

Dear Federation of Gay Games:

I confirm my support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games.

I was the first person to organize and conduct a world Festival Chorus for the Gay Games in Vancouver in 1990. We had 400 people show up to sing from 20 states, seven Canadian provinces, the Yukon Territory, England, France, Germany, South Africa, and Australia. We sang for Opening Ceremonies, Closing Ceremonies, and a half-hour concert at the Plaza of Nations on Friday of that same week. I believe that the Gay Games has had an international Festival Chorus for every Games since then.

Denver's central location within the United States, with non-stop flights to all fifty states and eighteen countries, along with its incredible cultural diversity and access to world class outdoor recreation make the city an ideal location for hosting the Gay Games. The city's vibrant music, theater, and arts scenes, along with world class dining options and proximity to world class natural attractions such as Red Rocks Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Garden of the Gods, make Denver the ideal location for hosting Gay Games XIII.

I could help leverage Denver's local network of LGBTQ+ choruses, including the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, the Denver Women's Chorus, Harmony: a Colorado Chorale, Sage Singers, and others to perform together as part of the cultural festival, in addition to a choir composed of people from many countries and cultures.

I am excited by the opportunities collaborating with Gay Games XIII in Denver would present, not only for myself, but also the local, state, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. I look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid committee in ensuring Gay Games XIII is a truly inclusive event with broad global reach.

Sincerely,

Carol White