

The Neighbors | Nathan Beck

Colorado's historic neighborhoods showcase fine Western American architecture. In Denver specifically, styles range from Baroque to Tudor to Craftsman. These structures are lasting monuments occupied by the residents nestled between the plains and the mountains. Denver has been home to many; for those seeking a brighter future, for the transient bohemian, and for those who long before maintained this land. Though comparing Denver's history with its current state of affordable housing, homelessness, gentrification, and overdevelopment (the list could go on), one must ask, "Who is allowed to call Denver home?"

Using architectural elements and shapes commonly found in Queen Anne and Victorian-style homes, the flag depicts a colorful, geometric "landscape." These historical references are combined with subtle nods to the shapes found in other forms of housing such as tent cities, blocky apartment buildings, and the peaks of the mountain range. Our neighborhoods tell the history of our past, but who we call our neighbor will define Denver's future.