



Legislation Text

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**Requesting Agency:** Mayor’s Office  
**Division:**

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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A resolution of city council consenting to the Mayor’s appointment of Phillip Washington.**

Approves the Mayoral appointment of Phillip Washington as Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Aviation, pursuant to Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D). The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 6-30-21.

**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.*

Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D) requires consent of City Council for the Mayoral appointment of Charter officers. Following the announcement that Kim Day would step down as CEO of DEN in July, the Mayor has selected Phillip Washington as his nominated candidate to lead Denver International Airport. The Charter department of Aviation (aka Denver International Airport) is the third-busiest airport in the U.S. and one of the top 10 busiest airports in the world. With 69 million passengers traveling through the airport in 2019, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world’s largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$33.5 billion for the region annually. DEN has become one the largest domestic networks, growing from 170 nonstop destinations in 2018 to 214 in 2019, including international cities. DEN’s upcoming plans include preparing a continued investment in

DEN's world class facilities and infrastructure, boosting customer experiences, improving safety for all passengers and harnessing its global competitiveness. And in the coming months, the airport will also execute on plans to develop expanded partnerships with the airlines and concessionaires.

Phil Washington has a long track record of managing public agencies with large budgets and close partnerships with Federal agencies, and leading innovative and transformative projects. From 2000 to 2015, Phil served as Assistant General Manager (2000-2009) and General Manager and CEO (2009-2015) for metro Denver's Regional Transportation District (RTD). As RTD GM, Phil led and implemented the FasTracks program, one of the largest voter-approved transportation expansion programs in the country at the time. He also implemented the nation's first and only \$2.2 billion transit public-private partnership (P3), resulting in the University of Colorado A Line, which opened in 2016. For the last six years Phil has served as CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority - the lead transportation planning, programming and financing agency for Los Angeles County and one of the largest transportation departments in the United States. As LA Metro's CEO, Washington managed a balanced budget in excess of \$8 billion a year, was responsible for overseeing between \$18- \$20 billion in capital projects and provided oversight of an agency with 11,000 employees that transports 1.2 million boarding passengers daily. Phil also recently led the Biden/Harris transition's transportation team, helping review and set the policy agenda and procedures of the U.S. Department of Transportation for the then incoming Biden Administration.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

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

**Draft Bill Attached?**