



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: MARCH 4, 2019**

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE VOLUNTEERS FOR VETERANS FOUNDATION
TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO ALL
ACTIVE AND RETIRED VETERANS AND THOSE IN TRANSITION TO
CIVILIAN LIFE AWAITING VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS**

ISSUE:

Receive an oral presentation from Volunteers for Veterans Foundation to create awareness about providing assistance to all active and retired veterans and those in transition to civilian life awaiting Veterans Administration benefits.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive an oral presentation from the Volunteers for Veterans Foundation to create awareness about providing assistance to all active and retired veterans and those in transition to Civilian life awaiting Veterans Administration benefits.

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:

The Volunteers for Veterans Foundation (VFVF) provides assistance to all active and retired Veterans and those who are in transition to civilian life awaiting Veterans Administration (VA) benefits. All funds received through donations are used to help veterans and active military personnel. The VFVF goal is to provide emergency shelter and crisis management as well as to help families maintain long term stability and self-sufficiency. VFVF provides assistance with rent, emergency housing and/or repairs, utilities, food and gas.

All funds donated are used to help veterans and active military personnel. Funds received by the Foundation provide support for programs at the Jerry L Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center in Loma Linda CA, which directly benefit veterans. The remaining funds are used on an as-needed basis for veterans referred to the Foundation by the Social Department of the same Hospital. VFVF is honored and humbled for the opportunity to give back to the men and women who have fought so bravely and selflessly to protect this country's freedom.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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