

Climate  
Change



# Kelly Brough

FOR MAYOR



The climate crisis is real and urgent and Denver has a tremendous opportunity to be a national and global leader on climate action by applying a climate lens to every policy from land use to transportation, from housing to public health, from parks to water. **I embrace the science-based targets of 65% carbon pollution reduction by 2030 and 100% by 2040 and commit to taking action as Mayor to help Denver reach them.** I view these goals as ambitious but essential and only possible to attain through public-private alignment and regional collaboration. I bring the public and private sector relationships and track record of successful collaboration necessary to advance this work.

With strong support from Denver voters, our city has taken important steps in recent years to lay a solid foundation for success. We have secured a dedicated local funding stream to support climate action priorities, established a sound five-year plan for action and built a nationally-recognized Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency. This strong infrastructure, paired with historic federal funding opportunities available through the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure and Jobs Act, means Denver is poised to make significant progress. I will use the power of the office to ensure we achieve our promise.

I endorse the  
Greener Denver  
2023 Platform for  
a healthy, thriving,  
climate resilient  
Denver.



## EQUITY

We must ensure that historically marginalized communities and those most heavily burdened by pollution are first in line to benefit from public investments in climate action and that no one is left behind in the transition to a more energy-efficient, sustainable future. I endorse the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice 40 Initiative and Denver's stated goal that Denver "should, over the long term, endeavor to invest 50% of dedicated funds directly in the community with a strong lens toward equity, race and social justice."

## MY VALUES



## COLLABORATION

Everyone has a role to play in creating a sustainable future: governments, businesses, community organizations and individuals and to reach our goals we'll have to work together, across sectors and across the region. I am committed to using the power of my platform as mayor to build the partnerships we need to make change. Collaboration has been a hallmark of my career and will be central to my climate action strategy.

## MY PRIORITIES



Supporting the education, training, and re-skilling necessary to ensure Denver residents, particularly people of color, are **prepared and well positioned to capitalize on good-paying clean energy and green economy sector jobs.** For example, I could envision building a partnership between the City, Xcel, Denver Public Schools and our local higher education institutions to educate and train the electricians and electrical engineers we need to meet future demand.



Actively participating in partnerships to address our western water crisis and **supporting efforts to reduce water use in residential, commercial, and city-owned properties** and facilities.



Fostering partnerships, particularly with RTD and DPS, to **increase efficiency and reduce emissions from our publicly owned fleets** and promote regional action on air quality. We should maximize available federal funding to "green our fleets" quickly.



Securing the local match necessary to **ensure competition of the South Platte River restoration project**, as the South Platte is both a key feature of our city's natural landscape, but also "nationally significant" ecosystem that we must protect and enhance.



Promoting **housing density**, particularly along major transportation corridors and at transit sites. High density housing is more efficient and requires less water than single-family housing and, when strategically located, it can support more efficient transportation and help to reduce vehicle miles traveled and related emissions improving air quality.



Ensuring we are using our dedicated funding stream for Parks and Recreation to **equitably expand access to parks and open spaces and investing in the tree canopy** to ensure all parts of Denver are shaded.



Expanding the **Complete Streets and Complete Neighborhoods approach to transportation and land use planning.** Ensuring people can safely travel throughout Denver by bike, scooter and on foot and can live closer to where they work and play and reduces vehicle miles traveled and supports a healthier climate. I am supportive of the VAMOS network approach to ensure a complete, high comfort bike network in Denver.



Aggressively building **electric infrastructure on city-owned properties.** This could include installing solar arrays and / or electric vehicle charging stations at city-owned locations across Denver including libraries, recreation centers, fire, and police stations.