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.

Mayor Wade Troxell, April 2019

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

2. Does the current state of housing affordability in Fort Collins contribute to college unaffordability in your opinion? (y/n/open answer)
   Yes, the housing affordability challenge does contribute to overall costs associated with college affordability.

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)
   Yes, a result of U+2 does take affordable housing stock out of the market thus reducing supply and driving rental costs higher. Yes, I support and have been advocated the review of U+2. I have introduced “right-sizing” of the over-occupancy ordinance to help address some of our housing affordability challenges.

Please email back to: ASCSU_Community_Affairs@colostate.edu
No later than March 20th, 2019
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)
   Yes, housing affordability is a community issue that impacts many students.

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)
   No, we can “right-size” the occupancy ordinance AND improve neighborhood quality at the same time by improving surface parking requirements at the same time, for example.

6. What ideas do you have to address housing affordability and neighborhood quality in Fort Collins? (Open answer)
   We can “right-size” the occupancy ordinance to improve housing affordability AND improve neighborhood quality at the same time. For example, surface parking requirements can be enhanced at the same time that would directly improve neighborhood quality.