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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?

SIGNIFICANT AUTHORITY

- Baltimore
- Tulsa
- Colorado Springs
- Denver (post-change)

LIMITED AUTHORITY

- Boston
- Philadelphia
- San Francisco
- Denver (current, Council approves some board & commissions positions)



What Would 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
- Resolution calls for positions to be filled in a “timely manner”
- This proposal will go through the FINGOV Committee and to the voters in November 2020
- If passed, effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State (late 2020)



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

