

# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

## Commission on Disabilities

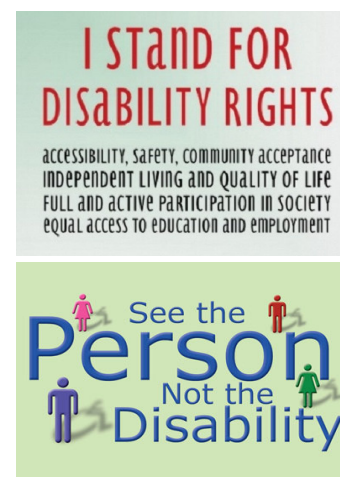
City Council  
January 23, 2018

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## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meets 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of every other month in the City Hall 5th Floor Large Conference Room.

If the first Monday is a holiday, the Commission will meet on the third Monday of the month.



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## MISSION

1. The Commission on Disabilities was established to advise the City Council on all matters affecting persons with disabilities in the community, review community policies, programs, and actions which affect people with disabilities, and help create public awareness about disability needs in areas such as housing, employment, and transportation.
2. We complete this mission through community involvement, interaction, promoting inclusion, empowerment and encouragement.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Commission on Disabilities is to promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of people with disabilities into all aspects of life.”



**Awareness is important: Some disabilities are invisible. Just because a disability is invisible does not mean the disability is not real or important.**



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## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETINGS

The Public Comment Period is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to hear community concerns. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.



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## PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN AMERICA ARE OFTEN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Commission on Disabilities members go into the community and make presentations and attend public outreach events. Our vision is a community where the presence and contributions of people with disabilities are welcomed and celebrated, where intolerance is challenged and defeated, and where the civil rights of all people are valued and respected.



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## GUEST SPEAKER ON HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

Presentation from the Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health Housing Region about homeless housing opportunities, partnership & education programs



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## PRESENTATION: DISABILITY RIGHTS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTICIPATION

### Drown Clinic at RCC



### Eastside Ice Cream Social



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## JANET GOESKE SENIOR CENTER The Fifty and Better Health Fair



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## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES COLLABORATION WITH THE RIVERSIDE NAACP Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Cast of Play - Silent Tears

Research suggests that women with disabilities are more likely to experience domestic violence, emotional abuse, and sexual assault than women without disabilities.



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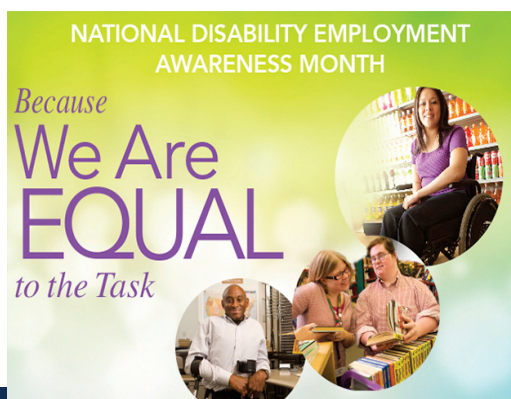
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH RECOGNITION



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH UCR National Disability Employment Awareness Month



Partners Include:

1. California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
2. City of Riverside – Office of the Mayor
3. City of Riverside – Commission on Disabilities

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative Expo



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## MEETING PRESENTATION

Disability Specialist (Disability Resource Center) presentation on Riverside Community College Workability Program – Working to educate and train students with disabilities for the workplace.



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## PRESENTATION FROM A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

The need for services and activities for transitional aged youth and young adults with special needs – ages 18 to 25



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## 2018 GOALS AND WORKPLAN

- Employment
- Housing
- Homeless Count to Identify Disabled
- Employment Training and Education
- Commissioners Community Projects
- Recreation Programs
- Continued Community Awareness through Outreach and Public Service Announcements



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## COMMISSIONERS

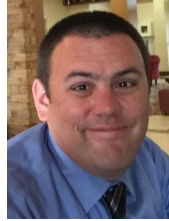
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Sharron Lewis



Vice-Chair  
Tola Perkins



Ryan Nelson



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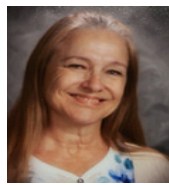
Albert Davis, Sr.



Gregory Alexander, III



Vivian Foust



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## WORKING TOGETHER

"It is not only people with and without disabilities who are stronger working side by side. This simple, yet powerful idea also applies to all of us working within the disability community...

...We achieve more by working together."

The Power of "Side by Side" by Aaron Bishop, Commission,  
Administration on Disabilities, Administration for Community Living



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