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AVAILABLE

I. Non-Discrimination Laws

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.

n Laws	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Employment	5 5	0 0	0 0	5 5
Housing	5 5	0 0	00	5 5
Public Accommodations	50	00	00	5 5
SCORE			25 °	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	0 0 6 6
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits	0 6
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	00 33
SCORE	0 out of 24
BONUS Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work	+0 +2

III. Municipal Services

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

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	Human R	ights Commission			0	(5)
	LGBT Lia	ison in the Mayor's Office			0	5
	Enumerat	ed Anti-Bullying School Policies	3 3	00	3 3	3 3
	SCORE	ORE			6 out 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			+2	+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.

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LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force	(0) (10)
Reported 2013 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI	12 12
SCORE	12 out of 22

V. Relationship with the LGBT Community

SCORE

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

BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders

BONUS Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law

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CITY

 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \end{pmatrix}$

out of 8

AVAILABLE

+0

-0



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TOTAL SCORE 43 + TOTAL BONUS 2 =

Final Score **45**

CANNOT EXCEED 100

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION



- PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



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

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