



## CITY OF RIVERSIDE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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City Council  
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### MISSION

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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 persons with disabilities; and help create a public awareness of the needs in areas such as housing, employment, and transportation.

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We complete this mission through Community Involvement and Interaction and Promoting Inclusion, Empowerment and Encouragement.



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## THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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



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## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETINGS



**TIME:** 5:30 TO 7:00 P.M.

**WHEN:** THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH (ODD MONTHS)

**LOCATION:** ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL



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## PUBLIC COMMENT

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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## 2018-2019 GOALS AND WORK PLAN

Resources for the Disabled Homeless/ Veteran Populations

Post Education/Jobs for Disabled and College Aged Youth

Continue Community Outreach/Sponsorship Collaborations

Faith Based Partnerships



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## GUEST SPEAKER LISA DYAN SAGALA – WYLIE CENTER

Lisa Dyan Sagala was a licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Wylie Center and is currently the Director of Growing up Special. Her primary concern is opportunities for social interaction and employment for transitional aged youth ages 16-24.



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## GROWING UP SPECIAL SPONSORSHIP COLLABORATION WITH SENATOR ROTH'S OFFICE



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## GUEST SPEAKER DR. MEL PARKER

Dr. Mel Palmer is a homeless advocate and an emotional health counselor. A significant number of people who are homeless have had mental health issues since they were very young, some being undiagnosed and/or untreated.



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## “NOWHERE TO RUN” A PLAY ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING PARTNERSHIP



1. The play “Nowhere to Run” provides a look into the life of those suffering from mental and physical abuse.
2. The production leaves you with an essential understanding about how sexual exploitation can happen to anyone and that we must all work together to break the cycle of bullying, sex trafficking, and domestic violence.

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## GUEST SPEAKER: MENTAL HEALTH FAMILY ADVOCATE MARIA D. ALGARIN

"We've Been There, We Can Help"

**Maria D. Algarin**  
Prevention and Early  
Intervention  
Family Advocate



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## COMMISSIONERS PICTURED WITH MARIA ALGARIN



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## TONI LUCAS – GUEST SPEAKER

Riverside University Health System Innovations Planner Toni Lucas presented an update on the Riverside County Tech Suite, which target populations that have been missed in RUHS. Technology is intended to include everyone who needs mental health services. She noted that Riverside County has high suicide rates for people over 50, transitional aged youth (TAY), those experiencing depression and anxiety.



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## COMMISSIONERS PICTURED WITH GUEST SPEAKER MACHELLE ROBINSON – A CHANGE IN TRAJECTORY – SERVICES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH AND ADULTS



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## GUEST SPEAKER PASTOR PAUL MUNFORD, PRESIDENT OF THE RIVERSIDE CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Pastor Munford is pastor of New Joy Baptist Church in Riverside. The Faith Community is very concerned about homelessness in Riverside. Every segment of the City will be needed to end homelessness and provide resources for those in need. "More shelters are needed along with compassion. The Faith Community would like to partner with the Commission on Disabilities."



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## COMMISSIONERS ON DISABILITIES PICTURED WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR VETERANS NON-PROFIT



Volunteers for Veterans (VV) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individual veterans with everyday needs, such as rent, food, clothes, car repair, utilities and other life emergencies.

VV helps vets get off the street, into work and helps normalize situations for veterans with dignity and respect.

VV is willing to partner with the City of Riverside to help financially in some way to end homelessness for veterans.

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## CITY OF RIVERSIDE COMMISSIONERS ON DISABILITIES

1. Gregory Alexander, Chair
2. Kimberly Lopez, Vice Chair
3. Sharron Lewis
4. Albert Davis, Sr.
5. Ryan Nelson
6. Antonia Quezada
7. John Krick
8. Tola Perkins
9. Vivian Foust
10. Kittie Aleman



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