

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 18-1091
Celebrating and Thanking Shelley Smith for 21 ½ Years of Outstanding Service
to the City and County of Denver Upon her Retirement**

WHEREAS, Shelley has announced her retirement from City and County of Denver after 21 ½ years of loyal and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Shelley grew up in Iowa and started her long career in public service by serving on the Commission for the Status of Women and working as the assistant director on the Coalition for Family and Children, advocating for the inclusion of women in decision-making, policies and programs that equalize women and families' opportunities to be successful; and

WHEREAS, Shelley relocated to Denver and received her graduate degree in public administration at the University of Colorado Denver in 1990 and she secured a position at the National Conference of State Legislators where she was instrumental in promoting policy innovation and communication among state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Shelley joined Denver City Council as an analyst in 1997, developing and researching policy issues, making recommendations, and providing support to councilmembers and staff and playing a critical role in training new councilmembers and always bringing new, relevant ideas to the table; and

WHEREAS, Shelley is a strong voice for the public, fighting to make government more accessible and transparent, ensuring each action and decision made by the Council had the public in mind; and

WHEREAS, Shelley facilitated committee meetings with a special style that explained things well in a humorous and entertaining way, serving as the analyst for the Sidewalk Working Group that informed policymakers and guided the policy discussion within the working group. Shelley also staffed the Medical Marijuana Committee and Special Issues Committee on Marijuana, supporting policymakers and regulators in this brand new public policy arena and helping to set precedent for other communities across the country as they embark this new issue; and

WHEREAS, Shelley is an enthusiastic mobility advocate, serving on Mayor Hancock's Bicycle Advisory Committee, and due to her advocacy has influenced measures to make the City and County of Denver more bike-friendly and safer for bicyclists, including increasing the amount of bike parking for City employees at the City and County Building; and

WHEREAS, Shelley is an avid animal supporter, sheltering and caring for needy and vulnerable dogs in her home in preparation for adoption; and

WHEREAS, as one of the longest-serving central staff members, Shelley has worked on every issue before the Council and supported almost every committee. Her knowledge, ideas, creativity, expertise, and humor will be missed by city employees, outside agencies, and the general public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1. The Council hereby recognizes and thanks Shelley Smith for 21 ½ years of service to the City, and wishes her a wonderful retirement.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be delivered to Shelley Smith.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 1, 2018

PRESIDENT