

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 0107

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB16-

4 SERIES OF 2016

COMMITTEE OF

5 REFERENCE:

6 Safety & Well-being
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8 **A BILL**
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10 **For an ordinance amending Sections 28-17, 28-20, and 28-21 of the Revised**
11 **Municipal Code concerning the Agency for Human Rights and Community**
12 **Partnerships and, in connection therewith, modifying the terms referring to**
13 **certain community groups and eliminating gender-specific language.**

14 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the agency for human rights and community partnerships (the
15 “Agency”) is to proactively protect human rights, build community capacities, and promote stronger
16 community relationships through collaboration, communication, and advocacy;

17 **WHEREAS**, among other things the Agency addresses issues of social, economic, and
18 political equality for community groups including without limitation the gay, lesbian, bisexual and
19 transgender (GLBT) and the Asian Pacific American communities in the City;

20 **WHEREAS**, the Agency, upon consultation with the GLBT Commission and the Asian
21 Pacific American Commission, has determined it is necessary to amend sections 28-17, 28-20,
22 and 28-21 of the Revised Municipal Code to reflect more inclusive terminology concerning the
23 GLBT and Asian Pacific American communities;

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

25 **Section 1.** That Section 28-17 of the D.R.M.C., is hereby amended by deleting the
26 language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

27 **Sec. 28-17. - Powers and duties.**

28 The powers and duties of the agency are:

- 29 (1) To develop and conduct programs to be used by community groups, Denver
30 employers, and local agencies specifically to address issues and opportunities of
31 nonprofits, older adults, racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, women, gay, people
32 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer ~~persons~~, and people with
33 disabilities.
- 34 (2) Upon request of a city agency or the mayor, to conduct programs for city employees
35 that will improve their understanding of the issues and opportunities of older adults,

1 racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, women, ~~gay,~~ people who are lesbian, gay,
2 bisexual, transgender, or queer, ~~persons,~~ people with disabilities, and nonprofits
3 working with or on behalf of any of these populations.

4 (3) In the event of widespread civil disturbance, natural disaster or other emergency, and
5 at the request of the mayor, to provide for dissemination of reliable and accessible
6 information to citizens in coordination with the office of emergency preparedness and
7 other appropriate agencies. Accessible information may include, without limitation,
8 sign language interpretation, computer aided real-time transcription, Braille, and other
9 accommodations based on a disability.

10 (4) Assist community groups which seek improved city services or improved
11 communications with the city and to report to the mayor and the council on these
12 activities in a timely manner.

13 (5) To make available to Denver residents, neighborhood organizations and groups,
14 nonprofits, older adults, racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, women, ~~gay,~~ people
15 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, ~~or~~ transgender, or queer, ~~persons,~~ women, and
16 people with disabilities information regarding community services for these
17 populations.

18 (6) To act as liaison of the city to the Denver Sister Cities International organization.

19 (7) To exercise powers provided to the agency under article IV of this chapter.

20 (8) To promote compliance with and implementation of the Americans with Disabilities
21 Act

22 among city departments and properties and act as a resource for external entities.

23 (9) To engage and integrate new and developing communities in civic participation and
24 community involvement.

25 (10) To develop and execute training and capacity building programs that build
26 relationships, knowledge, and skills for City agencies, nonprofits, and the community
27 to work together.

28 (11) To develop and execute initiatives that create an enhanced environment of support
29 for nonprofits and community members working with the City and County of Denver.

30 (12) To leverage, coordinate, or distribute resources to enhance nonprofit and community
31 access to funding opportunities to better meet community needs.

32 **Section 2.** That Section 28-20 of the D.R.M.C., is hereby amended by deleting the
33 language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

1 **Sec. 28-20. - Commissions—Created.**

2 The following commissions are hereby created: a Commission for People with
3 Disabilities, Commission on Aging, Denver Women's Commission, Denver ~~Gay~~ Lesbian,
4 Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Commission, Denver Latino Commission, Denver
5 African American Commission, Denver Asian American Pacific Islander American
6 Commission, Denver American Indian Commission, Denver Office of Strategic Partnerships
7 Commission and Denver Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

8 **Section 3.** That Section 28-21 of the D.R.M.C., is hereby amended by deleting the
9 language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

10 **Sec. 28-21. - Same—Appointments, removal, terms.**

- 11 (a) Each commission must consist of no less than seven (7) commission members and
12 no more than twenty-one (21) commission members. All members of each
13 commission shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council acting by
14 resolution.
- 15 (b) Commission members shall serve without compensation, except that commission
16 members may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the work of
17 the commission in accordance with the Charter and Code, executive orders, fiscal
18 rules, and city policies and as approved by the executive director.
- 19 (c) All members will serve in accordance with section 2.2.6 of the Charter.
- 20 (d) The terms of the members shall be two (2) years; the terms shall be staggered so
21 that one-half (1/2) of the members are appointed each year. In the event of the death
22 or resignation of any member, ~~his/her~~ the successor shall be appointed in the manner
23 provided for original appointment, to serve for the unexpired portion of the term for
24 which such member has been appointed.
- 25 (e) Subject to the executive director's confirmation, chairpersons will be elected by the
26 respective commissions in accordance with its bylaws.
- 27 (f) The term of each chairperson is one (1) year. No commission member may serve as
28 chairperson for more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms.

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: February 25, 2016 by consent

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: March 1, 2016

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2016

4 _____ PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ MAYOR _____ 2016

6 ATTEST: _____ CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2016; _____ 2016

10 PREPARED BY: Victoria Ortega, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY Date: _____, 2016

11 Pursuant to Section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
12 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
14 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

15 D. Scott Martinez, Denver City Attorney

16 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____, 2016