

Denver Initiative 2008-01 to Create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission

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BALLOT TITLE

“Shall the voters for the City and County of Denver adopt an Initiated Ordinance to require the creation of an extraterrestrial affairs commission to help ensure the health, safety, and cultural awareness of Denver residents and visitors in relation to potential encounters or interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles, and fund such commission from grants, gifts and donations?” Yes___ No___

FULL TEXT OF PETITION

Be it enacted by the People of the City and County of Denver

The Code of the City and County of Denver is amended by the addition of a new division to read:

DIVISION 12. EXTRATERRESTRIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Sec. 2-255.59. Definitions. As used in this division:

1. *Extraterrestrial intelligent being* means a form of life assumed to exist or originate from outside the Earth or its atmosphere
2. *Extraterrestrial vehicle* means a non-living method of transportation originating from outside the Earth or its atmosphere

Sec. 2-255.60. Legislative intent.

The People of the City and County of Denver hereby declare that:

1. The presence of extraterrestrial intelligent beings and extraterrestrial vehicles on Earth, and within Earth’s atmosphere, has been confirmed by a vast amount of credible evidence, official government documents, and government witnesses;
2. Evidence of extraterrestrial beings has been known by United States presidents since President Franklin Roosevelt, including President Ronald Reagan as disclosed in his presentation to the United Nations regarding extraterrestrial matters;
3. Since at least 1947, the United States government has denied knowledge of this evidence, thus placing the public and local governments at potential risk and disadvantage;
4. The United States government has likely suppressed, and withheld from the public, evidence of advanced clean energy, transportation and other technologies of extraterrestrial origin. These technologies could potentially offer substantial economic relief for our most pressing social and economic concerns, including a reduction of pollution and at least partial replacement of fossil fuels with affordable non-polluting energy sources, and other advanced technologies;
5. Some government officials have rejected or ignored the need to prepare city personnel for addressing matters related to potential contact or interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles even though:
 - a. The City and County of Denver has already used taxpayer monies to pay for some of this preparation;
 - b. Multiple federal government agencies have acknowledged the extraterrestrial presence through hundreds of official documents but have not informed our citizens about how to intelligently and responsibly respond to UFO/Extraterrestrial encounters;
 - c. Over four hundred top military leaders, government scientists, government contractors, commercial airline pilots, air traffic controllers, NASA officials with Top Secret clearances, have been coming forward and disclosing their personal experiences and involvement in interacting with UFOs and, in some cases, their apparent extraterrestrial intelligent occupants;
 - d. A credible non-profit organization has received over ten thousand (10,000) written reports of UFO sightings primarily in the U.S. during just the period Nov. 2005 - April 2008. There have been more than 1,000 written reports of Colorado UFO sightings submitted during the period of Jan. 2000 - April 2008;
 - e. Government denial, ridicule, and a lack of public awareness about this credible evidence prevent the responsible evaluation of potential risks and benefits for the safety, health, and cultural awareness of Denver residents and visitors in relation to potential interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings;
6. At present our government does not have any protocols for:
 - a. Dealing with credible citizen reports of UFOs or close encounters with extraterrestrial intelligent beings;
 - b. Responsibly listening to accounts and documenting reports of encounters or interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings, regardless of the highly unusual and credible evidence that may attend such encounters and interactions; or
 - c. Referring such reports to properly trained city personnel, or private professional individuals or organizations that have responsibly dealt with such matters in a professional manner;

7. There is enough credible evidence available, independent of the United States government, to responsibly and adequately inform Denver residents and local government about extraterrestrial affairs;
8. The creation of an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission will be able to provide an effective program of information to government personnel, residents, and visitors in the City and County of Denver about the best available practices with respect to extraterrestrial matters. This will help to ensure the health, safety, and cultural awareness of Denver residents and visitors and, ultimately, facilitate the most harmonious, peaceful, mutually respectful, and beneficial coexistence possible between extraterrestrial intelligent beings and human beings.

The legislative intent of this division is to create a responsible, responsive, common sense strategy for dealing with issues related to the presence of extraterrestrial intelligent beings on Earth. To that end, the People of the City and County of Denver hereby establish an extraterrestrial affairs commission, which shall have the following purposes:

1. To obtain and provide the most accurate, complete, and relevant information available to city government personnel and residents about extraterrestrial intelligent beings on Earth;
2. To assist residents and visitors in reporting sightings or interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles and referring them to the proper and most appropriate public or private service agencies;
3. To make people aware of the implications of encounters and interactions with extraterrestrial beings or their vehicles;
4. To facilitate proper training for city government and private health and safety personnel for assessing and responding to potential impacts on residents and visitors that are the direct result of encounters and interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings;
5. To develop protocols for peaceful and diplomatic contact with extraterrestrial beings in the event of contact;
6. To fund the commission entirely from grants, gifts and donations, without requiring any fiscal outlay from the city budget; and
7. To recommend expenditures from the extraterrestrial affairs commission fund.

Sec. 2-255.61. Commission created.

There is hereby created an extraterrestrial affairs commission. The members of the commission should reflect the diverse professional backgrounds, experience, and expertise of the residents of the City and County of Denver. Special preference should be given to those individuals who are reputedly open-minded about and interested in the serious, objective, intelligent inquiry into extraterrestrial affairs and related matters.

The commission shall consist of eleven (11) regular members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council and shall represent, with one (1) member each, the departments of Safety and Human Services, the Office of Cultural Affairs, and the city council, and seven (7) members from the greater Denver community. The appointed commission members, subject to the approval of the mayor, shall determine the terms of commissioners, the filling of vacancies, compensation, the appointment of officers, staffing needs, and meetings, as needed to fulfill the stated purposes of the commission.

Sec. 2-255.62. Powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the extraterrestrial affairs commission shall be as follows:

1. To establish an extraterrestrial affairs commission fund and to solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations;
2. To obtain and make available on the official City of Denver web site the objectives of the commission;
3. To display in the most cost-effective manner the most credible physical evidence and credible witness testimony regarding the existence and activities of extraterrestrial intelligent beings on earth;
4. To evaluate potential risks and benefits for the safety, health, and cultural awareness of Denver residents and visitors in relation to potential encounters and interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings;
5. To be a resource for information and exhibits about extraterrestrial cultures, civilizations, and technologies at Denver's cultural and scientific facilities;
6. To the establish simple and reliable procedures for residents to report to local authorities any sightings of, or contact with, extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles;
7. To establish proper training protocols for city government and private health and safety personnel for assessing and responding to potential impacts on residents and visitors that are the direct result of encounters and interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings;
8. To refer residents and visitors to properly trained city personnel or private professionals, as necessary, to address valid concerns resulting from sightings of, or contacts with, extraterrestrial intelligent beings or their vehicles;

9. To make recommendations to the mayor, the city council and other governmental departments, offices, and agencies regarding the distribution, expenditure, and management of any and all monies appropriated from the extraterrestrial affairs fund;
10. To stimulate community interest and involvement in appropriately addressing issues related to the potential occurrence of interactions between extraterrestrial intelligent beings and Denver residents and visitors;
11. To report quarterly by the 15th of February, May, August and November to the mayor and city council on progress in achieving the stated objectives of the commission;
12. To establish task forces or subcommittees to study and recommend, as determined necessary by the commission, policies and programs within the scope of extraterrestrial affairs, including the evaluation of preparedness of city personnel for potential encounters and interactions with extraterrestrial intelligent beings or vehicles in relation to the best practices available; and
13. To promote cooperation, collaboration, and shared responsibility among stakeholder departments, offices, and agencies, including but not limited to: programming, grant-writing, appropriations and budgeting, and provision or referral to relevant services to meet the needs of Denver residents or visitors who seek information or assistance related to sightings of, or encounters or interactions with, extraterrestrial intelligent beings or vehicles; and
14. To seek public input regarding present and future commission activities and citywide needs, including at least two open public hearings per year.

Sec. 2-255.63. Procedures.

The commission is authorized to adopt bylaws and internal guidelines governing its operations and to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to achieve the purposes of this division.

Sec. 2-255.64. Staffing and administrative support.

Staffing and other administrative support for the extraterrestrial affairs commission shall be determined by the commission, as necessary to achieve the purposes of the commission.

Sec. 2-255.65. Relation to city departments, agencies and expending authorities.

1. Departments, offices, and agencies of the City and County of Denver that are responsible for administering the systems and related services that are relevant to issues of an extraterrestrial nature, shall cooperate with the extraterrestrial affairs commission to support the purpose of this division.
2. No expending authority shall make any expenditure from the extraterrestrial affairs commission fund unless and until the commission is consulted on the expenditure and afforded an opportunity to review the proposed expenditure and make a recommendation to the expending authority prior to the disbursement of any monies in the fund. Any expenditure that is consistent with the commission's annual plan for expenditures from the fund, as required by Section 2-255.60, shall be deemed to have received the recommendation of the commission without the necessity for further review by the commission.

Sec. 2-255.66. Implementation and Enforcement.

By the effective date, as set forth below, the City and County of Denver shall adopt all measures necessary for the proper and effective implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this article.

Sec. 2-255.67. Effective date.

This article shall be effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its enactment.

Sec. 2-255.68. Severability.

Should any provision or provisions of this article be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, all other provisions of this division shall nevertheless remain effective.