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## **Denver City Council At-Large Candidate Travis Leiker Endorsed by the LGBTQ Victory Fund**

*National LGBTQ+ organization endorses Leiker because he will be a strong voice for equality when elected; Leiker would be first out gay man elected to Denver City Council.*

(Denver, CO)—The LGBTQ Victory Fund has endorsed Denver City Council At-Large candidate Travis Leiker for his bid in 2023. When elected, Leiker will be the first openly gay man elected to Denver City Council, and only the third LGBTQ+ identified candidate elected to any municipal office in Denver’s 164-year history.

“I am honored to have the support of the largest LGBTQ electoral organization in the country. The work that the Victory Fund started more than 30 years ago has helped to bring members of our community to the table in the fight for equality and representation,” said Leiker. “I have fought for a more equitable and just society throughout my career. This work remains the foundation of my campaign—dedicated to bringing diverse groups together to get important work done for the City and County of Denver.”

The LGBTQ Victory Fund is a network of more than 1,000+ LGBTQ elected officials from across the nation who are leading efforts to advance equality at every level of government. It is the only national organization dedicated to training and electing openly LGBTQ people for public office. Leiker is honored to be among this group of changemakers.

“LGBTQ Victory Fund is pleased to endorse Travis Leiker for Denver City Council At-Large in 2023,” said Mayor Annise Parker, President & CEO of the LGBTQ Victory Fund. “Travis brings a 20-year track of hard work focused on the day’s most pressing issues. From supporting access to higher education at the University of Colorado to shaping city policies as president of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Denver can count on him to bring a fresh perspective and job readiness to Denver City Council.” She continues, “He will also make history when elected, becoming the first out gay man to be elected to the city council.”

LGBTQ+ people remain severely underrepresented in government nationwide—holding just [0.2 percent of elected positions](#) despite representing at least 7.1 percent of the U.S. population, according to LGBTQ Victory Institute.

“With the Victory Fund’s help, we can create a great city that is inclusive and tackles the problems of housing affordability and neighborhood safety, ensures that we address homelessness in a targeted, data-informed way, and that delivers top-notch city services,” Leiker added.

Since 1991, Victory Fund has helped elect thousands of LGBTQ people to positions at all levels of government. These LGBTQ voices have made significant contributions to advancing equality for LGBTQ Americans – from passing non-discrimination laws to defeating amendments to ban marriage equality.

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*Travis Leiker is candidate for Denver City Council at-large in 2023 and is currently Senior Director at the University of Colorado. In addition to serving as President of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, one of Denver’s largest and oldest neighborhood organizations for more than six years, Leiker served four years as the Board President at NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado (now Cobalt Advocates). In both instances, Leiker led each organization from near insolvency to stability and programmatic success. Other professional experience includes work at Conservation Colorado, helping to train a new generation of women leaders to run for office, and work in public policy and issue advocacy. Travis Leiker holds both a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado. He is a 16-year resident of the Mile High City and lives with his partner David and their dog Eleanor.*

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