



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: JULY 6, 2015

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE SPORTS COMMISSION REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR RIVERSIDE
HOST TOWN STATUS – SPECIAL OLYMPIC WORLD GAMES TEAM
SWEDEN**

ISSUE:

The issue for Commission on Disabilities consideration is to receive a report on and support the Riverside Sports Commission's Host Town responsibilities for the Special Olympic World Games.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive this report on and support the Riverside Sports Commission's Host Town responsibilities for the Special Olympic World Games.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Riverside will serve as a host city for a delegation of Special Olympics athletes as part of the 2015 World Games to be held in Los Angeles on July 25 – August 2, 2015. Approximately 7,000 participants from 177 countries will participate and compete in more than 250 sports, including aquatics, gymnastics, kayaking, basketball and soccer. With leadership provided by the Riverside Sports Commission, the City will hold a four-day, pre-games celebration hailing athletes from Sweden. Host Towns provide accommodations, meals, activities and local transportation for athletes and their sponsors. The Riverside Sports Commission is seeking sponsors and volunteers to support this important occasion. Athletes will stay at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside (CSDR), making Riverside the only city to host athletes at a facility that serves a population with special needs.

The Riverside Sports Commission would like to address the Commission on Disabilities to determine if any insight, information or support can be provided concerning the Host Town responsibilities to insure the athletes will fully benefit from their experience in the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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