



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: March 20, 2025**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT –
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU, YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YANA)
PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department – Community Services Bureau, You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department – Community Services Bureau, You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program.

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 Community Services Bureau (CSB) is to empower the Riverside community through educational initiatives focused on criminal awareness and crime prevention. The You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program is free to all Riverside residents and helps to provide on-going contact to seniors or home-bound residents that live alone and may not have local family or friends. The YANA program is a component of a concept originally conceived in 1995 by the United States Postal Service, which launched a program providing aid to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

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 Community Services Bureau promotes community trust by providing a social service for an at-risk population within the Riverside community
2. **Equity** – The presentation from the Community Services Bureau provides equal opportunities for people with disabilities by providing outreach and social services that promote equal opportunity and understanding.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – The presentation from the Community Services Bureau seeks partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and community members to provide social services to disadvantaged Riverside residents
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The presentation from the Community Services Bureau advocates for people with disabilities by providing a social service that promotes a sense of community and equality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation