

THE UNIVERSITY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Neighbors Working Together for a Safe, Clean, Peaceful and Diverse Neighborhood

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Dear City Council Candidates,

Following up on our "Save the Date" invitation for a City Council Candidate Forum we have prepared discussion topics that are pertinent to our mission. Please be prepared to discuss how you would address these issues as a city council member.

The Mission of the University Hill Neighborhood Association (UHNA) is "a clean, safe, diverse, and reasonably quiet neighborhood."

To help you acquaint yourselves with Hill issues and provide a framework for your responses, we have attached the following: The Broken Windows Theory, Harvard Report; and the UHAG Report.

Also, members of UHNA led by Steven Walsh will conduct a 20 minute walking tour of the Hill to help illustrate the issues we will be discussing. This tour will start at 6:30 PM on October 1st and meet in the Bova's Parking Lot (SW corner University and Broadway).

The format for the October 1st forum (7:30 to 9:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 13th & Euclid) will be:

- Candidate self introduction – 1 minute (you may bring literature to hand out).
- Moderator will open topics for audience to shed light on the topic 3 minutes, Council Candidates will then respond in 3 minutes.
- Closing statements -- 1 minute.

Within a few days after the Forum, we will prepare and issue a follow-up questionnaire tailored to the evening's discussion. Only then will we ask you, at your option to provide a written response which we will post on our newly updated neighborhood website (www.hillneighbors.com).

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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City Council Forum -- Discussion Topics

1. **Public Safety.** Recent vandalism and crime underscores the fact that Public Safety continues to be a problem on the Hill. For example, the first week of the academic year brought yet another beating which has left a young man in a coma. Also, vandalism in the form of broken windows, destruction of cars, and unacceptable late night noise levels.
2. **Town/Gown relations.** Our neighborhood benefits from a strong partnership between CU, the City, and the Hill residents. The city, CU and residents have cooperated in some excellent programs including CU Restorative Justice and cleanup programs for the Hill. Also, CU police Chief Roy announced that six new CU police officers have been added to their staff to patrol the Hill neighborhood.
3. **Commercial District revitalization.** The lack of diversity of goods and services, rapid turnover, and empty storefronts in the Hill commercial district indicate a need for revitalization using principles of timeless design and quality construction. There have been numerous studies undertaken in the past decade such as the Ross Report, PUMA Study, and most recently the Hill Commercial Context Study (HCCS).
4. **Code Enforcement.** Recent hot-button issues such as street cleaning, code enforcement and traffic control are a major concern to residents. For example, large busses and other campers target the hill for long-term residency. They bring with them, dangerous blocked sight lines, trash and bodily waste, and other nuisances.
5. **City Ordinances.** In the past decade UHNA has been a voice in the public dialog over issues of alcohol abuse, code enforcement, and other quality of life issues. For example, the Nuisance abatement ordinance and Couch Ban have been effective in reducing crime and increasing the livability and thus the sustainability of the neighborhood.