

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 SERIES OF 2024

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB24-1150  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
4 SAFETY, HOUSING, EDUCATION & HOMELESSNESS

5 A BILL

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7 **For an ordinance discontinuing the Human Services Citizen Review Panel and**  
8 **repealing sections 2-253 through 2-2-255.6, D.R.M.C. which established it.**

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

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12 **WHEREAS**, in 1997 Ordinance 966 established the Citizen Review Panel in sections 2-253  
13 through 2-255.6, D.R.M.C.to implement C.R.S. §19-3-211(b). Conflict resolution process – rules –  
14 definitions; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1999 Ordinance 372 amended Ordinance 966; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Citizen Review Panels were rarely utilized in any county across the state; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 Colorado SB10-171 created the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman  
18 within the Colorado Department of Human Services to receive and investigate any complaints by any  
19 individual impacted by the Child Welfare system; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 Colorado SB15-204 established the Office of the Child Protection  
21 Ombudsman as an independent agency under the Judicial Department, increasing its authority; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 2023 Colorado SB23-210 repealed C.R.S. §19-3-211(b) and required the State  
23 Department of Human Services to adopt rules concerning the statewide implementation of a child  
24 welfare conflict resolution process for all counties, including referring complaints to the Office of the  
25 Child Protection Ombudsman for investigation at the complainant’s request.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**  
27 **DENVER:**

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29 **Section 1.** Denver Human Services shall comply with the statewide conflict resolution process,  
30 including referring complaints to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman for investigation at the  
31 complainant’s request.

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33 **Section 2.** Ordinances 966-97 and 372-99 and the corresponding D.R.M.C sections 2-253

1 through 2-255.6, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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3 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: September 11, 2024 by Consent

4 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: September 17, 2024.by Consent

5 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 28, 2024

6 *Amursh P. Sandora* - PRESIDENT

7 APPROVED: *Michael C. Johnston* - MAYOR 10/30/2024

Michael C. Johnston (Oct 30, 2024 10:06 MDT)

8 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
9 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
10 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

11 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

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14 PREPARED BY: Kathryn Smith, Director Human Services Legal Services DATE: October 17, 2024

15 REVIEWED BY: Jordan Humphreys, Assistant City Attorney DATE: October 17, 2024

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17 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the  
18 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
19 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to  
20 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

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22 Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney Kerry Tipper

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25 BY: *Anshul Bagga* City Attorney

DATE: Oct 17, 2024