



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice – Community Relations Service

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice – Community Relations Service

BACKGROUND:

The Commission on Disabilities' (COD) mission is to identify the needs of persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in the areas of employment, housing, transportation, media, and physical and communication accessibility. The mission also supports programs and activities that promote greater independence for people with disabilities.

DISCUSSION:

The mission of the U.S. Department of Justice – Community Relations Services is to provide facilitation, mediation, training, and consultation services that enhance a community's capacity to resolve and prevent conflicts based on race, color, national origin, gender identity, religion, and disability. They deliver programs that strengthen communities, along with school-based initiatives that improve problem solving among students. The primary goal of Community Relations Service programs is to help conflicting parties understand diverse perspectives, and provide the resources and support needed to identify and implement effective solutions.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This presentation contributes to the City's Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.5 – Foster relationships between community members, partner organizations and public safety professionals to define, prioritize, and address community safety and social service needs.

This presentation aligns with the Cross-Cutting threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice - Community Relations Service fosters community trust by offering educational resources and training related to disabilities which helps eliminates barriers and promotes social inclusion.
2. **Equity** – The presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice - Community Relations provides equal opportunities for people with disabilities by providing educational resources and training that are accessible to the entire community
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – The presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice - Community Relations seeks partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and community members to provide a wide range of educational services that benefit the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice - Community Relations advocates for people with disabilities by providing educational resources and training that enhance community understanding and contribute to building a more inclusive and resilient community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation