II. Municipality as Employer

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
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance
Inclusive Workplace

SCORE
FLEX Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities +2
FLEX Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy +2

TOTAL SCORE 81 + TOTAL FLEX SCORE 13 = Final Score 94
CANNOT EXCEED 100

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 2020 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

SCORE

TOTAL SCORE 12 out of 22

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 Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts
Leadership's Public Position on LGBTQ+ Equality

SCORE

TOTAL SCORE 8 out of 8

** 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.

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