

**BY AUTHORITY**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES OF 2019

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB 19-1000  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Finance & Governance Committee

**A BILL**

For an ordinance amending the Denver Revised Municipal Code to change one of the appointing authorities to the Caring for Denver nonprofit cooperation's board from the president of the Denver City Council to the Council as a whole.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 24-701, D.R.M.C. is amended by deleting the language stricken, to read as follows:

**Sec. 24-701. - Expenditures for Caring for Denver tax.**

(b) (2) The non-profit corporation's board of directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) members appointed in the following fashion:

The mayor of Denver shall appoint the following members:

1. The executive director of Denver's Department of Public Health and Environment or his or her designee;
2. The executive director of Denver's Department of Human Services or his or her designee;
3. The Denver City Attorney or his or her designee;
4. The chief executive officer of the community mental health center in Denver, as designated by the Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Behavioral Health, or his or her designee;
5. The chief executive officer of the Denver Health and Hospital Authority or his or her designee;
6. The Denver District Attorney or his or her designee. The Denver District Attorney shall appoint the following members:
  7. A representative of the juvenile justice system;
  8. A person who has experienced a mental health need, or substance use disorder who has been involved in the criminal justice system or a person who has advocated for those with mental health needs or substance use disorders in the criminal justice system.

The ~~president of the~~ Denver City Council shall appoint the following members:

- 1           9.    A person who has experienced, or is in recovery from, a mental health or substance use
- 2 disorder.
- 3           10.   A mental health or substance use treatment provider;
- 4           11.   A person with expertise in child and youth mental health services;
- 5           12.   A representative of commercial business interests in the City & County of Denver with an
- 6 interest in mental health or substance use disorders;
- 7           13.   A person with experience addressing the mental and/or substance use needs of
- 8 underserved populations.

9   The initial appointments made by the mayor shall have a first term of one (1) year, the appointments  
10 of the Denver District Attorney shall have a first term of two (2) years. The appointments of the  
11 ~~president~~ of the Denver City Council shall have staggered terms, two (2) with a first term of one (1)  
12 year, two (2) with a first term of two (2) years and one (1) with a first term of three (3) years. All  
13 subsequent terms shall be three (3) years. Members of the board may serve no more than three (3)  
14 terms in total. If an appointment remains vacant for more than sixty (60) days, the remainder of the  
15 board, by a majority vote, shall fill the vacancy with a person that will closely represent the interests of  
16 the vacant member's seat; provided, however, that before the non-profit corporation has been formed  
17 and, if necessary, before its status as a tax exempt entity has been approved by the Internal Revenue  
18 Service ("IRS"), it shall be sufficient that a majority of the board members has been appointed and that  
19 majority acts to achieve the aforementioned formation and IRS approval. Nothing in this section shall  
20 prevent the board from removing a member as authorized by its bylaws. City officials designated  
21 above serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

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COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: September 24, 2019 by Consent

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: October 1, 2019

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 14, 2019

[Signature] - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

PREPARED BY: Troy Bratton, Deputy Legislative Counsel      DATE: October 1, 2019

Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

Kristin M. Bronson, Denver City Attorney

BY: [Signature], Assistant City Attorney      DATE: Oct 1, 2019