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**DENVER ANNOUNCES TIMELINE
FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION
PARADE ROUTE INFORMATION**

(DENVER) The City and County of Denver announced Thursday a timeline for the availability of information about street parades during the Democratic National Convention in late August.

“In recognition of the value our community places on free speech, we’ve been working to enable organizations with diverse viewpoints and agendas to have access to a safe and visible parade route for the purpose of public expression,” said Katherine Archuleta, senior advisor to the mayor for policy and initiatives. “We look forward to finalizing these details and providing the information to the applicants and the public.”

As an expression of support for the rights of people to express their views safely and in a manner that respects the rights of others along with local, state and federal laws, the City and County of Denver announced in February its intention to provide a Designated Parade Route and waive its standard fees, making it available free-of-charge to groups wishing to conduct parades during the week of the Convention. Beginning in early March, the City received requests to use the Designated Parade Route, along with applications to conduct parades elsewhere in the downtown area.

By June 12, 2008:

- The **street-by-street Designated Parade Route and its hours of operation** will be announced. Specific details about the terminus will not be available at this time, but the parade route will end within walking distance of a public viewing area.

While details about the public viewing area are not yet available, it will be within sight and sound of the delegates entering the Pepsi Center. The public viewing area will be open to the general public. No permits are required and no time allocations or priorities will be provided. All activities within the public viewing area remain subject to local, state and federal laws.

- The City will begin the process of **allocating space and time** on the Designated Parade Route for groups wishing to use this route, with the goal of accommodating up to three parades a day. The City will also begin processing applications to conduct parades elsewhere in the downtown area.

By June 19, 2008:

- All **requests for access** to the Designated Parade Route will be processed; any competing requests will be resolved through a **public drawing**, and **applicants will be notified** as to the time slot(s) they are being offered. Applications for other parade routes will also be evaluated by this time.

Once this process is complete, if there is additional space and time remaining on the Designated Parade Route, other groups will have an opportunity to apply for use of the route.

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