

African American Voice endorses Dave Munger for Mayor of Colorado Springs

How does your administration plan to deal with African American issues?

My administration will be one of inclusion-- one that invites all those who want to come to the table to be part of our policy-making process. This will include our African American community to the greatest extent possible. Any individual or group of people that will be affected by a decision should be provided an ample opportunity to be part the process to make it. I will actively look for opportunities to engage the African American community on issues that will affect the city and especially our African American population.

How does your administration plan to support cultural events?

I will ensure that the city administration is publicizing our cultural events, and I will be personally present at as many events as possible. I will present our cultural offerings as a strength and a highlight of our community to people that are potentially interested in doing business with or within our community. Additionally, I will be sure that the city keeps a calendar of events that is inclusive of all such cultural events.

Do you support a cultural affairs office that will be inclusive with a diverse staff, to help promote economics in Colorado Springs? If so, how and when do you plan to implement your plan?

Yes. Economic development is a major part of the mayor's job. I will utilize as many city offices and resources to achieve that end as possible. I will emphasize that we are a diverse community with cultural offerings and opportunities. It is important to utilize and represent our diverse community in this and other offices.

Do you support a human relations commission with enforcement power?

I support the current structure of our human relations commission. I plan to build a strong working relationship with the commission to support and advance their goals.

Do you support a civilian review board?

Yes. A cornerstone of my administration will be open and honest two-way communication with the public. I want citizens to be engaged in the decision- and recommendation-making process. A civilian review board fits nicely into that plan of transparency and restoring trust in our government.

Do you support collective bargaining?

As our city charter stands, the city is not able to engage in collective bargaining. If there were a change to that charter, I would support collective bargaining.

Do you belong to or support any hate groups?

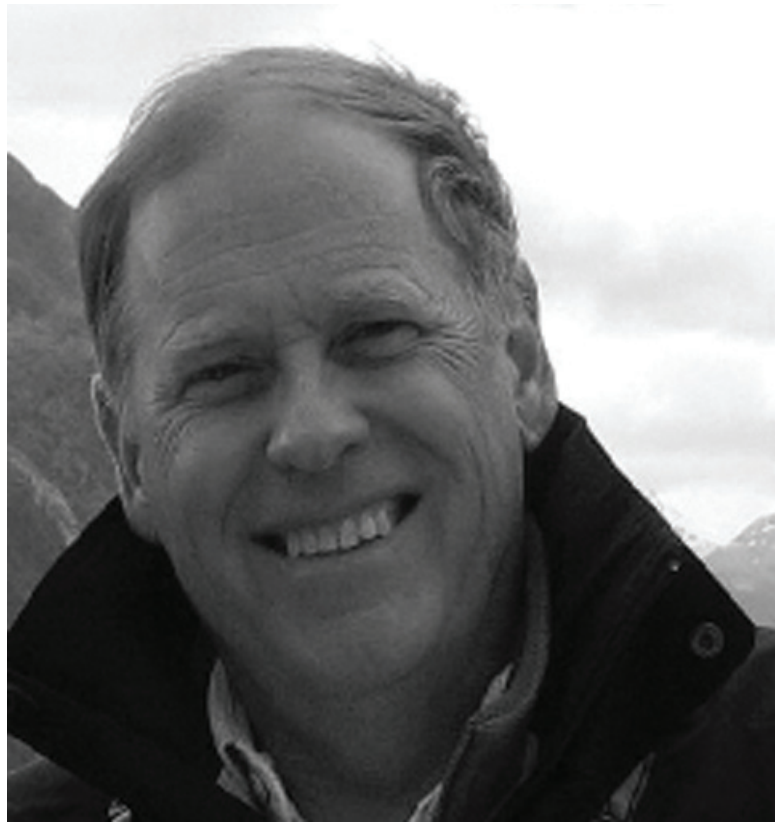
No.

Briefly explain your experience working with ethnic groups.

Throughout my career-- as an Air Force officer, a higher education administrator, and running my own company-- I have worked with a varied and diverse clientele, composed of members of many ethnic groups. As the president of the Council on Neighbors and Organizations, I have worked with representatives of most ethnic groups in Colorado Springs. Additionally, I have collaborated with such groups as the Black Chamber of Commerce on many projects.

Do you support President Barack Obama?

Yes.



Dave Munger, Candidate for Mayor of Colorado Springs