

STEVEN BACH QUESTIONNAIRE

1. In the interest of saving the city money by sharing jointly needed assets, would you support a regional firearm range for use both by citizens and law enforcement in the metro area?

Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes, provided there was not taxpayer money used for this purpose.

2. Many communities, even small ones like Pueblo (<http://www.puebloshooters.org/>) and Greeley (<http://www.greeleygov.com/recreation/GreeleyRecAmenities.aspx>), have public shooting facilities. Believing that responsible firearm owners should routinely practice, what will you do to see that the recreational opportunities for firearm enthusiasts in this community are met as well?

As Mayor, I will do nothing to stand in the way of any shooting ranges. As a small government conservative, I believe that taxpayer money should not support these businesses.

3. Do you believe that public shooting ranges are a benefit to the community? If so how would you support and encourage firearm ranges.

Yes, I believe that ranges are a benefit to the community, allowing law-abiding firearms owners to stay in good practice, teach their children firearms safety and honor shooting as a legitimate mainstream sport.

4. Do you believe the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirms every individual's right to keep and bear arms and that the Colorado Constitution reaffirms that right? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes, and this right is fundamental to all of our freedoms as Americans.

5. Project Safe Neighborhood was intended to aggressively prosecute violent criminals who use guns during the commission of their crime. We feel, however, that this project and others like it have gone beyond their original intent and are being used to harass all gun owners in general. Would you support any program like Project Safe Neighborhood that is used to prosecute offenses involving guns, even if nonviolent? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I believe that gun laws should prosecute individuals using their firearms in an unlawful manner. They should not be used to harass lawful firearms owners.

6. Do you believe that the Rampart Shooting Range should be re-opened? Please answer: Yes or No _____
Yes. Accidents happen, but should not forever close down a range.
7. In light of recent national events, do you believe that the City of Colorado Springs should enact an ordinance limiting magazine capacity? Please answer: Yes or No _____
No, and further, the City should make no laws that further restrict the lawful ownership of firearms of accessories.
8. Currently federal and state laws allow 18 to 20 year old law-abiding citizens to buy rifles and shotguns or possess handguns. Would you support laws that would further restrict 18 to 20 year olds rights to purchase or possess a firearm? Please answer: Yes or No _____
No, provided they are law-abiding citizens.
9. Article IV of the U.S. Constitution says that "Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and Judicial Proceedings of every other State". Would you support a Federal law that requires states to honor concealed carry permits issued by other states? Please answer: Yes or No _____
I am a supporter of the 10th Amendment. Although I agree with this direction in principle, I would prefer to see the states pass this sort of legislation. I can foresee unintended consequences to this precedent which would compel states to honor the laws of other states.
10. In Vermont and Alaska, law-abiding citizens have a legal right to carry concealed firearms without the requirement of obtaining a permit to do so. Would you support a similar concealed carry law in Colorado? Please answer: Yes or No _____
Yes, I would.
11. Concealed carry permit holders are more law abiding as a group than the average citizen. Do you support prohibiting law abiding concealed carry permit holders from carrying concealed within public schools or on school grounds? Please answer: Yes or No _____
No, armed citizens are in a good position to protect innocent life. Criminals look for places where firearms are prohibited as the safe places to carry out their crimes. We need no such restrictions in places where violence continues to increase.

12. Some proposed laws would limit gun ownership based on the appearance of the firearm or the caliber. Would you oppose any law that limits lawful citizens from owning a specific firearm based on its appearance, cosmetic features, or caliber? Please answer: Yes or No _____
Yes, I would oppose any restrictions on firearms.
13. Some lawsuits have been pursued against firearm manufacturers because of crimes committed with their product. Do you believe a manufacturer should be held liable for illegal activity that occurs using their product? Please answer: Yes or No _____
No, the firearm is not liable any more than a car is liable in a vehicular crime.
14. Will you oppose the creation or maintenance of any database of firearms purchasers or any database that, in any way, mingles information about lawful firearm owners with that of criminals or suspects? Please answer: Yes or No _____
Yes, I would oppose such a database.
15. What is your favorite firearm
My 357 Magnum.
16. Despite millions of dollars spent on the federal Brady background check and the redundant Colorado background check, there is no evidence that either program has stopped a single criminal from acquiring a firearm. Would you support the repeal of background checks to purchase a firearm? Please answer: Yes or No _____
Yes.
17. Do you believe gun owners should be required to register their firearms? Please answer: Yes or No _____
No.
18. Do you believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may purchase in any specific time period? Please answer: Yes or No _____
No.

19. Do you believe there should be a limit on the number of firearms any one individual may own? Please answer: Yes or No _____

No.

20. Do you support upholding the state law (SB25, passed in 2003) that prohibits localities, even Home Rule entities, from limiting the rights of citizens to purchase, possess, or carry firearms (including open carry)?

Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes, I do not support any restrictions of rights for law-abiding firearms owners.

21. Do you oppose the passage of "safe storage" laws or ordinances that make it impossible for a law abiding citizen to keep a firearm in a condition ready to defend their family? Please answer: Yes or No _____

Yes, I oppose any sort of law like this.

22. Sportsmen/women in Colorado face a problem of not having access to forest land where hunting and other recreational activities are allowed. Would you support legislation to increase access to publicly owned lands for recreational purposes, including hunting? Please answer: Yes or No _____

I would support this provided it would be safely done with other activities in place.

Currently the Colorado Springs municipal code states, in part:

C. For purposes of this section, "display" means any opening, or unfolding, manifestation, exhibition, ostentatious showing, or exhibition for effect meant to intimidate, threaten, alarm, or frighten any person.

D. It shall be an affirmative defense that the actor displayed the weapon in self-defense, or to defend another person, or to defend the actor's premises or property. All other applicable State defenses apply. (1968 Code §8-14; Ord. 80-13; Ord. 97-132; Ord. 01-42; Ord. 03-105)

23. In effect, Colorado Springs code allows one to "menace" an aggressor to protect one's self, family, or property. Would you support a change to the Colorado State law that would allow the presentation of a firearm as a less than lethal show of force to protect one's self, family, or property? Please answer: Yes or No _____

No _____

Yes, this would be consistent with the Castle Doctrine.

24. If offered, would you accept:

A PFC Endorsement

A PFC Contribution to your campaign

25. Any further comments you would like us to consider:

I certify that the above responses are mine and reflect my true position on the stated issues:

Signature

Printed Name

Date