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Title: AS AMENDED, a bill for an ordinance amending Article V of Chapter 2 of the Revised Municipal Code pertaining to financial disclosure.

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Code sections:

Attachments: 1. CB16-919_Bill_for_Ordinance_Financial Disclosure Version 6 (clean).pdf, 2. Committee_Meeting_Handout.pdf, 3. CB16-919_Bill_for_Ordinance_Financial Disclosure Version 8 (rl).pdf, 4. Definitions.pdf, 5. 16-919_Bill_for_Ordinance_Financial Disclosure Version 9.pdf, 6. 16-919 Filed_Bill_for_Ordinance_Financial Disclosure Version 9.pdf, 7. 16-0919 Bill_FinancialDisclosure_AsAmended01-03-17.pdf, 8. 16-0919 Amendment Kniech.pdf, 9. 16-0919 Bill Financial Disclosure Amended 1-9-17.pdf, 10. Amendment to CB16-0919, 11. 16-0919 Filed Bill - Financial Disclosure

| Date | Ver. | Action By | Action | Result |
|-----------|------|-------------------|--|--------|
| 1/23/2017 | 1 | Clerk & Recorder | attestation | |
| 1/11/2017 | 1 | Mayor | signed | |
| 1/10/2017 | 1 | Council President | signed | |
| 1/9/2017 | 1 | City Council | placed upon final consideration and do pass as amended | |
| 1/9/2017 | 1 | City Council | amended | Pass |
| 1/3/2017 | 1 | City Council | placed upon final consideration and do pass | Pass |
| 1/3/2017 | 1 | City Council | amended | Pass |

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| 1/3/2017 | 1 | City Council | ordered published as amended | Pass |
| 12/19/2016 | 1 | City Council | ordered published on first reading | |
| 11/29/2016 | 1 | Finance & Governance Committee | placed upon final consideration and do pass as amended | Pass |
| 11/1/2016 | 1 | Finance & Governance Committee | postponed | Pass |
| 10/4/2016 | 1 | Finance & Governance Committee | postponed to a date certain | Pass |

Other/Miscellaneous Request Template (Appointments; ROW; Code Changes; Zoning Action, etc.)

Date Submitted:

Requesting Agency:
Division:

Subject Matter Expert Name:

Email Address:

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Item Title & Description:

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Affected Council District(s) or citywide?

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

Draft Bill Attached?