

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Ballot Measure Proposal Submission Form

Thank you for ensuring that Denver’s ballot referral process adheres to good governance principles. Please submit this form to legislative staff at least one week before the proposal will be presented at Finance and Governance Committee.

Responses to each question are limited to 250 words. Please contact Zach Rothmier with any questions.

Your Name: Paul Kashmann - Denver City Council, District 6

Date:

1. Is the ballot measure proposal an amendment to the Charter or the Code?

Charter Amendment

Code Amendment

2. Topic or title of ballot measure proposal.

Shall the City and County of Denver, without increasing taxes by this measure, reestablish the city’s right to provide all services restricted since 2005 by the Colorado General Assembly with their passage of Senate Bill 05-152, including the authority but not obligation to provide high-speed internet, improved high-bandwidth services based on new technologies, telecommunications services, and/or cable television services to residents, businesses, schools, libraries, non-profit entities and other users of such services either directly or indirectly with public or private sector partners, as expressly permitted by Article 27, Title 29 of the Colorado Revised Statutes?

3. What problem are you trying to solve?

Fill existing gaps in broadband for residents and businesses.

4. How will the proposed amendment address this problem?
Freeing ourselves from the restrictions of SB-152 enables an unbridled discussion of all options to increasing connectivity.

5. Explain the origins and background of your proposal.
To date over 100 Colorado municipalities and dozens of counties have successfully sought exemption from SB-152 to allow themselves unfettered opportunity to consider all options to increase broadband connectivity

6. Describe the stakeholders (internal and external) and the stakeholder process.
I have spoken with my Council colleagues, the Mayor, Comcast, Denver Public Library and a variety of private individuals interested in bridging the digital divide.

7. What city agencies will be impacted? Provide the agency feedback.
None. Being freed from the restrictions of SB-152 makes no demands on city funds or city agencies whatsoever.

8. What is the fiscal impact to the city?
There is no fiscal impact at all.

9. Provide any appropriate legal analysis. Are there any possible legal problems? Are there any relevant state laws?
Legislative Counsel, Jon Griffin, has offered no legal problems with moving forward with this measure.

10. Will the proposal have an effect on neighboring cities or the state?
No

11. Provide examples from other cities if possible.

Aurora, Fort Collins, Centennial, Greenwood Village and many dozens of other municipalities have successfully won exemption from SB-152. Some have done nothing, some have studied their options, some have established partnerships with existing broadband providers, some have built their own networks.

12. Who opposes the proposal and why?

No stated opposition thus far.

13. Term/duration (Will this item need a sunset clause? If so, why?)

No