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# Charter Change Proposal:

City Council Approval of Mayoral  
Cabinet & Heads of Safety Appointees



# **What Positions Make Up the Mayoral Cabinet and Heads of Safety?**

- Public Works
- Finance
- Parks & Recreation
- Environmental Health (DDPHE)
- Safety
- General Services
- Human Services
- Aviation
- Community Planning and Development
- City Attorney
- Excise & License
- Chief of Police
- Chief of Fire
- Sheriff



# Do Other Strong Mayor Cities Do This?

## LIMITED AUTHORITY

### SIGNIFICANT AUTHORITY

- Baltimore
- Tulsa
- Colorado Springs
- Denver (post-change)

- Boston
- Philadelphia
- San Francisco
- Denver (current)



# What Would the Process Look Like?

- Appointment would require majority Council approval
- Standard resolution with 30-day shot clock
- Appointment would go through on consent unless called out by a Council member
- If called out, Council questions would be asked during a meeting of the supervising committee for that agency
- After committee, vote of full Council would occur at regularly scheduled Council meeting



## Other Considerations

- Mayor retains sole dismissal authority
- Resolution calls for positions to be filled in a “timely manner”
- This proposal will go through the FINGOV Committee and to the voters in November 2020
- If passed, effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State (late 2020)



# Stakeholder Outreach

- Mayor's Office
- Police Chief Paul Pazen
- Denver Police Protective Association President, Nick Rogers
- Former Fire Chief Eric Tade
- Denver Firefighters IAFF Local 858 President, David Foster
- Interim Sheriff Fran Gomez
- Denver Sheriff FOP Lodge #27 President, Michael Jackson
- City of Baltimore City Council President and Mayoral Candidate, Brandon Scott



# Questions

