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2021 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

I. Non-Discrimination Laws**

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE

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.

Employment		
Housing		







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Public Accommodations



FLEX Protects Youth from Conversion





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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



SCORE

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FLEX City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits



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III. Municipal Services

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

Human Rights Commission

NDO Enforcement by Human Rights

LGBTQ+ Liaison in City Executive's Office



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FLEX Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ Youth

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ+ People Experiencing Homelessness **FLEX** City Provides Services to LGBTQ+

Older Adults **FLEX** City Provides Services to People Living

FLEX City Provides Services to the Transgender Community

with HIV or AIDS











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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+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department

Reported 2019 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

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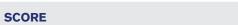
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V. Leadership on LGBTQ+ Equality

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



FLEX Openly LGBTQ+ Elected or Appointed Leaders

FLEX City Tests Limits of Restrictive State





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TOTAL SCORE 94 + TOTAL FLEX SCORE 7 =

Final Score 100

CANNOT EXCEED 100

** On June 15, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia that sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination are prohibited under federal sex-based employment protections. Nevertheless, it is imperative that localities continue enacting explicitly LGBTQ+-inclusive comprehensive non-discrimination laws since it will likely take additional litigation for Bostock to be fully applied to all sex-based protections under existing federal civil rights law. Moreover, federal law currently lacks sex-based protections in numerous key areas of life, including public spaces and services. Lastly, there are many invaluable benefits to localizing inclusive protections even when they exist on higher levels of government. For these reasons, the MEI will continue to only award credit in Part I for state, county, or municipal non-discrimination laws that expressly include sexual orientation and gender identity.

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION -



- PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



FLEX PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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