



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2021**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER ABOUT THE VARIOUS SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND WORKSHOPS THEY PROVIDE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the Community Access Center about the various services, programs, and workshops they provide to people with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from the Community Access Center about the various services, programs, and workshops they provide to people with disabilities.

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:

Staff from the Community Access Center will be providing a presentation regarding the various services, programs and workshops they offer for people with disabilities. The mission of the Community Access Center is to empower people with disabilities to control their own lives, create an accessible community, and advocate to achieve complete social, economic, and political integration. The presentation will provide an overview of the Community Access Center and will also outline services, programs, and workshops they provide to help people with disabilities be successful and independent.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This presentation contributes to the City's Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal 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 Community Access Center provides guidance and support to individuals with disabilities to help them become fully integrated and highly productive community members, employees, and colleagues.
2. **Equity** – The Community Access Center provides disabled individuals with access to resources that assist in providing equal access to society.
3. **Innovation** – The Community Access Center works in partnership with stakeholders and businesses to identify innovative methods to aide in complete social, economic, and political integration of people with disabilities.
4. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Community Access Center advocates for people with disabilities resulting in them becoming more inclusive members of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation