

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS CANDIDATES MEMORANDUM

Denver Latino Commission

To	Denver City Council
From	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
Date	06/12/2026

BOARD PURPOSE

The Denver Latino Commission (DLC) works to guide policies that impact Denver's Hispanic and Latino/a/x/é community while keeping a strong constituent focus. DLC advises the Mayor, responds to legislative and emerging issues, and engages with community members to understand current needs and relay recommendations in support of shared goals.

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

Term Dates: 07/17/2026-07/17/2029



Bio:

José is a first-generation Mexican American, born and raised in North Denver, with a deep passion for community advocacy and accessibility. For the past ten years, José has worked at Denver Human Services, where he strives to ensure city resources are available and welcoming to all residents. Jose holds a B.S. in Marketing with a minor in Spanish from MSU Denver and brings both professional expertise and lived experience to his work. Beyond his role at Denver Human Services, José proudly serves on the Denver Latino Commission, currently appointed as co-chair. José's commitment is rooted in creating meaningful connections, lifting up diverse voices, and making Denver a place where everyone feels supported and empowered.

Jose Aguilar
Operations Supervisor,
Denver Human Services
He/Him
Latino

Statement of Support:

We support the reappointment of Jose Aguilar to the Denver Latino Commission. During his time serving as Chair, Jose has demonstrated strong leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to Denver's Latino community.

Male

Beyond his Commission service, Jose has also shown leadership within the City and County of Denver by spearheading a citywide Spanish Club that encourages employees to strengthen their Spanish language skills and better connect with the community. His passion for representation, cultural connection, and community engagement makes him an excellent candidate for reappointment.

Candidate Answers to Additional Screener Questions:

Describe a previous experience that demonstrates how you would approach your role.

My lived experience as a Latino who was born and raised in Denver gives me a unique and personal perspective on the issues impacting the community. When the City of Denver experienced the migrant influx between 2022-2024, I was able to draw on this lived experience to support migrant shelter operations in a culturally sensitive way. I was temporarily re-assigned from my role at Denver Human Services to support shelter operations, where I successfully navigated the rapidly changing policies and was able to warmly welcome and support migrants to the city, offering resources and support. This experience has allowed me to serve the commission by providing a firsthand account of the challenges and barriers new community members face in the city, bridging the gap between lifelong residents and newcomers.

Describe what goals or actions of this Mayoral administration align with your personal priorities for the City.

The 2026 City Goals resonate deep with me. Building a vibrant Denver has and will continue to be a priority for me in both a personal and professional capacity. A goal from the Mayoral administration that aligns with my own priorities is to have a child friendly city. Most recently, the administration has approved the Denver Student Ambassador Program, allowing youth to serve on commissions through the HRCF agency. I am excited to both learn from and help develop young leaders who are eager to learn about city policies and processes. Additionally, I was thrilled to see the implementation of Executive Order 152. Safeguarding citizens while at city properties, schools, churches and hospitals has always been a personal priority and knowing that this Administration has taken the necessary steps to ensure this brings a deep sense of relief.

Reappointment? Yes / No

Term Number: 1

For New Appointments:

Filling an Open Seat? Yes, No

Replacing an Expiring Seat: Name of current serving member, if applicable

Appointment Process for Seat: Indicate one appointment type (a) Mayoral Appointment; (b) Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation; (c) Joint Council & Mayoral Appointment; (d) Board Nomination, Mayoral Appointment; (e) City Agency Designee, Mayoral Appointment

BOARD COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

If your board's governance documents specify requirements for board composition (ex. # of seats nominated by X entity, etc.) describe the requirements here.