Fort Collins Housing Access and Affordability Questionnaire:

Dear Fort Collins City Council/Mayoral candidate, the Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) would like to cordially invite you to express your perspectives on the current state of the City’s housing market, and the issue of rental affordability through the following questionnaire:

Median rental costs in Fort Collins have increased by about 65% since 2005, a significantly larger increase than portrayed in similar cities (per recent occupancy study conducted by Corona Insights). This increase in rental prices has perpetuated housing-insecurity throughout our community, caused some CSU students to experience homelessness, drove workers to reside at neighboring towns, and prevented individuals of low-income background from joining our community.

1. Do you view housing affordability as an issue in Fort Collins? (y/n/open answer)

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No later than March 20th, 2019
2. Does the current state of housing affordability in Fort Collins contribute to college unaffordability in your opinion? (y/n/open answer)
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3. Do you believe the occupancy ordinance, also known as U+2, is a significant contributor to the sharp rise in rental prices over the past fourteen years? Would you support a marginal increase in permitted occupants per dwelling unit such as Me+3 for example? (y/n/open answer)
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4. Over 50% of violators of U+2 are non-students. Do you agree that this issue, and the issue of neighborhood quality, are more than just a student concern? (y/n/open answer)

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5. The recent occupancy study concluded that U+2 had a negative impact on housing affordability. It also found that the local community believes the ordinance had a positive effect on neighborhood quality. Do you believe housing affordability and neighborhood quality are mutually exclusive? (y/n/open answer)

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6. What ideas do you have to address housing affordability and neighborhood quality in Fort Collins? (Open answer)

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