



Legislation Text

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A resolution of City Council consenting to the Mayor's appointment of Molly Duplechian.

Approves the Mayoral appointment of Molly Duplechian as Executive Director of the Department of Excise and Licenses, pursuant to Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D). The last regularly scheduled Council meeting within the 30-day review period is on 4-4-2022. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-2-2022.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

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

Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D) requires consent of City Council for the Mayoral appointment of Charter officers. Following a vacancy in the Executive Director position at the Department of Excise & Licenses, Mayor Hancock has advanced Deputy Director Molly Duplechian as his nominee for Executive Director of the Department. The Charter Department of Excise & Licenses issues all of the business licenses for the businesses that require a Business/Professional license for the City and County of Denver except those concerning motor vehicles and building/development. This includes serving as the City's licensing authority for administering the Colorado Liquor and Beer codes, as well as Marijuana codes. The department also conducts inspections to ensure compliance with applicable laws.

Molly Duplechian is a 15 year veteran of the City and County of Denver and has been serving as Interim Executive Director of the department since January. She holds a Masters in Public Administration. Duplechian has served the City and County of Denver since 2007, the past four years as Deputy Director of Policy and Administration for Excise and Licenses. Duplechian joined the Office of

Marijuana Policy in 2014 and worked side-by-side with the former Executive Director in developing the first legalized marijuana market in the world and remained the top deputy when the Office of Marijuana Policy and Department of Excise and Licenses merged. Duplechian began her public service with the city as a Financial Analyst with the Department of Finance and most recently shepherded the largest overhaul ever in Denver marijuana regulations that created exclusive licensing for social equity applicants for the next six years.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

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

Draft Bill Attached?