Dear Mr./Ms. [select one] [city council member’s last name],

I am writing to urge [city] to establish a Human Rights Commission.

Human rights commissions can prevent discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education, credit, and business based on protected class, such as: race, religion, disability, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, and gender identity. These commissions perform this work through investigations, mediation, and resolution of discrimination claims.

By providing a platform for individuals to report incidents, seek advice, and receive assistance, the commission would ensure that [city] upholds the human rights of its residents.

Cities across the US, from Boulder, Colorado to Waterloo, Iowa, have established Human Rights Commissions, successfully demonstrating their effectiveness in addressing discrimination. By following their lead, we can ensure people’s human rights are protected within our city, too.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
[Your name]