



# Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee

City of Arts & Innovation

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**TO: SAFETY, WELLNESS AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**      **DATE: MAY 20, 2026**  
**FROM: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF**      **WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO CHANGE NAME FROM “COMMISSION OF THE DEAF” TO “DEAF COMMISSION”**

**ISSUE:**

Proposed amendment to Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.100 to change name from “Commission of the Deaf” to “Deaf Commission.”

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee recommend that the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt the proposed ordinance to amend Riverside Municipal Code, Chapter 2.100 to change the name from the “Commission of the Deaf” to “Deaf Commission.”

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

On January 24, 2023, the City Council approved the recommendation to introduce an ordinance establishing a Commission of the Deaf, and the first reading of the ordinance adding Chapter 2.100, Commission of the Deaf, to the City’s Municipal Code, was held. The final ordinance was adopted on February 7, 2023.

**DISCUSSION:**

On October 8, 2025, the Commission approved to recommend that the City Council change the name from “Commission of the Deaf” to the “Deaf Commission.” The motion carried with Commissioner Rasmus absent.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Proposed Ordinance