



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: APRIL 16, 2026**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: REVIEW AND APPROVE ATTENDING THE JANET GOESKE SENIOR CONFERENCE

ISSUE:

Review and approve attending the Janet Goeske Senior Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities review and approve attending the Janet Goeske Senior Conference.

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:

To help focus and enhance the direction of the Commission on Disabilities, the Commission has assigned an Ad Hoc Committee tasked with planning and attending events that aligns with the Commission's mission statement and annual work plan.

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 persons with disabilities in the community.
2. Review community policies, programs and actions which affect persons 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 persons with disabilities.
4. Identify the needs of persons 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 persons with disabilities.
6. Promote the total integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of community life.
7. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council.

Within this framework, the Commission on Disabilities is asked to perform community outreach activities that align with the Commission on Disabilities Mission Statement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The potential total fiscal impact of this item is \$250. Sufficient funds are budgeted and available in Commission on Disabilities account 2200000-450052.

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Attachment: Commission Event Proposal Form