



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: MAY 15, 2024**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
**SUBJECT: REVIEW AND APPROVE THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES RESOURCE GUIDE**

ISSUE:

Review and approve the revised draft of the Commission on Disabilities Resource Guide

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities review and approve the revised draft of the Commission on Disabilities Resource Guide

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 formulating a City of Riverside Resource Guide that aligns with the City's Strategic Plan. Once the Resource Guide has been approved by the Commission, the Resource Guide shall be distributed to various City Departments for distribution at various City-owned public facilities.

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 has tasked itself with recommending topics of interest and identifying local resources that should be included in the Commission on Disabilities Resource Guide.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

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

1. **Community Trust** – The resource guide promotes community trust by promoting local City programs and services available to the public.
2. **Equity** – The resource guide shall be provided equitably across City facilities and promotes equal opportunities for people with disabilities by promoting outreach and social services that enhance equal opportunity and understanding.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – The resource guide seeks to promote partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and community members to provide social services to disadvantaged Riverside residents
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The resource guide advocates for people with disabilities by promoting social services that enhance community well-being and equality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Resource Guide