

May 23, 2024

Dear Federation of Gay Games,

We, the Denver LGBTQ+ Commission, confirm our support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games.

The Denver LGBTQ+ Commission is an advisory group to the Mayor of Denver made up entirely of local LGBTQ+ Denverites. We partner with varying community members and organizations to advance social, economic, and political equality for LGBTQ+ individuals in the Denver-metro area.

The Denver LGBTQ+ Commission has a long track record of supporting efforts and causes promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We have directly contributed to significant policy wins, including Denver's gender-neutral bathroom ordinance, the city's ban on conversion therapy, and the integration of anti-bullying language in city programs to further protect LGBTQ+ youth. Our support of Gay Games XIII is a natural step in further demonstrating our public commitment to these principles.

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 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.


The Denver LGBTQ+ Commission would leverage our local network of municipal officials, the Johnston mayoral administration, and other Commissions spanning multiple identity groups (including the African American Commission, People with Disabilities, and more) in supporting Denver as the host city of Gay Games. By promoting opportunities for employees to participate in athletic events, volunteer at the Games, and/or attend cultural events put on by the games, the Denver LGBTQ+ Commission would help ensure the Games' success.

We are excited by the opportunities collaborating with Gay Games XIII in Denver would present for not only our Commission, but also the local, state, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. We 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.

On behalf of the entire Denver LGBTQ+ Commission,



Kat Ling, Chair



Christopher Zivalich, Vice Chair

The Denver African-American Commission, Immigrant & Refugee Commission, and Commission for People with Disabilities, co-signatories

