



Commission of the Deaf Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF **DATE: JANUARY 14, 2026**

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: COMMISSION OF THE DEAF - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ISSUE:

Continue discussion on community outreach and participation opportunities for the Commission of the Deaf. This includes identifying events the Commission may attend and reviewing outreach materials, such as a PowerPoint presentation, a QR code linking to a community survey with video attachment, a Prezi presentation, and a proposed new logo. The Commission will also discuss a potential development of a Deaf Culture Center, possible updates to the City's homepage/webpage, and the possibility of a formation of three ad hoc committees: Deaf Culture, Deaf Education, and Housing for the Deaf Community, including seniors.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Commission of the Deaf identify and approve community events for the Ad Hoc Committee to attend for outreach purposes; review and approve outreach materials, including a PowerPoint presentation, a QR code linking to a community survey with video attachment, a Prezi presentation, and a proposed new logo; and consider the feasibility of a Deaf Culture Center and potential updates to the City's homepage/webpage. The Commission will also consider the formation of three ad hoc committees: Deaf Culture, Deaf Education, and Housing for the Deaf Community, including seniors.

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:

Events that can be attended by the Community Outreach Ad Hoc and material they can use for outreach.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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