

Proclamation No. 23-1506 Recognizing Brent Fahrberger's Service to the City of Denver

WHEREAS, Brent Fahrberger was born and raised in Chicago IL, graduating from Buffalo Grove High School in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Brent decided to head west to Western States College (now Western Colorado University) in Gunnison CO to further his education, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Environmental Studies in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Brent returned to the Chicago area after graduation, sharpening his skills as a community/labor organizer for a variety of organizations, including the Illinois Coalition of Immigrant and Refugee Rights, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and others; and

WHEREAS, Brent employed the skills developed in his advocacy for new Americans and working men and women to manage a number of political campaigns from Barack Obama's first Ohio primary, to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's race as well as managing the campaign for Colorado State Rep. Max Tyler; and

WHEREAS, Brent returned to Denver in 2014, and anxious to get back into the political world, was hired to manage the campaign – Kashmann For Council 6 – that successfully got Paul Kashmann elected to represent District 6 on Denver City Council in 2015; and

WHEREAS, after his successful stint managing that campaign, Brent was hired as Senior Aide for the District 6 office, handling a mixed bag of constituent concerns, policy development and event planning; and

WHEREAS, in his off hours from his Council responsibilities, Brent was regularly called on for advice on campaigns at all levels of Denver and Colorado politics; and

WHEREAS, in spite of a heavy workload, Brent went back to college to get his Masters Degree in Geography and Environmental Studies in 2017 from Northeastern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Brent was instrumental in moving forward a variety of Council originated policies, including creation of a public comment period before weekly Council meeting; creation of Denver's first comprehensive sidewalk repair program; the STAR alternative response program; and most notably working for almost two years to have Denver Police Department adopt the 529 Garage bicycle registration platform, proven to reduce bike theft and dramatically increase stolen bike recovery in numerous jurisdictions in which it's been employed; and

WHEREAS, after 8 years of service to District 6, during which he received regular kudos and compliments from constituents and workmates for his devoted service, Brent decided to close this chapter of his career and strike out onto new horizons; and

WHEREAS, Brent recently accepted a position as Government Affairs Director for Project 529, where he will work around the globe to expand the 529 network.

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby congratulates Brent Fahrberger on his 8 successful years of service to the residents of City Council District 6 and Denver as a whole, and declares October 16, 2023 as Brent Fahrberger Appreciation Day in Denver District 6; and

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Brent Fahrberger, his wife Chloe and daughter Claire Bear.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 16, 2023

PRESIDENT

