



SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY
METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY™
OF DENVER

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Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

The [School of Hospitality](#) at Metropolitan State University of Denver is pleased to provide this community letter of support in the bid for Denver to host the 2030 Gay Games. The School of Hospitality is the largest hospitality program in the region and is located in downtown Denver and boasts incredible physical spaces for experiential learning, including a LEED Gold® Certificated SpringHill Suites hotel, a conference space, a beverage tasting laboratory, a commercial restaurant, and the Charlie Papazian Brewing Education Lab.

As pioneers in hospitality education, we see numerous potential areas of collaboration between Gay Games 2030 and our program. In addition to providing the potential for internships and jobs for our students, we see a potential for incorporating the Gay Games 2030 into our curriculum as we have one of the few meeting and event undergraduate programs in the world. Additionally, we would welcome enhanced collaboration with Gay Games 2030 with site visits, volunteers, and guest speakers to our classes, providing rich, experiential experiences for our students.

Our faculty are experts in research areas including LGBTQ+ hospitality and tourism; festival and meeting management; and data analytics, and we would welcome the opportunity to share our knowledge with Gay Games 2030 to create a more welcoming and inclusive stakeholder experience. Additionally, our [Day Leadership Academy](#) can provide consulting, training, and development in hospitality-related topics. We would welcome the opportunity to explore the creation of a research program that would capture important data on stakeholder experience with the Gay Games 2030.

Denver is well suited to host the Gay Games 2030, and the School of Hospitality at Metropolitan State University of Denver strongly supports this initiative.

Sincerely,

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