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2015 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

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I. Non-Discrimination Laws STATE COLINTY CITY AVAII ARI E

This category evaluates whether discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations.

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Employment	0 0	0 0	0 0	5 5
Housing	00	0 0	5 5	5 5
Public Accommodations	00	00	5 5	5 5
SCORE			20 °	ut of 30

II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBT employees, and by awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBT employees equally.

Non-Discrimination in City Employment	60 66
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits	0 6
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	00 33
SCORE	6 out of 24
BONUS Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work	+0 +2

III. Municipal Service

This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT constituents are included in city services and programs.

es	5		STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
	Human R	ights Commission			0	(5)
	LGBT Liaison in the Mayor's Office				0	5
	Enumerat	ed Anti-Bullying School Policies	00	00	3 3	3 3
	SCORE				6 o	ut of 16
	BONUS	Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission			+0	+3
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT youth			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT homeless			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to LGBT elderly			+0	+2
	BONUS	City provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS			+0	+2

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IV. Law Enforcement

Fair enforcement of the law includes responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBT community in a thoughtful and respectful way.

Reported 2013 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI	12
LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force	0 10

V. Relationship with the LGBT Community

This category measures the city leadership's commitment to fully include the LGBT community and to advocate for full equality.

Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE	
BONUS	Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders
BONUS	Cities are pro-equality despite

restrictive state law

3 out of 8

r appointed	+0
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Final Score 47 **TOTAL SCORE 47 + TOTAL BONUS 0 =**

CANNOT EXCEED 100

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PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION -



- PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



BONUS PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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