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2014 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

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.

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Employment	3/3	3/3	0/0	3/3
Housing	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3
Public Accommodations	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3
SCORE	18			out of 18

II. Relationship Recognition

Marriage, civil unions, and comprehensive domestic partnerships are matters of state policy; cities and counties have only the power to create domestic partner registries.

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Marriage Equality, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships	12			12
Domestic Partner Registry		12	0	12
SCORE	12			out of 12

III. 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.

	CITY	AVAILABLE	
Non-Discrimination in City Employment	5/5	5/5	
Domestic Partner Health Benefits	4	4	
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits	0	4	
Legal Dependent Benefits	2	2	
Equivalent Family Leave	2	2	
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	2/2	2/2	
City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance	0	3	
SCORE	22		out of 29
BONUS Grossing Up of Employee Benefits	+0	+2	
BONUS Inclusive Workplace	+0	+2	

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY **+** BONUS PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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IV. Municipal Services

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

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Human Rights Commission			4	4
LGBT Liaison to City Executive			5	5
Enumerated Anti-Bullying Policies	3/3	0/0	0/0	3/3
SCORE	15			out of 15
BONUS NDO enforcement by Commission/Executive			+3	+3
BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT youth			+0	+2
BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT homeless			+0	+2
BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT elderly			+0	+2
BONUS City provides services to/supports people living with HIV/AIDS			+2	+2

V. 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.

	CITY	AVAILABLE	
LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force	8	8	
Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI	10	10	
SCORE	18		out of 18

VI. 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.

	CITY	AVAILABLE	
Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality	5	5	
Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative/Policy Efforts	3	3	
SCORE	8		out of 8
BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders	+3	+3	
BONUS City tests limits of restrictive state law	+0	+2	

TOTAL SCORE 93 + TOTAL BONUS 8 = Final Score 100

CANNOT EXCEED 100