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2014 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

I. Non-Discrimination Laws STATE COUNTY CITY AVAILABLE This category evaluates whether Employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is Housing prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations. Public Accommodations **18** out of 18 SCORE II. Relationship Rec

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

Marriage, civil unions, and comprehensive

cognition	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Marriage Equality, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships	12			12
Domestic Partner Registry		0	0	12
SCORE			12 o	ut 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.

Υ	ployer	CITY	AVAILABLE
	Non-Discrimination in City Employment	5 5	5 5
	Domestic Partner Health Benefits	4	4
	Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits	4	4
	Legal Dependent Benefits	(2)	(2)
	Equivalent Family Leave	(2)	2
	City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	0 2	2 2
	City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance	0	3
	SCORE	24 or	ut of 29
	BONUS Grossing Up of Employee Benefits	+0	+2
	BONUS Inclusive Workplace	+2	+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 Service	<u>es</u>	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABL
This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT constituents are included in city services and programs.	Human Rights Commission			(4)	4
	LGBT Liaison to City Executive			5	5
	Enumerated Anti-Bullying Policies	3 3	00	00	3 3
	SCORE			15 o	ut of 15
	BONUS NDO enforcement by Commission/Executive			+3	+3
	BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT youth			+2	+2
	BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT homeless			+2	+2
	BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT elderly			+2	+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.	LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI			8 (10)	AVAILAB 8
	SCORE			18 0	ut of 18
VI. Relationship with	the LGBT Community	′		CITY	AVAILAB
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			5	(5)
	Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative/Policy Efforts			2	3
	SCORE			7	out of 8
	BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders			+0	+3
	BONUS City tests limits of restrictive			+0	+2
	state law				

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