DENVER
MAYOR'S OFFICE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
CANDIDATES MEMORANDUM
Denver Women's Commission

To	Denver City Council
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BOARD PURPOSE

The Denver Women's Commission is dedicated to the women of Denver and their families so that they have the opportunities to live full, productive, authentic lives. The Commission promotes the social and economic quality of life in Denver by assisting women in the attainment of equality and full opportunity by:

- Advocating for women, especially in spaces where women are overlooked and underappreciated.

- Empowering women through coalition building, sharing information, and distributing community resources.

- Monitoring and recommending legislation and proposed policy changes affecting women

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

Term Dates: 2/2/2026-2/2/2029

Kristina Zwettler
Vice President of Fundraising, Junior League of Denver

Bio:
Since 2011, Kristina has been a proud member of the Junior League of Denver, currently serving as the Fundraising Vice President Elect. Her leadership philosophy is rooted in the belief that meaningful connections occur at the intersection of curiosity, belief, and grace. She strives to foster an environment where we ask "what is possible," maintain a belief in inherent goodness, and provide the grace for individuals to show up authentically.

Professionally, she specializes in operational excellence and customer success within the tech startup space. As the Director of Account Management at Scorpion, I lead high-performing teams, driving innovation and mentoring individuals to thrive in their careers. Known for her "glass-half-full" perspective, she prioritizes gratitude and collaboration to create impactful change.

She/Her/Hers
Native Hawaiian
Female

Outside of her professional and league roles, she is a triathlete, a new mother, and a dedicated community volunteer. Her mission is simple: to help others rise, together.

Statement of Support:
Kristina brings with her extensive experience in the business (for profit) sector which is experience that is rare at DWC. Her skill sets are operational and logistical in nature which also improves the functionality of DWC, and she is an excellent communicator. In addition, she volunteers extensively with the Junior League of Denver.

Reappointment? No **Term Number:** 1
For New Appointments:
Filling an Open Seat? Yes
Replacing an Expiring Seat: Rena Dulberg

Appointment Process for Seat: Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation

Term Dates: 2/2/2026-2/2/2029

Glory Schmidt

Associate Attorney, Cockrel Ela Glesne Greher & Ruhland
She/her/Hers
Caucasian
Female

Bio:
A Colorado native, Glory has dedicated her career to serving local governments across the state. Raised by a resilient single mother who instilled values of hard work and advocacy, she strives to empower others to make a meaningful difference.

In her legal practice, she advises municipalities, special districts, and public entities on complex issues including governance, elections, infrastructure, and public finance. She view supporting local government as a vital, direct way to improve the lives of Coloradans.

Beyond her legal work, she serves on the Colorado Women's Bar Association, where she is passionate about advancing equity within the legal field and broader communities. She is a staunch advocate for mentorship and policies that expand opportunities for women and girls. On the Commission, she aims to use her experience to uplift underrepresented voices and ensure every woman in Colorado has the necessary tools to thrive.

Statement of Support:

Glory is newer in her career journey. She is also one of the few female lawyers in a male dominated firm, and she advocates for women through encouraging mentorship at work. She also has personal experience with domestic violence as a survivor, and that would greatly help push our work forward.

Reappointment? No **Term Number:** 1

For New Appointments:
Filling an Open Seat? Yes
Replacing an Expiring Seat: Kirsten Decker

Appointment Process for Seat: Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation

Term Dates: 2/2/2026-2/2/2029

Bernadette Mcclair
Director of Development, Montbello Organizing Committee
She/her/Hers
African American
Female

Bio:
Bernadette McClair has 30 years of working in the nonprofit sector, working in higher education, Workforce Development & Continuing Education, & government entities. She has a wealth of knowledge and success in fundraising, government processes, analytics, and policies to be state-audit-ready. She is also boots on the ground with community development, Public Relations, Business, sales, and marketing. She recently earned her BS at MSU Denver University's Individualized Degree Program (IDP) with honors in Community Improvement and an Honorary Master of Chaplaincy from the International Police & Fire Chaplains Bible College & Seminary. She is the Director of Development for the Montbello Organizing Committee and assists the CEO and the entire MOC team in every support area. She is excited to bring her skillset to empower and deliver positive community impact and engagement. In addition, she works with the Colorado Black Arts Movement, creating arts & cultural programs, writing grants, and creating social media and marketing content. One of her vast successes was at Dress for Success Denver, where she presented an 'ask' with Arron Wallace and Lisa Schomp, owner of Schomp Automotive, and received a significant financial donation from Schomp Subaru to purchase the DFS Denver "Butterfly Bus" Transformation Center Program on Wheels. In addition, she has done significant fundraising, saving her identical twin sister and getting her

	treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, to save her life. Mrs. McClair volunteers for the Denver Health Patient-Family Advisory Council (PFAC) and is a board member of the Lotus Network. She advocates for survivors of Domestic Violence and empowers communities through awareness of rare and debilitating diseases, events, and art. **Statement of Support:** Bernadette is also an excellent communicator and is a veteran non-profit professional. She is an organizer for the Montbello community, and her experiences as an African-American woman would bring a great deal of perspective to our Commission. She also has experience supporting victims of domestic violence.

Reappointment? No **Term Number:** 1

For New Appointments:
Filling an Open Seat? Yes
Replacing an Expiring Seat: Name of current serving member, if applicable

Appointment Process for Seat: Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation