Denver Waste No More Implementation Task Force
Meeting 1: March 9, 2023, 2:00-5:00 pm
Wellington Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax, Room 4G2

Meeting Objectives
● Task Force members to meet each other, develop sense of shared purpose
● Clarify Task Force overall scope, expected outcomes, tentative approach/work plan
● Address initial questions and launch the process

AGENDA

2:00 Welcome
2:10 Introductions
2:45 Agenda Review + Process Agreements
2:50 Task Force Purpose, Goals + Guiding Principles
   ● Context and overview of Waste No More ordinance
   ● What overall questions need to be addressed by Task Force
   ● Expected outcomes – what will happen with the Task Force’s recommendations
   ● Guiding principles
3:30 Break
3:35 Discuss/Clarify Issues + Task Force Scope
   ● Share themes from onboarding discussions
   ● Discussion in breakout groups
   ● Identify key topics in large group
4:30 How the Task Force Will Do Its Work
   ● Review Draft Charter
   ● Task Force questions and discussion
   ● Identify possible work groups + next steps
4:50 Next steps + April Task Force meeting
   ● Deeper dive into relevant context: where and in what ways can the ordinance account for, adjust to, and/or influence these factors?
5:00 Close
DRAFT Guiding Principles
The Waste No More Task Force will develop recommendations that:

a) Make Denver a national model for implementing zero waste while prioritizing social and environmental justice – we have the opportunity and must do both.
b) Prioritize under-resourced buildings and BIPOC neighborhoods early.
c) Recognize Waste No More as a core climate resilience and sustainability strategy for Denver.
d) Aim for resounding success – massive diversion of waste – several years down the road.
e) Emphasize education and outreach as a primary component.
f) Ensure the Task Force process is transparent to all stakeholders, with opportunities for all community members to receive information about the process and have a voice.
g) Don’t reinvent the wheel; learn from what is working elsewhere.
h) Address consumers’ need for consistent, cross-sector messaging.
i) Seek cost-effective, feasible and sustainable strategies for all stakeholders.
j) Seek ‘eager compliance’ among property owners and managers by ensuring solutions are achievable, well supported, and rolled out strategically and aligned with the implementation timeline in the ballot language.
k) Allow for flexibility for changing circumstances if new alternatives are developed or become more cost effective.
l) Ensure the ordinance is as integrated and aligned as possible with relevant regional and statewide approaches.
m) Focus on people and real human lives, and on improving overall well-being.