



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission of the Deaf Memorandum

TO: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF **DATE: MAY 10, 2023**
FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION OF THE DEAF

ISSUE:

Review of Ordinance O-7623 Establishing A Commission of the Deaf.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Commission of the Deaf receive and file this report for review of Ordinance O-7623 Establishing A Commission of the Deaf.

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:

To familiarize the new Commission of the Deaf, staff is recommending a review of Ordinance O-7623 Establishing A Commission of the Deaf, particularly Section 2.100.040 Powers, Duties and Functions, which reads in part:

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to help create an integrated community that promotes full participation in society, education and employment, effective communication, and cultural awareness.
- B. Review community policies, programs, and actions which affect persons within the deaf community and make appropriate recommendations to City Council.
- C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, and to City departments on matters affecting members of the deaf community.
- D. Perform other functions, community outreach, and duties as may be directed by the City Council.

Approved by: Lee Withers, Principal Management Analyst

Attachment: Ordinance O-7623 Establishing A Commission of the Deaf