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To the Federation of Gay Games:

The Denver Office of Special Events (OSE) enthusiastically confirms our support of Denver's bid to host the 2030 Gay Games. Our commitment to welcoming the Gay Games reflects the City's commitment to diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the City's life, especially through sport and culture.

OSE is the City's subject matter experts for events in the public right of way, and with that responsibility we prioritize safety and compliance above all else and work closely with event organizers to ensure it. From the MLB All-Star Game, Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament, to back-to-back Nuggets and Avalanche Championship parades and rallies, the City, and OSE, have a long track record of successfully supporting major sporting events with others on the horizon.

Since the agency's inception in 2015, OSE has held an historical commitment to the LGBTQ+ community and its events and will continue to do so regardless of changes in Denver's political leadership. We vow to stand proudly behind the Federation's mission "to promote equality, diversity, and inclusion through sport and culture" as these core values align in lockstep with our steadfast dedication to public service.

Denver is ideally positioned culturally and geographically to successfully host Gay Games XIII. Its location on the picturesque Rocky Mountain Front Range and proximity to world class natural attractions such as Red Rocks Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Garden of the Gods, make Denver a unique destination with endless venue possibilities. Once lauded a cow town, Denver now boasts a vibrant music, theater, and arts scene, along with MICHELIN star and James Beard awarded restaurants to entertain event attendees, supporters, and athletes.

We are excited for the opportunity to collaborate with the Federation to bring Gay Games XIII to Denver and to elevate our local, state, national, and international LGBTQ+ communities. We look forward to working closely with the Denver Gay Games Bid committee to ensure the 2030 Gay Games is a truly inclusive, and safe, event.

Thank you,

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