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Mayor

How can one not be proud of living in Denver, Colorado? So many of us were drawn here from elsewhere and stayed. Native or not, Colorado is a place that calls to all of us. It is a place of hope and optimism, renewal and fulfillment.

We know – and have proven – that good government is not about one person, one agency, one City, or even one great idea. It's the result of bringing communities together and finding solutions that benefit everyone. Fifty years from now, we want Denver residents to be proud of their City and proud of the world this community imagined for them. We want them to see the results of our ingenuity and creativity. We want them to know that when we encountered obstacles, that when we ran into dead ends and walls, we always found ways out. This is the heritage we offer to the future: We never quit.

Our diligence and frugality have been recognized by objective third parties. In the last year, all three major credit agencies have given Denver triple-A ratings ... the highest possible rating we can get. This is the result of tough choices over many years. Denver is the only city in Colorado to hold triple-A ratings from these agencies.

We continue to reach out to our neighboring communities because we know that our success depends on theirs. We have partnered with our neighbors

and have made purchases together on everything from fuel to elevator maintenance. These moves saved taxpayers millions of dollars and made them safer.

We were just picked as the second-best city in the country to visit this summer by Travel + Leisure Magazine. While most of the country saw a 5 percent drop in leisure visitors in 2009, Denver had a 4 percent increase, setting a new record for the City with 10.1 million overnight leisure visitors.

Time and again, the Denver community is proving it sees beyond the short-term gains of narrow self-interest and looks toward the promise of tomorrow. Without a doubt, we are proud of this City we call home and we have, and will continue to be, committed to achieving these key goals:

- People will say Denver is an even better place to live.
- Denver will grow a vital economy.
- People who work for Denver city government will say it is an even better place to work.
- Denver City government will live within its means.

Together we have built a foundation for the future that includes support for small businesses, better education for our kids, a healthier and cleaner environment, and a modern transportation system. Consequently, we are positioned for a strong economic recovery. The new American economy will invest and grow in places that embrace change and celebrate innovation. Denver, Colorado is that place.

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