

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB26-____

3 SERIES OF 2026

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

4 Health & Safety

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an ordinance revising Article VIII, Division 2, of Chapter 2 of the Revised**
7 **Municipal Code.**

8 **WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Division 2 of Chapter 2 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code
9 (“DRMC”) establishes the Office of Children’s Affairs and its purposes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Section 2-145 of Chapter 2 of the DRMC further establishes the Mayor’s Youth
11 Commission as an advisory committee to the Office of Children’s Affairs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Children’s Affairs, through consultation with the Mayor, City Council,
13 and community members, has determined that a bill to modify commission member requirements
14 and eligibility for the Mayor’s Youth Commission will better serve the Commission and the youth
15 population served by it; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this bill request is an administrative action to revise Article VIII, Division 2 of
17 Chapter 2, to implement the changes herein.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
19 **DENVER:**

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21 **Section 1.** That Section 2-145 of Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Revised Municipal Code is
22 hereby revised to read as follows:

23 A. *Mayor's youth commission.* An advisory commission to be known as the mayor's youth
24 commission is hereby created.

25 1. *Purpose of the mayor's youth commission.* The purpose of the mayor's youth
26 commission shall be to:

- 27 a. Provide a youth leadership opportunity to Denver's youth;
- 28 b. Advise the ~~director~~ mayor, the director of the office of children's affairs,
29 and other officials of the city and county of denver on special ~~problems~~ matters pertaining to youth

~~(ages 12—18) living and attending school in the city and county of Denver excluding, however, matters pertaining to the Denver head start program, early childhood education and elementary school children (ages 0—11 years old) and child care for city employees and the residents of Denver;~~

c. Recommend necessary procedures, programs, legislation, or administrative action to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunity for the youth of the city; and

d. Identify yearly goals and develop actions plans around the goals that positively impact Denver youth and provide assistance as requested by the director.

2. *Membership.* The mayor's youth commission shall consist of ~~twenty-eight (28)~~ thirty (30) members. All members of the mayor's youth commission shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The membership of the mayor's youth commission shall reflect the ethnic, racial, and geographic constitution of the population of the city. The adjustments to members appointed under sections 2-142.A.2.a. and b. below will be made through attrition. The mayor's youth commission shall include:

a. ~~Twenty (20)~~ Thirty (30) members between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) at the time of appointment who reside in Denver or attend school in the city and county of Denver at the time of appointment. Commissioners appointed under this criteria shall be "youth commissioners";

~~b. Four (4) members who, at the time of appointment, are employees of city agencies which serve or support youth; and~~

~~c. Four (4) members who, at the time of appointment, represent community agencies which serve or support youth.~~

b. Each council district shall have at least two (2) youth commissioners who are either residents of the council district or attend school with the council district at the time of appointment.

c. Four (4) members who, at the time of appointment, are employees of city agencies which serve or support youth; and

d. Four (4) members who, at the time of appointment, represent community agencies which serve or support youth.

1 3. ~~No compensation~~ Compensation. The members of the mayor's youth
2 commission shall serve without compensation, except that members may be reimbursed for
3 reasonable expenses incurred in performance of their duties pursuant to the rules and regulations
4 of the city for such reimbursement and as approved by the director of the office of children's affairs.
5 Adult commissioners shall serve without compensation except that members may be reimbursed for
6 reasonable expenses incurred in performance of their duties pursuant to the rules and regulations
7 of the city for such reimbursement and as approved by the director of the office of children's affairs.
8 Youth commissioners may be compensated, subject to appropriation and approval, in a
9 manner determined by the director of the office of children's affairs. Notwithstanding
10 any compensation, youth commissioners may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in
11 performance of their duties pursuant to the rules and regulations of the city for such reimbursement
12 and as approved by the director of the office of children's affairs.

13 4. *Terms.* The terms of the members of the mayor's youth commission shall be
14 ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years; the terms shall be staggered so that one-third of the members shall be
15 appointed each year; provided that, in the event that the number of members of the mayor's youth
16 commission is increased by ordinance, all of such newly authorized members shall be appointed
17 within ninety (90) days following passage of such ordinance. Commissioners may be reappointed to
18 one (1) additional term so long as they meet the eligibility requirements under this section 2-145,
19 DRMC. In the event of a vacancy through resignation, removal, or other circumstances a new
20 appointment may be made in the same manner as the original appointment and the newly appointed
21 commissioner shall be eligible to serve a full term. ~~In the event of the death or resignation of any~~
22 ~~member, his or her successor shall be appointed in the manner provided for original appointment,~~
23 ~~to serve for the unexpired portion of the term for which such member has been appointed. The~~
24 ~~mayor's youth commission members shall elect two individuals to serve as co-chairpersons of the~~
25 ~~youth commission each of whom shall serve for a period of one (1) year. No youth commission~~
26 ~~member elected co-chairperson shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as co-chairperson.~~

27 CB. *Meetings.*

28 1. The mayor's youth commission shall each establish a schedule of regular
29 meetings, which shall occur, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.

1 2. Additional meetings shall be called as needed ~~by the chairperson of the mayor's~~
2 ~~youth commission.~~

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6 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____

7 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____

8 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

9 _____ - PRESIDENT

10 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

11 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
12 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
13 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

14 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____; _____

15 PREPARED BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____

16 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
17 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
18 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
19 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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21 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

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23 BY: Jason D. Moore, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____