



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM LEAH STUART WITH THE AUTISM CERTIFIED CITY INITIATIVE

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from Leah Stuart with the Autism Certified City Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from Leah Stuart with the Autism Certified City Initiative.

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 Autism Certified City Initiative is to support the City of Riverside in obtaining accreditation through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), which provides training and certification to key stakeholders within the City, enabling them to better serve individuals with autism and other cognitive disorders. IBCCES is committed to providing support services to key industries such as healthcare, hospitality, and education in an effort to improve community understanding and quality of life for individuals with cognitive disorders.

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 Leah Stuart with the Autism Certified City Initiative promotes community trust by advocating for City-wide certification and training resources that eliminate barriers and promotes social inclusion.
2. **Equity** – The presentation from Leah Stuart with the Autism Certified City Initiative provides equal opportunities for people with disabilities by providing educational resources that promote equal opportunity and understanding.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – The presentation from Leah Stuart with the Autism Certified City Initiative seeks partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and community members to offer a broad range of educational services for the betterment of the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The presentation from Leah Stuart with the Autism Certified City Initiative advocates for people with disabilities by providing educational resources that promote a sense of community and equality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation