

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

**Proclamation No. 22-0919
honoring Senior Policy Analyst Zachary (Zach) Rothmier's years of service
to the Denver City Council and the City and County of Denver**

WHEREAS, the Denver City Councils honors, celebrates and thanks Zachary Rothmier for his eight years of service to the Denver City Council and the City and County of Denver, and

WHEREAS, Zach led Denver City Council operations through its transition to a hybrid meeting format during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and served as a subject-matter expert on council rules and procedures as well as land use and zoning, and

WHEREAS, Zach's unwavering loyalty to Denver City Council wasn't more evident than when he spent hours in the council chamber doing everything in his power to convert meetings virtual due to the COVID-19 city shutdown, and

WHEREAS, Zach led the central office team through three periods of time when there was not an executive director with grace and humor

WHEREAS, Zach was called upon to help lead the council through the COVID crisis, was always responsive, and managed to find a positive sense of humor to make tough times more enjoyable, and

WHEREAS, with a smile and helping hand, Zach's kindness and friendship made everyone feel welcome, accepted, and safe, and

WHEREAS, Zach's calm demeanor, sense of humor, laid-back attitude, and ability to put things in perspective made his advice invaluable, and

WHEREAS, Zach was a capable and professional workmate, constituent, nearby neighbor and friend, and

WHEREAS, Zach was instrumental in the research, crafting, and drafting of legislation to create permanent funding sources for Parks and the Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency, and

WHEREAS, Zach has served the City Council and the people of Denver with the highest levels of integrity, expertise, and dedication and has the deepest appreciation and respect for all staff and our constituents, and

WHEREAS, Zach always remained calm and maintained the appearance of neutrality in all situations, and

WHEREAS, Zach has been a legal expert for elected officials and advocates at the state and local levels in Denver and Colorado, most recently demonstrating his ability to provide counsel to the council in ways few have the knack to tackle, and

WHEREAS, Zach diligently supported the council by providing expert guidance and advice in addition to ongoing professionalism and commitment to the legislative process, and

WHEREAS, Zach supported council aides with help and advice and led the Friday aides meeting, creating a trusting and inclusive environment for all aides to share and learn by beginning the meeting with a dad joke, and

WHEREAS, Zach provided in-depth research on policies that became law and will impact the lives of the residents of Denver for many years to come, including expansion of the Low-income Property Tax Rebate Program, and

WHEREAS, Zach's institutional knowledge and memory will be deeply missed as an asset not fully appreciated until it's gone, and

WHEREAS, Zach left his position as a dedicated, skillful and thoughtful Senior Legislative Policy Analyst on July 22, 2022, and

WHEREAS, after 15 years in the public sector, Zach will be moving to the private sector to work with Comcast as Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs, and

WHEREAS, Zach is a CU Buff through and through earning his BA in International Affairs and Relations and a MPA in Environmental Policy and Law, and

WHEREAS, Zach served in the highest leadership position as a CU advocate, and represented the University's students, faculty and staff with the CU government relations team to talk about the amazing power of CU with our state's elected officials

WHEREAS, Zach is husband to Bekah Rothmier for eight years and a dedicated father to his son Holden, is an avid golfer, soccer fan, world traveler, passionate woodworker, and lover of mid-century modern aesthetic, and

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

Section 1. That the Council hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Zach Rothmier for his dedicated and conscientious work on behalf of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Council hereby wishes him and his family the best in this new adventure.

Section 3. 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 transmitted to Zach Rothmier.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL August 1, 2022

_____ PRESIDENT