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TO: Denver City Council

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FROM: Dr. Vern L. Howard, Chairman
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission
(DRMLKJRCHC)

Barbara Shannon-
Banister
Community

DATE: Monday, September 29, 2025

RE: Al Gardner's Appointment as Manager of Safety
City Council Members',

Ray Brown
Dr. MLKJR Pueblo,
CO

It is with tremendous honor that I have the privilege of representing DRMLKJRCHC as we stand united in our support and recommendation of Al Gardner for the position of Manager of Safety for the City & County of Denver.

Roz Duman
CoCGAA

With reverence, we write this endorsement of Mr. Gardner. It is a breath of fresh air to have a sync with both the community and Safety.

Franklin Jefferson
Dr. MLKJR Loveland,
CO

Mr. Gardner has witnessed injustices in the arenas of Safety and community. Having Mr. Gardner with a sharp eye, an ear, and a voice who can listen to the concerns of Denver's citizens while also having the ear of the Police, Sheriffs, and Fire departments is paramount.

Dr. Odie Kennedy
GMDMA

Mr. Gardner is a fierce advocate for the law, believing in justice for all, equally applied, as outlined in the Constitution of the United States, the State of Colorado, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City and County of Denver. His values align closely with those of those who believe justice is for everyone, and DRMLKJRCHC, making him a natural choice for this role.

Barbara Lambert
Dr. MLKJR Loveland,
CO

Stephen Straight
Community

Therefore, without trepidation or hesitation, Al Gardner has the unwavering and enthusiastic support of the DRMLKJRCHC to fill the Denver County Manager of Safety vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Vern L. Howard
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