



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: MAY 19, 2022**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM YES TO MORE LIFE ABOUT HOW THEIR PROGRAM HELPS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATE INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from Yes to More Life about how their program helps people with Disabilities successfully integrate into their communities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from Yes to More Life about how their program helps people with disabilities successfully integrate into their communities.

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 Yes to More Life will provide a presentation regarding their program and how it helps people with disabilities successfully integrate into their communities. They believe that everyone can be employed, no matter their disability. Their mission is to have a relationship with businesses in the City of Riverside by providing great employees to meet their unmet needs. The presentation will provide an overview of Yes to More Life and will also outline their goals.

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** – Yes to More Life helps individuals with disabilities find job opportunities with a goal to create a more inclusive society.
2. **Equity** – Yes to More Life provides equal opportunities for disabled individuals by providing assistance finding jobs that meet their individual skills.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – Yes to More Life seeks partnerships with Riverside businesses to provide great employees that meet their unmet needs.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Yes to More Life 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