

MEMORANDUM – COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

TO:	Mayor Mike Johnston
CC:	
FROM:	Esther Lee Leach
DATE:	10/08/2023
PURPOSE:	Appointment for Commission For People With Disabilities
PROCESS:	Mayor's Approval, then Council Confirmation
PROJECT:	N/A
NEXT STEPS:	Mayor's Approval

BOARD/COMMISSION:

Commission for People With Disabilities

STAFF: Kristina Ericson

CURRENT BOARD STATUS – 1 APPOINTMENTS, 1 REAPPOINTMENTS

The mission of the Denver Commission for People with Disabilities (DCPD) is to promote and enhance equality for people with disabilities through empowerment, advocacy, and education by working with community members, as well as City and County of Denver officials and employees who have the ability to effect change.

You appoint 7 - 21 members, each serving a three (3) year term. This board requires the confirmation of Council after your approval. With this action, the board demographics will be 4 BIPOC, 9 Caucasians; 6 men and 7 women with 13 total board members.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend the reappointment of Megan Catalfomo, and the appointment of Danny Combs. They both come highly recommended from Human Rights & Community Partnerships, the agency that oversees this commission.

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CURRENT MEMBERS:	Term Expiry
Brandon Selinsky, Denver (M)(C)	09-30-24
Venissa "Vee" Daise, Aurora (F)(AA)	09-30-24
Wade Balmer, Denver (M)(C)	09-30-24
Joanne Stranahan, Commerce City (F)(AA)	09-30-24
Elena Mendoza, Denver (F)(H)	09-30-24
Kyle Weil, Denver (M)(C)	09-30-25
Timothy DaGlau, Denver (M)(C)	09-30-25
Timothy Dodd, Denver (M)(C)	09-30-25
Alicia Cooper, Denver (F) (2 or more races)	09-30-25
Karen Roberts, Denver (F)(C)	09-30-25

Chelsea Elder, Westminster (F)(C)

09-30-25

REAPPOINTMENT CANDIDATES:

Megan Catalfomo, Denver (F)(C) – Senior Project Manager, Division of Disability Rights, Human Rights & Community Partnerships – 9/30/26

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATES:

Danny Combs, Denver (M) (C) – Founder of TACT, Co-Founder of Colorado Neurodiversity Chamber of Commerce – 9/30/26

ACTION NEEDED:

☒ Appoint slate

☐ Please provide additional candidates to consider