

Denver City Council

CdeBaca Amendment to the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget 21-1339

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Madam President: I move that the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget be amended in the following particulars:

- 1. On page 733, in the line titled "Office of the Executive Director Expenditures by Type Total" (Fund 5011000) reduce the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$3,000,000.
- On page 734, in the line titled "Office of Business and Community Engagement" (Fund 5011000) increase the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$3,000,000 from \$1,548,692 to \$4,548,692 to complete renovation and activation of 1st and 2nd floor for community and other community facing departments.
- 3. Make other appropriate adjustments to comments, tables, schedules, and figures in the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget as may be required to reflect the actions in this amendment.

Explanation: This is an under-utilized space that is City-owned and centrally located near transit, headstart, rec center and clinic. It is waste to not use it for its full potential while we are spending city resources to heat and light the building. Many community entities are slowly being forced out of the neighborhood due to cost of renting space, this could be like a curated center that serves community like it was originally intended to be. This meets nearly all of our budget priorities because it give us a away to serve and engage community right where they are without the prohibitive costs of travel, parking, etc, it allows us to mitigate displacement of businesses who cannot afford the neighborhood, it helps us model what wrap-around services can do to improve the safety & wellbeing of community, it supports recovery of local orgs and promotes traffic at nearby local businesses, and finally it helps us reduce carbon emissions due to decreased traffic to access multiple entities when they will all be in one location like a mall of resources.