

From: [Lauren Wood](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charter Amendment for November ballot
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:08:29 AM

Dear City Council,

I am writing to urge you to please vote 'Yes' to include the following charter amendment on the November ballot that would require approval of 14 mayoral appointees. I think this is an incredibly important issue that cannot be ignored, and this would allow our city residents to have a greater say in how these important leaders are appointed.

Thank you for your consideration!

Lauren Wood

From: [Anne Sprinkel](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charter amendment for mayoral appointee approval
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:58:52 AM

Hello,

I'm writing in regards to the potential for a charter amendment on the November ballot that would require Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees, including the Manager of Safety, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Sheriff.

I urge the Council to vote YES on this measure, enhancing transparency and thus public trust in our government's functioning and ability to serve all of Denver's residents. This critical moment requires you to act to advance the rights of all our citizens, ensuring their safety and well-being, of which each of these 14 positions has direct impact.

Thank you,
Anne Sprinkel
Resident of Platt Park

From: [Julie Burke](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charter amendment
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:36:09 AM

Hello,

I am reaching out to the City Council to vote yes on the charter amendment on the November ballot that would require Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees, including the Manager of Safety, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Sheriff.

Please take this opportunity to stand up for the oppressed members of our society.

Thank you,

Mrs. Julie Burke

From: [Charlie Oster](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Input regarding the charter amendment for mayoral appointees
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:01:58 PM

Hello Councilmembers,

I'm writing this email to express my support for the charter amendment vote upcoming, regarding a shift from Mayoral appointed to city council appointed department heads. Please vote YES!!!

Thanks

Charlie Oster, 39 W Maple Ave

From: [Sam DiBaggio](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral Appointees Charter Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:27:53 PM

Hi,

I want to give my support for the charter amendment on the November ballot that would require Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees. I think it's important to have this additional oversight in Denver. Please vote YES on this measure.

Sam DiBaggio
217 E Ellsworth Ave
Denver, CO 80209

From: [Bella Solano](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote YES on voter approved charter change
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 2:17:56 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Colorado and I urge you to support the recent proposal of councilwomen Amanda Sawyer and Candi CdeBaca, to give Denver voters the power to vote and approve on the charter change this November.

Relying on solely the Mayors judgment for 14 vital city government positions is irresponsible, and in the words of Amanda Sawyer, “now more than ever, we owe it to our constituents to give them a more representative government that responds to the people.”

I have a lot of faith in the Denver City council to pursue policies that reflect what the citizens of Denver need, and I believe voting yes on this proposal at the end of this month does just that. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Bella Solano

From: [Julianne DeGuardi](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes for the Charter Amendment!
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:38:40 AM

Denver City Council,

My name is Julianne DeGuardi and I am a current resident of the Congress Park Neighborhood in Denver.

Please vote in favor of putting the charter amendment on the November ballot! We need more voices involved when appointing our local leaders in order to end systemic racism and injustice!

Please vote YES for the charter amendment!

Thank you so much for your support in the fight to end injustice!

Best,
Julianne

From: [Piper](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] YES on Charter Amendment
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020 10:00:00 AM

Dear City Council - I am writing to urge Denver City Council to put the charter amendment on the November ballot that would require City Council to review and approve 14 mayoral appointees including the Manager of Safety, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Sheriff.

I am an active voting constituent from Union Station and would like to see this on the ballot to depoliticized public service departments and create more transparency in our local government.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Piper Martin

1650 Wewatta St.
Denver, CO 80202

From: [Whitney Whitrock](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] charter amendment on the November ballot
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:25:48 AM

Hello,

As a resident of Colorado, I'm asking you to please vote YES on the charter amendment to the upcoming November ballot that require Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees.

This is another critical step to help justice reform desperately needed in Colorado and across the nation.

Regards,
Whitney

Whitney Whitrock, PMP, CSM
Technical Project Manager / Travel Blogger
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From: [Sawyer, Amanda - CC Member District 5 Denver City Council](#)
To: [dence - City Council](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Allowing Denver to Vote on Proposed Charter Change
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:26:53 AM

Best Wishes,

Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer
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From: Katherine Head <kathyhead1@comcast.net>
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 at 11:16 AM
To: "Sawyer, Amanda - CC Member District 5 Denver City Council"
<Amanda.Sawyer@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allowing Denver to Vote on Proposed Charter Change

Dear Councilwoman Sawyer:

I am not able to be present to speak at tonight's Council meeting, but would like to indicate my support for placing on November's ballot the proposed charter change that would require Council approval for 14 Mayoral appointments, including the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Sheriff Manager of Safety, and the city attorney. I believe that strengthening city council on these issues will serve to make all our city representatives and elected officials more accountable to constituents and will help to serve the best interests of all.

Thank you,

Kathy Head, Co-Chair, Lowry United Neighborhoods (LUN)
510 Syracuse St., Denver, C) 80230

From: [Katherine Head](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allowing Denver to vote on proposed charter change
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:13:58 AM

Council President Clark and Council Members,

I am not able to be present to speak at tonight's Council meeting, but would like to indicate my support for placing on November's ballot the proposed charter change that would require Council approval for 14 Mayoral appointments, including the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Sheriff Manager of Safety, and the city attorney. I believe that strengthening city council on these issues will serve to make all our city representatives and elected officials more accountable to constituents and will help to serve the best interests of all.

Thank you,

Kathy Head, Co-Chair, Lowry United Neighborhoods (LUN)
510 Syracuse St., Denver, C) 80230

From: [Christine O'Connor](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Allowing Denver to vote on proposed Charter Change
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:46:33 AM

Council President Clark and Council Members,

I am not able to be present to speak at tonight's Council meeting, but would like to indicate my support for placing on November's ballot the proposed charter change that would require Council approval for certain Mayoral appointments.

Thank you,

Christine O'Connor
144 S. Ulster St.
Denver CO 80230

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From: [Annie K Farrell](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ballot measure
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:05:16 AM

We need to let the people vote on the amendment being considered! I think I support having the City Council approve certain mayoral appointments. Putting it on the ballot would bring the needed discussion of pros and cons. Please vote yes to put the amendment on the ballot.

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Anne K. Farrell
Chair, House District 6
Cell 303 842-2765 Home 303 340-1173

From: [Paul Vranas](#)
To: [denc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 20-0536
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:39:11 AM

Dear City Council Members,

I would urge you to support the passage of bill 20-0536. When presented opportunities to take action to represent your constituents, the Council will often times express that they are unable to do so because of a strong mayoral system.

Now is the time for you to functionally change the system that has limited your ability to be the change that you want to be.

Please support this bill.

Thank You,
Paul Vranas
Denver, CO

From: [Brooke Perna](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charter Amendment - vote yes
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:36:03 AM

Hello, my name is Brooke Perna and I live in Denver, CO. I would like to ask for a YES vote during today's (June 22, 2020) council meeting to put a charter amendment on the November ballot that requires Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees. Requiring a majority vote for roles that, as of now, only require a mayoral appointment, will help ensure that people with relevant experience and track records of success are placed in positions of power. Requiring majority approval will also reduce instances of nepotism and/or appointment of individuals who are unfit or unqualified for the job.

Thank you,
Brooke

From: [Judy Mead](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Approval for some Mayoral appointments
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:13:31 AM

I am in favor of City Council approving certain Mayoral appointments. This makes sense to me in the creation of a better balance of power in our city government.

Thank you for the work you're doing. I also thank you for greater consideration before approving more Denver development of apartment and commercial buildings!

Sincerely,
Judy Mead

Judy Mead
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From: [Lainie Hodges](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral Appointees
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:03:10 PM

Dear Denver City Council Members,

I am writing today to urge you to make a change to Denver's charter with regard to mayoral appointments. I am concerned that the office of the mayor holds too much power to appoint candidates that aren't in the best interest of our city and that many of the appointees are given a position as a favor or due to a personal relationship to the mayor. All appointments should go through city council, which will promote diversity in selection and prevent cronyism. Please get this initiative on the ballot so voters can have a say in who serves the mayor and voters!

I live in Chris Hinds district.

Thank you,

Lainie Hodges

From: [Trena Moya](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral appointments
Date: Sunday, June 21, 2020 2:41:08 PM

Dear City Council,

I am a resident of the Cole neighborhood in Denver and I am writing to virtually participate in the public comment period of tomorrow's (June 22) City Council meeting.

I fully support and ask that you put on the November ballot the proposed charter amendment to require City Council approval of 14 Mayoral appointees, including Manager of Safety, City Attorney, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Sheriff. Our current and former mayors have shown that cronyism carries greater weight than qualifications, experience or alignment with public opinion and values. By allowing the oversight of City Council on these key appointees, we the people will have greater say in who manages our city.

We have put far too much power into the hands of our Mayor for too long. It is time to allow for a more democratic process, and this is just one step in that direction.

Thank you,
Trena Moya
3516 Gaylord St.
trena@d-flux.com

From: [Rachael Lehman](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mayoral control
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:49:35 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to make a change to Denver's charter with regard to mayoral appointments. All appointments should go through a larger body, like city council to promote diversity in selection and prevent cronyism. Please get this initiative on the ballot so voters can have a say in who serves the mayor and voters!

I live in Stacie Gilmore's district.

Best,

RACHAEL LEHMAN

Healthy Communities Chair, Community Advisory Group

Environmental Protection Agency I-70/Vasquez Blvd. Superfund

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From: [Julie Mackay Percy](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote in Favor of Charter Proposal for Council Approval of Mayoral Appointees
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:53:22 AM

Dear Denver City Council Members:

The residents of the City of Denver have a tremendous opportunity for their City Council representatives to weigh in on candidates for appointment by the Mayor. Particularly as our world becomes more complicated, it makes sense to increase the input into the selection of key administration officials.

Many of us would appreciate the opportunity to vote on the ballot for Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer's Charter Proposal for Council Approval of Mayoral Cabinet and Heads of Safety proposal.

Many of us respectfully request that all Denver City Council Members vote in favor of Councilwoman Sawyer's proposal.

Thank you very much for your consideration and votes in favor of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Mackay Percy
174 Locust Street
Denver, CO. 80220

From: [Genevieve Shapiro](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote to put the the Charter Amendment on the November Ballot
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:57:30 AM

Hello Denver City Council,

My name is Genevieve Shapiro and I am a resident of the Cheesman Park neighborhood. I am asking you to vote yes to allow Denver voters to decide on a charter amendment that would require Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees. Giving the City Council approval would increase accountability and transparency within our local government. Please give Denver voters the chance to decide if this charter amendment is the best step forward for our city.

Thank you,
Genevieve Shapiro
80206

From: [Jade Gallegos](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Policing in Denver - Vote YES on Charter Amendment for November Ballot
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:40:29 PM

City Council of Denver,

Hello -- I am a constituent of Colorado, a Denver native and a woman of color. I urge you to vote yes on a charter amendment for this November's ballot. In light of the protests/mass movement of Black Lives Matter and the epidemic that is police brutality/systemic racism, now more than ever we need to hold our leaders accountable and see ourselves reflected in these leaders. I believe a charter amendment would be one of the many new adjustments and actions that would help us achieve this goal.

Thank you,
Jade Gallegos

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Jade Gallegos (she/her/hers)
Freelance Graphic Designer
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From: [Woody Garnsey](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Charter Amendment requiring City Council consent to certain Mayoral appointments
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:37:55 AM

Honorable City Council Members –

I am writing to express my strong support of the proposal to place on the November 3 ballot the Charter Amendment requiring City Council consent to certain Mayoral appointments. We have a strong Mayor system of government that finally needs some checks, and I believe that this Charter Amendment will enable City Council to have meaningful involvement in this critical governmental process of Mayoral appointments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Woody Garnsey
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From: [Rudy Garcia](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Cc: [Sandoval, Amanda P. - CC Member District 1 Denver City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed City Charter change to Council approval of 14 Mayoral appointees
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:58:36 AM

6/22/2020

Dear Denver City Council Members,

Since its founding in 1858, Denver is no longer the small urban core serving mining, surrounded by rural farms, that depended on a "strong mayor" and "weak city council." The mayor's office can even veto ordinances or resolutions approved by the council and appoint anyone it wishes to the city departments. City Council can override the Mayor's veto only with nine out of thirteen votes but the city budget can be approved by a simple majority.

The Mayor's office, no matter who is mayor, needs help. Desperately.

Accountability could be better achieved by competent department heads chosen by council people who are directly responsible to specific constituencies than a mayor attempting to represent an entire city. The city is made up of various neighborhoods, people and business interests.

Attempting to operate this city with department heads who have been selected by one mayor has proven to be lacking in resolving our problems of homelessness, the homeless, the minority and poor renters and homeowners forced out of the city, police and sheriff department fiascos that have resulted in millions of dollars in settlements and meager confidence in those departments. No "strong mayor" can be a divine king, a genius leader or most gifted magician able to handle what Denver has become. The mayor's office needs your help.

In my 50+ years here as a homeowner, taxpayer, registered voter and elementary teacher, I've hoped Denver would become an example of democracy for other cities in Colorado and the U.S. to emulate.

Councilwoman Sandoval's proposed change to the City Charter would definitely be a significant improvement to the accountability and transparency that the 2020s are moving the entire country into. I believe each council member and their neighborhoods would benefit greatly, rather than continuing the business-as-usual power structure that created the problems we are now mired in. Please vote for yourselves, your constituents, the City, and our future.

I regret not being able to speak directly to Council, but our family is among the more-vulnerable in these times.

Thank you,
Rudy Garcia
4536 Quivas
303-455-0701

From: [Lulubird Project](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Re Bill 20-0536
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:47:45 AM

Hello:

I support the passage of Council Bill 20-0536. Mayoral power should never be absolute. Otherwise, positions like that of an Independent Monitor are not, in fact, independent, and there is no oversight of the mayor's office or of the police department. Residents of Denver deserve to have their voices represented on such matters via their chosen City Council members. City Council should have political decision making power equivalent to that of the Mayor's office.

Sincerely,

Lisa Erickson
Denver Resident
80212

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jessie Read](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote YES on Adding Amendment for Council Approval of Mayoral Candidates
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:54:57 AM

Hello City Council,

I am writing in support of the request that a charter amendment be added to the November ballot requiring Council approval of the 14 mayoral appointees. As a local mental health professional and Denver resident, I ask that City Council vote YES for this amendment to be put on the ballot. It is essential that the appointment of these positions have more oversight.

Thank you,
Jessie Read
Denver, CO 80207

From: [Jessica Ahern](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote YES to the charter amendment
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:11:26 PM

Good afternoon,

It has been brought to my attention that Denver City Council will be voting Yes or No to determine if a charter amendment should be added to the November 2020 ballot. This vote will allow the people of Denver to decide if we feel it is best to have Denver City Council vote on 14 mayoral appointees, including the Manager of Safety, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Sheriff vs. the individual mayor.

I am asking you all to vote YES to this charter amendment so that the people of Denver can have a voice on this issue. I know as a Denver resident, I am concerned that only the Mayor himself gets to choose who holds these 14 positions of power for our city. If we open these positions to be voted on by Denver City Council, it gives more room for representation and adds a layer of checks and balances to the current system. The people of Denver deserve this, and at the very least, deserve the right to vote on this.

Please vote YES to adding this charter amendment.

Thank you for your time,

Jessica Ahern, 27
Denver, CO

From: [Taylor Stack](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote Yes on the 6/22 Charter Amendment
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:50:41 AM

Hello,

My name is Taylor Stack and I am reaching out ahead of the city council meeting today to urge you to vote yes to put a charter amendment on the November ballot that would require Council approval of 14 mayoral appointees, including the Manager of Safety, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Sheriff.

I believe there should be more transparency into the selection process of those running important offices and services in our city and as a resident in Denver, I believe I should have a say in these decisions via my elected council member.

Best,
Taylor

From: [Mary O'Connor](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written comments for public hearing
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 2:46:58 PM

Hello,

I would like the Denver City Council to change the city charter such that city council members have a vote in the appointment of key department heads, such as police chief and sheriff.

Thank you,
Max O'Connor

From: [Bridget Walsh](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] put it on the ballot
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:21:40 PM

Please give voters the opportunity to decide if they want city council to have the right to approve Mayoral appointments in Denver.

Too many of Hancocks appointments , for example, have been to people with little or no experience and no formal training in the field that they would be overseeing. Happy Haynes comes to mind. She has been a disaster for parks and for residents. Zero experience , zero training to run the parks dept.

Thank you.

Best,
Bridget Walsh
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