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2016 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.

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Employment

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Housing

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Public Accommodations

- 3

SCORE 30 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.

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Non-Discrimination in City Employment

- 3

Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits

- 6

City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

- 3

Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work +2

SCORE 6 out of 24

III. Municipal Services

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

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Human Rights Commission

- 5

LGBTQ Liaison in the Mayor’s Office

- 5

Enumerated Anti-Bullying School Policies

- 3

Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission +2

SCORE 11 out of 16

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.

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LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force 0

Reported 2014 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI 12

SCORE 12 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.

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Leadership’s Public Position on LGBTQ Equality 5

Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts 3

Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts +4

SCORE 8 out of 8

BONUS Openly LGBTQ elected or appointed municipal leaders +2

BONUS Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law +4

TOTAL SCORE 67 + TOTAL BONUS 0 = Final Score 67
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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