



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: MAY 16, 2024**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE DEFEATING EPILEPSY FOUNDATION.

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation.

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 mission of the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation is to provide advocacy and educational resources to the epilepsy community as well as society. The Foundation is dedicated to removing the stigma associated with epilepsy and fostering an environment that advocates and creates opportunities for those living with epilepsy. The Defeating Epilepsy Foundation continues to expand their mission to include individuals with other neurological disorders and neurodivergent conditions by collaborating with other organizations.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This presentation contributes to the City's Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.5 – Foster relationships between community members, partner organizations and public safety professionals to define, prioritize, and address community safety and social service needs.

This presentation aligns with the Cross-Cutting threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The presentation from the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation promotes community trust by providing educational and advocacy resources for individuals with disabilities that eliminates barriers and promotes social inclusion.
2. **Equity** – The presentation from the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation provides equal opportunities for people with disabilities by raising social awareness and providing informational and educational resources that promote equal opportunity and understanding.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – The presentation from the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation seeks partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and community members to provide a wide range of educational and advocacy services that individuals with disabilities can utilize.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The presentation from the Defeating Epilepsy Foundation advocates for people with disabilities by providing educational and advocacy resources that promote a sense of community and equality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation