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Climate Change and Community Resilience			
5	Facilitate the beneficial electrification of buildings	Eliminate reference to support for incorporating the social cost of carbon; revised language on RH&C; and added support for creating customer-facing financing options such as tariff-based on-bill financing options	The eliminated references are no longer necessary in light of passage of SB19- 236 , which directed the PUC to use a social cost of carbon in evaluating all existing electric generation, SB21-161 which requires the PUC to adopt by rule GHG emission reduction programs for large natural gas utilities and SB21-246 , which encourages beneficial electrification. Also changed references to RH&C per the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Affairs committee’s recommendation.
6	Enhance customer electricity choice.	Eliminate reference to developing value of solar and value of storage tariffs and to increasing or removing the 120 percent cap on net metered generation	The former was addressed through regulatory process and incorporated into Xcel’s Renewable Energy Standard plan. The latter was addressed through passage of SB21-261
8	Reduce emissions from the electricity sector	Eliminate reference to the Clean Power Plan and revise reference to renewable energy standard	Regarding the former, the Clean Power Plan was an Obama-era policy proposal that was nullified by the Trump Administration. Regarding the latter, while increasing the state’s RES has been replaced by a series of alternative legislative and regulatory approaches, there is still a need and movement to adopt a federal RES.

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9(a)	Increase energy efficiency by establishing high performance residential and commercial building energy codes	Expand position to indicate support for requiring local governments to adopt energy codes	Legislation like this is expected to be introduced in 2022 and will be an important step to decarbonizing the building sector.
Former 11	Reform residential property assessed clean energy (PACE) finance statutes to allow for resumption of boulder county's residential PACE program	Delete	The county has identified alternative financing mechanisms and is no longer seeking to resume its PACE program.
11	Promote waste reduction and diversion efforts	Delete mention of support for local control, ban on single use plastics and implementation of state solid waste plan.	Local control and bans on single-use plastic were addressed in HB21-1162 and no action is expected on the state plan in the near future.
12	Strictly regulate the oil and gas industry and improve the Colorado oil and gas conservation commission's oversight of oil and gas operations	Revised to eliminate reference to issues that soon will be addressed by COGCC through rulemaking. Added language focusing on decreasing GHG emissions from the oil and gas sector by 60 percent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels.	SB19-181 and HB19-1261 have resulted in progress on some oil and gas matters and identified new challenges that must be met.
13(d)	Funding for state and local governments to promote resilient land management research, monitoring, management practices and decision-making processes	New	Needed to stabilize and protect ecosystems for current and future biodiversity and ecosystem services

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13(e)	Indicate support for urban forestry initiatives	New	By drawing down atmospheric carbon and providing shade, expanding urban forests are among the most impactful options available to local governments engaged in climate mitigation and resilience-building efforts.
13(f)	Provide protection and relief from air pollution and air toxins	New	
DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE			
Former 15	Authorize ranked choice voting	Delete	Authorized through passage of HB21-1071
14	Fund state's ability to implement HB21-1071	New position	Authorization without funding is insufficient
HOUSING			
21	Enhance and preserve the rights and interests of residents of manufactured home communities	Delete support for implementation of HB19-1309 (dispute resolution program); HB20-1201 (opportunity to purchase), and; HB 20-1196 (new protections)	All three laws have been fully implemented through rulemaking
Former 23	Allow inclusionary zoning to include rental housing	Delete	Addressed through passage of HB21-1117
HUMAN SERVICES/HUMAN RIGHTS			
Former 27	Repeal the state laws passed in 2003 and 2006 that together restrict local governments from proactively engaging with undocumented immigrants to meet community needs	Delete	Addressed through passage of SB21-199 , SB21-077 and HB21-1075

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30	Increase mental/behavioral health services	New position	
31	Eliminate or reduce excessive documentation and administrative procedures required to access government benefits	New position	
LOCAL CONTROL			
36	Oppose threats to local control and home rule authority	Revised to indicate that some highly contentious issues may not be opposed regardless of whether they threaten local control	The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommended this change.
MUNICIPAL COURTS			
39	Fund and protect the municipal justice system's ability to combat homelessness	Add language that the city may also support some minimum requirements that local governments must meet to combat homelessness	This was requested by Council Member Friend last year and this language was recommended by the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

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LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PARKS			
40	Restore clean air to Colorado	New position	Recommended by Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
42	Support the implementation of the city's ecological conservation efforts, including the urban wildlife management plan as well as the forest and grassland ecosystem plans	Add support for encouraging partnerships between Colorado Parks and Wildlife, municipalities and waste management companies to reduce the accessibility of human food sources to bears in urban areas, reduce human-bear conflicts and improve co-existence.	
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY			
Former 48(f)	Regulate high potency THC marijuana products (e.g., shatter & wax) so as to protect youth by creating limits on its production, messaging, and marketing and by increasing education on the dangers of such products.	Delete	Addressed through passage of HB21-1317 which boosts research on the effects of THC on the developing brain and includes provisions to keep high-potency marijuana concentrates out of the hands of teenagers. The measure limits how much concentrated cannabis medical marijuana patients can buy each day, and allows the state to track purchases to enforce that limit. The law also requires certain concentrate products, called dabs or shatter, to be packaged in single doses.

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51	Address the health and safety concerns associated with alcohol and substance abuse in the greater community	Add substance abuse	
53	Prevent Gun Violence	Deletes support for a firearm prohibition for those convicted of violent misdemeanors, for firearms to be stored, for restoring local government authority to regulate firearms and for creation of a lost or stolen gun registry.	Addressed through passage of HB21-1298 , HB21-1106 , SB21-256 and SB21-078 ,
TRANSPORTATION			
58	Prioritize transportation funding for projects that maintain existing infrastructure, that are multimodal in design and that reduce greenhouse gas emissions	New position	Reflects new opportunities and challenges created by passage of SB21-260 and CDOT's forthcoming GHG reduction transportation rule.
Former 58	Identify new transportation funding for projects that maintain existing infrastructure and that are multimodal in design	Delete	Replaced and incorporated into the above position. To the extent that items were not carried forward it is because they were already at least partly resolved through the passage of SB21-260 or CDOT's forthcoming GHG reduction transportation rule and any further consideration is unlikely to occur in the near term.

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59	Support funding, construction and operation of the Northwest Rail Line (aka, "the B Line")	New position	The General Assembly's recent creation of a Front Range Passenger Rail District (SB21-238), along with the possible passage of the federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" have opened a window of opportunity to finally advance the Northwest Rail Line.
Former 63	Provide flexible solutions and new funding opportunities to address impacts of train horn noise and the implementation of quiet zones		City's QZs are already funded and being installed
66	Increase the functioning, oversight and governance of the regional transportation district	Expand to include the recommendations of the RTD Accountability Committee	