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cc: Parking Management & Parking Enforcement  
110 16th Street, Suite 780  
Denver, Colorado 80202

cc: Street Level Enforcement Officers  
(i.e. Police, Parking Enforcement, Neighborhood Inspectors)  
Present in Cheltenham Heights on Sunday 12.12.04

cc: Neighborhood Inspection Services  
201 W. Colfax Ave, Department 303,  
Denver, CO 80202

cc: Broncos Parking Patrons  
Present in Cheltenham Heights on Sunday 12.12.04

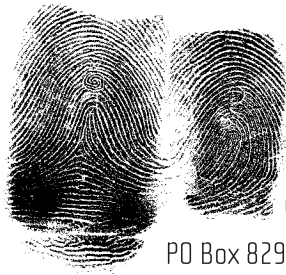
## RE: QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN CHELTENHAM HEIGHTS

I am writing this letter as a resident of Cheltenham Heights, specifically the neighborhood bordered by W. Colfax, Irving, 17th Ave., and Federal Blvd. immediately adjacent to Invesco Field.

Quality of Life issues pertaining to residential parking are vigorously enforced by officials in Cheltenham Heights during Broncos games. Cars parked without a residential permit are, on average, cited and towed within thirty minutes. Furthermore, residents, attempting to sell or even give away parking without a Special Events Permit, in violation of R-3 zoning, are quickly identified by Police and/or Parking Enforcement, warned, and, if necessary, reported to Neighborhood Inspection for citing. As the football season draws to a close, I would like to offer recognition of this vigilance on behalf of my neighborhood and invite all the above officials to continue enforcing such quality of life violations in the off season, while reflecting on the neighborhood impact of game-day enforcement in anticipation of next fall.

Some issues for specific consideration:

**Parking Management & Parking Enforcement:** Many of the neighborhood's residents are disenfranchised; non-english speaking, undocumented, and without residential parking permits. A simple scan of the empty street on game day in this high occupancy neighborhood offers evidence. Please consider a community outreach for such residents explaining the process of procuring a residential parking permit. A simple mailing or sign posting with a phone number and brief explanation, in Spanish and English, would suffice.



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**Street Level Enforcement Officers:** Many residents are faced with the following conundrum: selling, or even giving away, off street parking without a Special Event Permit (unattainable in an R-3 zoned neighborhood) is a zoning violation citable with a \$1,000 fine. Unfortunately, empty spots are often filled, uninvited, by attendees of the game; thus blocking parking access to residents and requiring the inconvenience of making a complaint and waiting for the consequent tow. Residents who face the inevitable and plan on filling their off-street parking with permit-less friends, family, and invited game attendees, perhaps even making some hard to come by petty cash in this low income neighborhood, are threatened with an egregious fine. Please consider focusing enforcement on complaints, and game attendees parked illegally on the street and refrain from further inconveniencing neighborhood residents.

**Neighborhood Inspection Services:** Cheltenham Heights is a neighborhood with endemic zoning violations. The accumulation of trash and rubbish in alley-ways and yards, the presence of appliances or furniture intended for indoor use outdoors, excessive signage and/or banners, broken windows, crumbling masonry and structural defects, unsurfaced residential parking areas, in addition to major car repairs done outdoors year round - many of which are performed by unpermitted "businesses" operating in residential areas. Specific complaints with addresses are readily available. The purpose of this letter, however, is not to single out any of my neighbors for citation. It is to address the disparity between the city enforcement mechanism that swoops down on the neighborhood in force on game day (see above paragraph), and essentially abandons the neighborhood at all other times of the year.

**Councilman Rick Garcia:** In addition to my humble request that you follow up on this letter with the listed departments, I would like to pose the following question: hundreds, perhaps even thousands of cars are cited and towed in the course of a football season. The citation is \$60.00 and the towing and impound charge is \$300.00. Is this money reinvested in the infrastructure of your district?

Sincerely,

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