

CAO Recommends

City of Riverside Commission of the Deaf

2025 Bylaws ad-hoc
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Article 12; Rule 13

Revision and Annual Review of Rules

These Rules shall be annually reviewed by the Commission of the Deaf and may be amended by a vote of the membership.

Commissioners made several addendum:

To become a COTD Commissioner,

- Applicants shall be fluent in ASL and knowledgeable about Deaf culture.
- Applicants shall include at least 10 Deaf members fluent in ASL and know Deaf culture.

During COTD meeting;

~Commission of the Deaf commissioners shall have access to all monthly meetings;

ASL interpreters at all COTD meetings

Riverside TV will have Live meetings with live captions and Picture-in-Picture ASL interpreters

During the meeting, any phone calls, Videophone calls or other accessible shall be functioning

COTD Commissioners attending Commission or city functions or appointment within city departments meetings;

Make a request to City Clerk "COTD Secretary" to arrange for an ASL interpreter, share with COTD commissioners ahead of time (in agenda)

LONG-TERM

City of Riverside Ward districting member:

The City of Riverside has had a large deaf population since 2010.

(estimated ~~18%~~ 21%*) Majority of residents who are Deaf are living in Ward #1, #3, #4.

Few percentage at Ward #2, #5

Very least to none at Ward #6, and #7

The bylaws shall be revised to appoint 2 members from the larger Deaf population in Wards #1, and #3. Additionally, appoint 1 commissioner from Wards #2, #5, #6, and #7, and commissioner considered At-Large. Commissioners shall reach out to the Deaf community for support, especially in areas with no to few Deaf population. (Ward #6 and #7) Reduce Citywide appointed Commissioners from three to two.

The revised commissioner appointments shall be as follows:

- **Ward #1:** 2 Commissioners
- **Ward #3:** 2 Commissioners
- **Ward #2:** 1 Commissioner
- **Ward #4:** 1 Commissioner
- **Ward #5:** 1 Commissioner

Citywide (2) will incorporate with the Commissioners. A lengthy Vacan(cies) will accept other Ward (#1-#5) commissioner to represents and advocate the vacant commissioner(s) on Ward #6, and Ward #7 respectfully.

Youth (2)

Total of 13 Commissioners

revised:

February 2025

March 2025

April 2025