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# Commission on Disabilities

**TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**                      **DATE: MAY 21, 2026**  
**FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**                      **WARD: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO TOUR CITY OF RIVERSIDE FACILITIES.**

**ISSUE:**

Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to tour City of Riverside facilities and identify accessibility-related needs and opportunities for improvement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission on Disabilities establish an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct tours of City facilities and provide feedback regarding accessibility and accommodations for people with disabilities.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission on Disabilities' (COD) mission is to identify the needs of people with disabilities and create public awareness of these needs in the areas of employment, housing, transportation, media, and physical and communication accessibility. The Commission also supports programs and activities that promote greater independence and inclusion for people with disabilities.

The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters affecting people with disabilities and works collaboratively with City departments to help improve accessibility throughout the community.

**DISCUSSION:**

To further support the Commission on Disabilities' mission and annual work plan objectives, the Commission is proposing the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct tours of various City-owned facilities. The purpose of the tours is to observe, identify, and discuss accessibility-related features, barriers, and opportunities for improvement within City facilities.

The Ad Hoc Committee may review items including, but not limited to:

- Physical accessibility and ADA accommodations.
- Building entrances, pathways, and parking accessibility.
- Signage and wayfinding.
- Accessibility of public counters, meeting rooms, and restrooms.
- Communication accessibility and public engagement accommodations; and
- General accessibility concerns impacting people with disabilities.

The Committee's observations and recommendations may be brought back to the full Commission on Disabilities for discussion and consideration. Any recommendations supported by the Commission may subsequently be forwarded to the appropriate City departments and/or City Council as appropriate.

The Commission on Disabilities is tasked with the following powers, duties, and functions per Section 2.66.040 of the Riverside Municipal Code:

1. Advise the City Council on all matters affecting people with disabilities in the community.
2. Review community policies, programs and actions which affect people with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council.
3. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, to City departments, and to private agencies on matters affecting people with disabilities.
4. Identify the needs of people with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in areas such as employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other needed areas.
5. Promote greater awareness of the changing life patterns, opportunities and responsibilities of people with disabilities.
6. Promote the total integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of community life.
7. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council.

Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to tour City facilities is consistent with the Commission's mission and responsibilities to promote accessibility and inclusion throughout the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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