



Legislation Text

File #: 22-0274, Version: 1

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

Date Submitted: 3/7/22

Requesting Agency: Mayor's Office
Division:

Subject Matter Expert Name: Skye Stuart
Email Address: skye.stuart@denvergov.org
Phone Number:

Item Title & Description:

(Do not delete the following instructions)

*These appear on the Council meeting agenda. Initially, the requesting agency will enter a 2-3 sentence description. Upon bill filling, the City Attorney's Office should enter the title above the description (the title should be in **bold** font).*

*Both the title and description must be entered between the red "title" and "body" below. Do **not** at any time delete the red "title" or "body" markers from this template.*

A resolution of City Council consenting to the Mayor's appointment of Jay Morein.

Approves the Mayoral appointment of Jay Morein as Executive Director of the Department of Human Services, pursuant to Charter Section § 2.2.6 (D). The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 3-16-22.

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 Human Services, Jay Morein has been advanced as the Mayor's selection to lead the department. The Charter department of Human Services is responsible for administration of fundamental social safety net programs that provide public assistance, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), as well as overseeing child welfare, Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), and adult protection, among other notable programs. The department plays a key role in managing Federal and State funding and guidelines around vulnerable populations and key support programs for residents. One in three people in Denver engage with this department and staff helps children, older adults, families, and individuals by connecting them to services and experts who support their overall well-being.

Jay Morein has unparalleled experience in Human Services at both the local and state level. Jay began his career with DHS in 1981 as a chief accountant before becoming a division director overseeing the department's budget and its contracting services section. He was later promoted to one of DHS' two deputy executive directors, where he oversaw both support services and program services. In

2008, Morein transitioned to the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services to serve as its Director of Finance and Administration. He served as the Office Director for the Colorado Department of Human Services under then-Governor John Hickenlooper, overseeing the state human services budget, performance management, and audit and program compliance.

Jay returned to DHS in 2015, serving under then-Executive Director Penny May and later as Chief of Staff for Executive Director Don Mares. Following a brief retirement in 2018, he again returned to the department in 2019 to serve as Chief Operating Officer, providing guidance and direction to the department's three deputy executive directors. Jay is a Denver native and a first generation American.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

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

Draft Bill Attached?