

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**.

All fields must be completed.

Incomplete request forms will be returned to sender which may cause a delay in processing.

Date of Request: August 8, 2016

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. Title: *(Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number - that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)*

To approve the Mayoral appointment of Lauren Dennis to the Head Start Policy Council for terms effective immediately and expiring on July 20, 2017 or until a successor is duly appointed.

3. Requesting Agency: Mayor's Office

4. Contact Person: *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

- Name: Anthony Aragon
- Phone: 720-865-9032
- Email: anthony.aragon@denvergov.org

5. Contact Person: *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

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6. General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:

[Insert general description here.]

****Please complete the following fields:** *(Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field – please do not leave blank.)*

- a. **Contract Control Number:**
- b. **Duration:** Term effective immediately and expiring July 20, 2017
- c. **Location:**
- d. **Affected Council District:**
- e. **Benefits:**
- f. **Costs:**

7. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance? *(Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?)* **Please explain.**

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To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

SIRE Tracking Number: _____

Date Entered: _____

New York University
BFA Theatre, Tisch School

University of Colorado
MA Bilingual/Special Ed.

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Lauren Dennis

Library

Denver Public Library Denver, CO

July 2014-present

- Library Program Associate in the Early Literacy Department. Providing storytimes in English and Spanish to hard-to-serve schools in Denver with the Read Aloud Program. The Read Aloud Program is primarily volunteer based and represented in over 200 classrooms per week in the Denver Metro area. Conducting site visits to give volunteers feedback about their storytimes. Writing a monthly teacher newsletter which ties the Read Aloud collection to lesson ideas and curriculum connections. Presenting to parents and leading teacher training about the early literacy practices and library services. Working with the Metro Migrant Education Program (MMEP) to train home visitors and provide materials and lesson plans. Member of The Denver Public Library's Services to New Immigrants Initiative Team, which seeks to ensure equal opportunities for immigrants with regard to library services.

Teaching

Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy Denver, CO

August 2009-August 2014

- Head of the Drama Department. Drama teacher serving students kindergarten through 12th grade. Responsible for creating and implementing differentiated curriculum according to state standards, using strategies for second language learners. Using Drama as a vehicle for cross-content connections. Directing at least 2 major plays per year. Brought the largest number of students to perform in DPS Shakespeare Festival. *Art Department Chair 2010-11, Alliance Project Elementary Coordinator 2009-2011, Teacher Leadership Academy (TLA) 2010.*

Munroe Elementary School Denver, CO

August 2005-2009

- Bilingual Early Childhood Educator (ECE); implementing native language and ESL strategies in bilingual center-based classroom. Led early literacy and math parent workshops: emphasizing the importance of early academic involvement at home, providing parents with tools to help early learners develop life-long study habits. Served on district committee to select ECE curriculum. *CSC committee 2006-7.*

Castro Elementary School Denver, CO

August 2008-present

- Drama teacher implementing standards-based arts program. Planned arts curriculum based on risk-taking, character building, and oral language development. Directed students in literacy-based performances, utilizing theatre as a vehicle for second-language learning.

Project Harmony Garden New York, NY

September 2000-May 2001

- Piloted and taught arts and recreation workshops to at-risk youth in Harlem. Wrote and received grant to hire teachers for The Garden Project, an environmental conservation program.

America Reads New York, NY

September 1999-May 2001

Nation-wide literacy building program. Prepared children for standardized tests, met with bilingual children in small reading groups, corrected homework, assisted primary teacher with evaluation and lesson plans

International Volunteer

El Centro Cultural Luis Cardozo y Aragón, Guatemala : Taught art classes to orphans and other children with special needs. Prepared and taught lessons, supervised, and organized projects.*All curriculum taught in Spanish.

Nuevos Horizontes, Guatemala : Planned and initiated educational programming for a group of 10-30 abused and emotionally disturbed children living in a women's shelter. *All curriculum taught in Spanish.

Presentation and Consultation

RMECC (Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference): Scheduled to present "Kids and Screens: Early Literacy and Technology", Winter 2016

CAEYC (Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children): Presented "Every Child Ready to Read, Talk" in Spanish, Fall 2015

DECC (Denver Early Childhood Council): Presented "Write" in Spanish, Spring 2015

Superintendent Parent Forum (Denver Public Schools): One of two teachers invited to lead district-wide arts collaboration with parents and Tom Boasberg. Co-designed music and physical acting tableaux workshop, Spring 2013.

Grants Awards

**Colorado Thespian Middle School Educator of the Year Award: Peer-nominated, board reviewed. Awarded to one teacher per year for excellence in teaching.*

**DCPA Teaching Artist grant: 10 workshops provided with guest teacher, recipient of 500 theatre tickets at no charge to the school*

**AmeriCorps Segal Education Award: Created partnership between local library and school in order to promote early literacy, received \$2,500 education award*

** Teacher Endorsement and Evaluation Project(TEEP): received grant Master's at University of Colorado (Boulder) through the Bueno Center*

** John Corcoran Foundation: Member and instructor of Phonographix™, nationally recognized phonics program.*

**The Alliance Project: Partnering with SCFD organizations and teachers to create curriculum applications and learning opportunities for students. Organized fieldtrips, performances, guest artists, and workshops at no cost to the school. The grant covers cost of admissions, on-campus activities, library materials, substitute teachers, and the majority of bus costs for approximately 25-30 events at a value of approximately \$10, 500 in goods and services.*

References

**New York University: Dean's List, Merit-Based scholarship*

References Upon Request.