

This category evaluates whether

orientation and gender identity is

areas of employment, housing, and

public accommodations.

discrimination on the basis of sexual

prohibited by the city, county, or state in

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STATE

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COUNTY

I. Non-Discrimination Laws

Employment

Public Accommodations

Housing

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SCORE

BONUS Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities

BONUS Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy







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II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ employees equally.

Non-Discrimination in City Employment

Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits

City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Inclusive Workplace

SCORE

BONUS City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits





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

NDO Enforcement by Human Rights

LGBTQ Liaison in City Executive's Office













SCORE

BONUS Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services

BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth



BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders

BONUS City Provides Services HIV/AIDS Population

BONUS City Provides Services to the Transgender Community













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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 2016 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

SCORE



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V. Leadership on LGBTQ Equality

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

BONUS Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders

BONUS City Tests Limits of Restrictive State

1 out of 8







Final Score 18 **TOTAL SCORE 18 + TOTAL BONUS 0 =**

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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