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.

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Employment  
Housing  
Public Accommodations

SCORE 0 out of 30

II. Municipality as Employer

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

Non-Discrimination in City Employment  
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits  
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

SCORE 9 out of 24

BONUS Inclusive Workplace +2

III. Municipal Services

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

Human Rights Commission  
LGBTQ Liaison in City Executive’s Office  
Enumerated Anti-Bullying School Policies

SCORE 6 out of 16

BONUS Enforcement Mechanism in Human Rights Commission +2

BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth +2

BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Homeless +2

BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders +2

BONUS City Provides Services to people Living with HIV/AIDS +2

BONUS City Provides Services to the Transgender Community +2

IV. Law Enforcement

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

LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force  
Reported 2015 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

SCORE 22 out of 22

V. Relationship with the LGBTQ Community

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

Leadership’s Public Position on LGBTQ Equality  
Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE 6 out of 8

BONUS Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders +2

BONUS City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law +4

Leaders’ Public Position on LGBTQ Equality  
Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE 6 out of 8

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TOTAL SCORE 43 + TOTAL BONUS 4 = Final Score 47

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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