



August 22, 2017

Councilmember Lopez
Ms. Debra Bartleson
Legislative Services
Denver City Council
1437 Bannock Street
Room 451
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Councilmember Lopez,

I respectfully submit my application for consideration to serve as a community representative on the Denver Head Start Policy Council. I am very interested in serving on the Policy Council because I have long supported the Head Start mission and the important need it fills in our community. Additionally, I support the system of shared governance through which parents and community can have an active voice in policy making and program decisions. Previously, I served on the Adams County Head Start Policy Council for a few years while employed with the Commerce City school district and fully understand the work of the Head Start governance council. I can give the time required to serve on the Policy Council and can greatly add to decisions affecting the operation and management of the program.

My professional experience in early childhood education and non-profit management are qualifications that make me a prime candidate to advocate for the work of Denver Head Start. I am skilled in working effectively with families from diverse backgrounds, have served on agency boards and worked with community coalitions. A positive attitude, excellent interpersonal skills, cultural sensitivity and a sense of humor in working with customers, coworkers, volunteers and the community give me the edge when it comes to working with a diverse group of people.

Personally, I have a passion for serving young children and making sure that they are given a solid foundation for life. Meeting the developmental needs of children from birth through kindergarten and empowering their parents, caregivers, and educators to support early learning at home and in early childhood environments is an ongoing task. This school year, my work in the Early Learning Department of the Denver Public Library includes reading at Denver Head Start classrooms and local preschools as part of our DPL Read Aloud outreach.

It would be wonderful to serve on the Denver Head Start Policy Council. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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