monitor law abiding firearm owners? It's not in accordance with the principles that this country was founded on, nor the U.S. Constitution.

15. What is your favorite firearm?

I grew up in a family that enjoyed hunting and went deer hunting with a 30-06 rifle. Also, as a retired military officer I appreciate pistols for self-defense. I own a Glock 37 for self defense of my home, loved ones and myself. The Glock 37 is controllable and easy to handle. Although, my favorite is a .22 caliber pistol, which is very accurate and has very little re-coil.

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 – as currently written

All federal programs that are not proven effective or do not have a substantiating benefit should be eliminated. Unsubstantiated regulations are useless and ineffective and negatively impact costs and drive down our economy. I'd support the modification of the federal Brady and Colorado background checks excluding any solid evidence that either program has stopped a single criminal from acquiring a firearm. Unobtrusive and quick background checks conducted within the sale transaction (15 minutes) may be beneficial to prevent known criminals and mentally disturbed individuals from acquiring firearms.

17. Do you believe gun owners should be required to register their firearms? Please answer: Yes

Yes – very limited. I'd mitigate the impacts to law abiding gun owners because criminals don't usually register their firearms. However, unobtrusive and timely registration procedures could support the solving criminal cases.

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: No

No, I don't believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may purchase. That's in violation of the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

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

No, I don't believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may own. That's in violation of the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

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

I believe the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the government, at all levels, from limiting the rights of citizens to purchase, possess, or carry firearms (including open carry). So, I support the intent of SB25 because it's in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and provides state legal authority for that right.

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

Yes, I oppose any regulations or laws that make it impossible or improbable for law abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families. We can't be left to solely depend on our police department to defend ourselves from criminals perpetrating crimes. Again, this is another attempt by liberals to chip away at our 2nd Amendment rights.

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

Yes, I would support legislation to increase access to publicly owned lands for recreational purposes, including hunting. Publicly owned lands should serve the entire public, including hunters.

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

Yes I would support a change to city code to allow the presentation of a firearm as a less than lethal show of force, because it may prevent or deter hostile, menacing or aggressive behavior towards law abiding citizens. While seemingly well intended, the city code may have unintended consequences that jeopardize our community and its citizens. While we don't want a "wild west" scenario, we can't impede our citizen's constitutional rights – first and foremost.

24. If offered, would you accept:

Yes A PPFC Endorsement

Yes A PPFC Contribution to your campaign

Yes, I would be honored to have offered a PPFC endorsement and I would accept contributions for my campaign.

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

I am a strong advocate for the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and will do everything in my power to ensure that constitutional right is upheld at every level of government.

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

Signature

Printed Name

Date