

## MEMORANDUM – DENVER AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION

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| TO:      | Denver City Council                               |
| FROM:    | Office of Boards & Commissions                    |
| DATE:    | 6/2/25                                            |
| PURPOSE: | Appointment for Denver American Indian Commission |

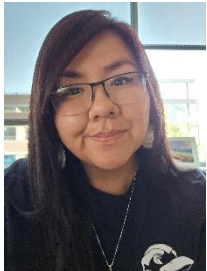
**Function:**

The Denver American Indian (DAIC) is tasked with advising the Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships Executive Director and the Mayor on issues and concerns that impact and are of importance to the American Indian community.

**Appointment Process:**

The Mayor appoints up to 21 members and City Council confirms appointment for 3 year terms, with a 3 term limit.

**Term:** 7/1/2025-6/30/2028 or until a successor is duly appointed.

**Deserea Richards (Winyan/She/Her) (Female, Native American)**

Deserea serves as the Associate Director of Native/Indigenous Student Engagement and Success at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she supports and empowers Native students through culturally informed and equity-driven practices. With a background in mentoring young Native professionals and deep experience in culturally responsive work and conflict resolution, Deserea offers critical perspectives and skills that align with the mission and values of DAIC.

Deserea has consistently shown commitment to the Commission—attending numerous meetings, contributing to discussions, and serving as a connector within the community. Her strong voice, strategic thinking, and proven ability to navigate complex conversations make her a vital asset to our work.