

MEMORANDUM – DENVER COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD

TO:	Denver City Council
FROM:	Office of Boards & Commissions
DATE:	3/13/2026
PURPOSE:	Appointment for (Denver Community Corrections Board)

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Board responsibilities include reviewing all matters relating to Community Corrections and when appropriate, advising the city on actions to be taken. The Board acts on behalf of the citizens of Denver to ensure the protection of the community and to safeguard the rights of residents, provide for the needs of offenders who will be supervised by Community Corrections, act as a liaison for Denver with other city and state agencies and establish policies and procedures that govern the administration of the program and criteria for acceptance into the program.

Appointment Process:

The Board has 21 members who are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council ordinance for four-year terms. The Board is made up of representatives across the criminal justice spectrum. 10 represent criminal justice and human services departments, one represents Victim Services, two have experience or expertise in criminal justice, six are citizens of the City and County of Denver, one is a locally elected official, and one is a representative of Denver Public Schools.

Appointment Candidates

Term: 9/1/2025-8/30/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed



Rep. Cecelia Espenoza
 (She/Her) (Female, Hispanic)

*Representative District 4,
 Colorado General Assembly*

BIOGRAPHY:

Representative Cecelia Espenoza represents House District 4 in North/West Denver, a community she has called home for over 30 years. Born to migrant farmworkers from Colorado, she was the first in her family to graduate from college and the second Latina to pass the bar in Utah. She began her legal career as the Migrant Attorney for Utah Legal Services and then was a prosecutor for six years before she moved to Colorado as the first tenure-track Latina to teach law in Colorado. She was also the first Mexican-American to become an appellate judge on the highest immigration court in the country.

She is focused on addressing the housing crisis, investing in our K-12 public schools, combating gun violence, and protecting reproductive rights while supporting the most vulnerable in our communities including: immigrants and refugees.

Rep-Elect Espenoza serves on the Judiciary and State, Civic, Military & Veterans Affairs committees, the Statutory Revision Committee and the Uniform Laws Commission.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:



Michael Mahon (he/him)
(Male, Caucasian)

Senior Deputy District Attorney, Denver District Attorney's Office

BIOGRAPHY: Originally from St. Louis, MO, Michael Mahon has resided in Colorado since March of 2021. He and his wife have two sons and a dog, and live in Englewood, CO. For college, Michael attended Regis University in Denver, graduating in 2006. He went into law school at St. Louis University School of Law, graduating in 2009. After law school, Michael worked as a public defender in Missouri, both at the state and federal levels. Upon moving back to Colorado in 2021, Michael worked in the Arapahoe County District Attorney's office for a little over year. Then, he accepted a position with the Denver District Attorney's Office, where he has been since July of 2022.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:

"Michael Mahon has demonstrated an exceptional ability to blend strategic thinking with a deep understanding of the complexities of community corrections. His approach reflects a practical, balanced view of what it takes to reduce recidivism while maintaining public trust and accountability. Michael brings the kind of steady, forward-looking judgment that strengthens Denver's safety ecosystem and enhances our capacity to serve residents well. I strongly support his appointment and believe he will be an asset to the board and the city." - **Al Gardner, Executive Director, Department of Safety**

"I support the Denver District Attorney's submission of Mr. Mahon to fill the required position of a member of the DA's office on the community corrections board. Michael has extensive experience in the criminal justice system including time as a prosecutor and defense attorney which would be a valued addition to the CC Board." - **Greg Mauro, Director, Division of Community Corrections, Department of Safety**

Reappointment Candidate

Term: 7/1/2025-6/30/2028



Jorge Aleman (he/him)
(Male, Hispanic)

Program Manager of Parole and Transition Services Central Region, State of

BIOGRAPHY:

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:

"Jorge Aleman brings a powerful blend of lived experience, professional insight, and community credibility that strengthens our ability to support individuals navigating the corrections system. His steady, people-first approach aligns with Denver's commitment to rehabilitation, accountability, and second chances that lead to safer long-term outcomes. Jorge's voice on the Community Corrections Board would help ensure decisions reflect both compassion and strong public-safety values. I fully support his appointment and believe Denver will benefit from his thoughtful leadership." - **Al Gardner, Executive Director, Department of Safety**

"I support the Colorado Department of Human Services/Division of Youth Services submission of Mr. Aleman for reappointment of the required position of CDHS on the

Colorado Division of Youth Services

community correction board. Mr. Aleman is a current member of the DCCB and is highly engaged and is proven to be a tremendous subject matter expert in youth services/corrections.”- **Greg Mauro, Director, Division of Community Corrections, Department of Safety**

