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Charter Change Proposal:

**City Council Approval of Mayoral
Cabinet & Heads of Safety Appointees**



What Positions Make Up the Mayoral Cabinet and Heads of Safety?

- Aviation
- City Attorney
- Community Planning & Development
- Dept. of Public Health & Environment
- Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure
- Excise & License
- Finance
- General Services
- Human Services
- Parks & Recreation
- Safety
- Chief of Police
- Chief of Fire
- Sheriff



Do Other Strong Mayor Cities Do This?

City	Council Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments - Yes	Council Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments -No
Denver, CO		x
Colorado Springs, CO	x	
Pueblo, CO	x	
Boston, MA		x
Tulsa, OK	x	
Baltimore, MD	x	
Philadelphia, PA		x
Seattle, WA	x	
Houston, TX	x	
Los Angeles, CA	x	
New York, NY		x
Chicago, IL	x	
San Diego, CA		x
Columbus, OH	x	
Nashville, TN	x	
Detroit, MI		x
Jacksonville, FL		x
Indianapolis, IN	x	
Louisville, KY		x
Albuquerque, NM	x	



What Could the Process Look Like?

- Mayor chooses the candidate s/he would like to put forward
- Appointment would require majority Council approval
- Standard resolution with 30-day shot clock
- Appointment would go through on consent unless called out by a Council member
- If called out, Council questions would be asked during a meeting of the supervising committee for that agency
- After committee, vote of full Council would occur at regularly scheduled Council meeting



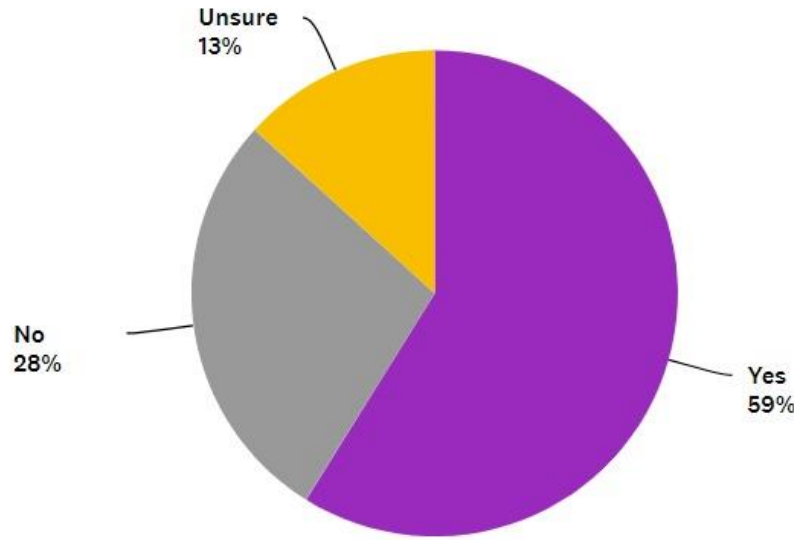
Other Considerations

- Mayor retains sole dismissal authority to respect the strong-mayor system. Council does not have the power to engage in administrative affairs.
- Resolution calls for positions to be filled in a “timely manner”
- If passed by a vote of the people, law becomes effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State
- Stakeholder process should be convened to determine the Council appointment approval policies and procedures



Denver Voter Feedback Survey Results

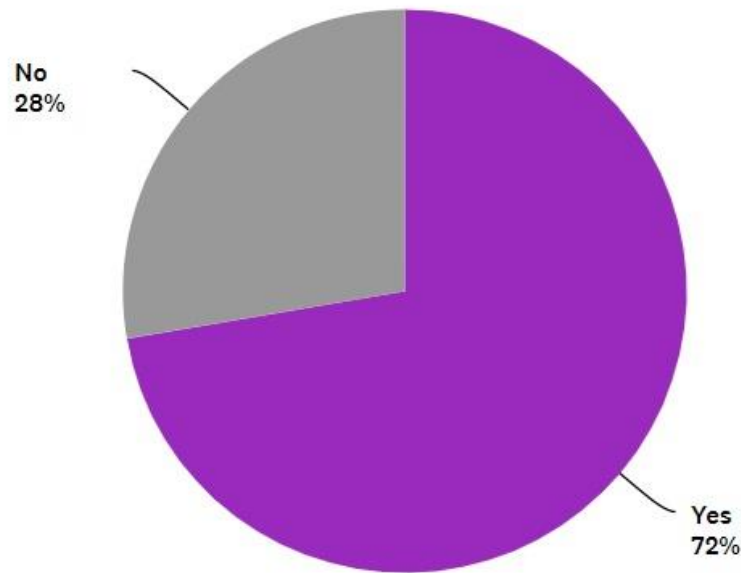
Would you support a Charter change to give City Council approval of Mayoral Cabinet Appointees and Denver's three Heads of Safety?





Denver Voter Feedback Survey Results

Should City Council refer this issue to the November 2020 ballot so that voters can vote on it?





Other Stakeholder Outreach

- Mayor's Office
- Denver City Councilmembers
- Denver Mayoral Cabinet Members
- Denver Heads of Safety Departments
- Denver Police Protective Association
- Denver Firefighters IAFF Local 858
- Denver Sheriff FOP Lodge #27
- Denver Inter Neighborhood Cooperation Board
- City of Baltimore City Council President and Mayoral Candidate Brandon Scott (background research)



Questions

