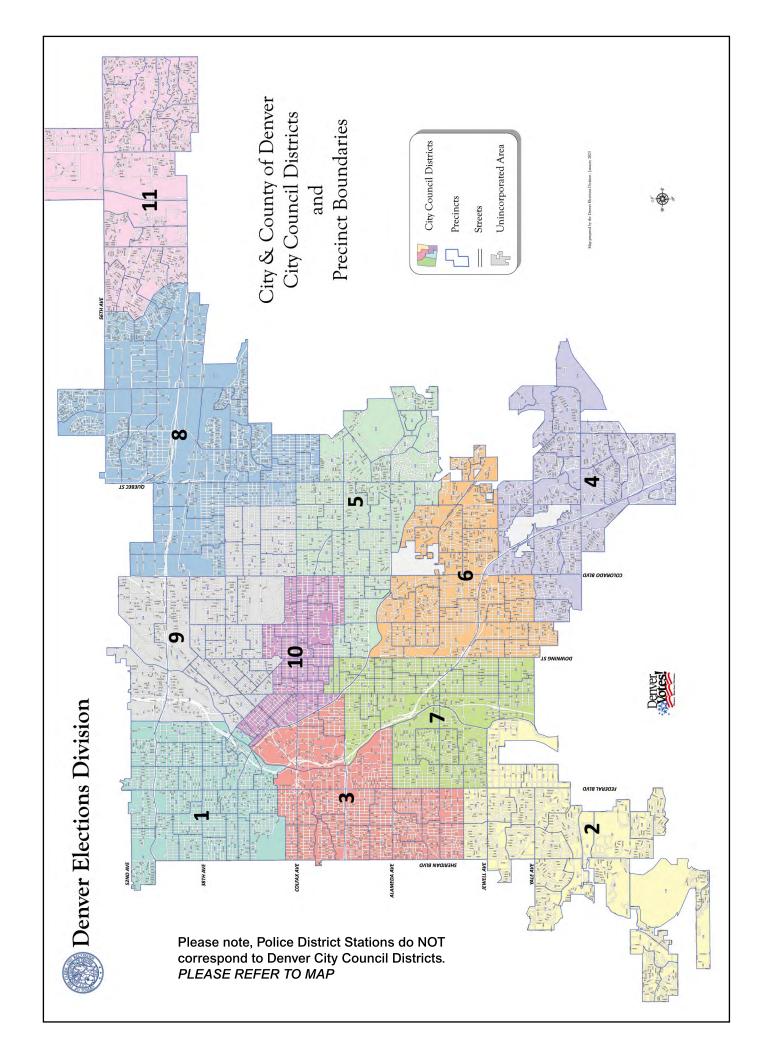


PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION
ENDORSEMENTS / VOTER GUIDE
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#### Introduction

The 2023 Denver Municipal runoff election is critical as Denver stands at a critical point in our City's history. Decisions being made by our next Mayor and City Council will dramatically affect our quality life and the future of our City. Public policy decisions, particularly around criminal justice and law enforcement, are front and center. For this reason, the Denver Police Protective Association (PPA) is taking the unprecedented step of producing this guide to inform Denver voters of the 2023 Mayoral and City Council candidates who, in our informed opinion, are most likely to support and enact policies that protect victims of crime and provide the necessary resources and support that will allow Denver Police Officers to continue to protect and serve the citizens of Denver.

Municipal election runoff and election ballots will be mailed out May 15 and must be received in the Clerks' office on June 6, 2023.

#### **Endorsement Process**

The Denver Police Protective Association's Board interviewed both mayoral candidates, Kelly Brough and Michael Johnston, and individual City Council candidates on various public safety and law enforcement matters.

#### **Mayoral Campaign**

April 4 municipal election resulted in both Michael Johnston and Kelly Brough qualifying for the June 6 runoff election. The PPA interviewed both candidates and conducted extensive research regarding its positions on law enforcement matters.







## **Kelly Brough Endorsement**

The PPA withheld our mayoral endorsement until after the runoff because it feels strongly that this municipal election is critical to the future of our City. The process of a runoff has allowed the PPA and the voters of Denver the opportunity to engage in a more in-depth conversation about issues of importance to our community, particularly safety and crime. We can either return to a City with promise and opportunity where our citizens feel safe or we can move the direction of San Francisco, Portland or Seattle.

We are happy to report to the citizens of Denver we have two outstanding candidates vying to serve as our next Mayor. However, like the voters of this City, we had to make a choice.

The PPA Board did not take this decision lightly. Considerable time was spent interviewing and researching both candidates.

Ultimately the PPA chose to endorsing Kelly Brough in her bid to serve as Denver's next mayor and for a few of the following reasons:

- 1. The PPA believes her vast managerial experience serving our City as both a department head and as chief of staff is an important skill necessary to move our City forward. We also found her educational background in criminal justice appealing. Our City is in desperate need of a strong and capable leader who will ensure Denver's government is well positioned for the future.
- 2. While serving as chief of staff, we witnessed first hand Kelly's ability to face tough challenges and to bring people to the table to solve those challenges.
- We believe she understands and can work collaboratively to build a culture where law enforcement has the training, equipment, and the community support necessary to meet the many challenges Denver faces.
- 4. We believe that working together to build a positive and supportive environment will help enable the City to again attract young people and other well-qualified law enforcement officers from throughout the country to want to join the Denver Police Department.



### **District 7 City Council Candidate - Flor Alvidrez**



Supports public safety.

- Common sense solutions to our community challenges.
- Strong family ties to our community.
- Received most votes in April election for council district 7 to qualify for June runoff.

# **District 8 City Council Candidate - Brad Revare**



BRAD

- Advocates for common sense solutions.
- Supports public safety.
- **Current Denver Councilman Herndon has endorsed.**
- Has run an effective campaign.
- Supports more training equipment and officers for DPD.



## **District 9 City Council Candidate - Darrell Watson**



WATSON FOR DENVER CITY FOR COUNCIL BISTRETS

- Challenging Incumbent City Council member.
- 30 year resident of Denver.
- Strong record of civic involvement.
- Demonstrated ability to work with all members of the community.
- Strong fundraising ability.
- Strong broad based grassroots support.
- Served on Housing Stability Advisory Board.
- Good relationships with current and former District 2 Commanders.

## **District 10 City Council Candidate - Chris Hinds**





- Supported the Mayor's budget for more resources for DPD.
- Voted for PPA Contract.
- He has run an effective campaign finishing first to qualify for June runoff.
- Supports Public Safety.



