



# Commission of the Deaf Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF** **DATE: JUNE 12, 2024**  
**FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE** **WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: RENAMING THE COMMISSION OF THE DEAF**

## **ISSUE:**

Continue discussing renaming Commission of the Deaf.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Commission of the Deaf be renamed to Deaf Commission, or other agreed upon name to avoid the use of English words that do not directly translate into ASL.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On January 24th, 2023, the City Council voted to establish the Model Deaf Community Committee as a recognized commission. Pursuant to Sections 800 and 803 of the Riverside City Charter, the Commission of the Deaf shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

The Commission of the Deaf shall serve in an advisory capacity to help create an integrated community that promotes full participation in society, education and employment, effective communication, deaf community outreach and cultural awareness.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Continue the topic of discussion regarding renaming the Commission of the Deaf to Deaf Commission or other appropriate title that directly translates into ASL, to better align and assist with deaf community outreach.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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