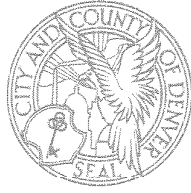


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Dear Friends:

You don't have to be Mayor to realize that civic engagement is the cornerstone of any healthy and prosperous community. Long before I ever contemplated public office, I began getting involved in the civic life of our city. That is how I learned about The City Club of Denver. Realizing the valuable role City Club plays by increasing public awareness in a non-partisan way, I became a member and enjoyed attending the luncheon gatherings at the Brown Palace Hotel whenever my schedule allowed.

The City Club of Denver has a rich history of contributing to our public dialogue. Founded in 1922 by civic leaders of that era, the club has continued to provide thought-provoking and informative programs every week, September through May, for over 80 years.

Now, as the Mayor of Denver, I appreciate having this group of active and concerned citizens even more. The club's motto – "To inform, rather than to reform" – makes it a perfect venue for balanced policy, cultural and political discussions.

I would encourage any civic-minded citizen, business or organization to consider getting involved with The City Club of Denver. Denver will be a stronger city for having more and more people focused on and engaged in the issues that affect our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper  
Mayor