



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities

TO: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **DATE: MAY 18, 2023**
FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: ALL**
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM HOMIES, AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from Homies, an organization that provides services that are designed to help people with disabilities live independently.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from Homies, an organization that provides services that are designed to help people with disabilities live independently.

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:

Homies is an organization that provides services that are designed to help people with disabilities live independently. This presentation will explain the mission and vision of this organization and will provide information about the services that they provide. Homies is a life-sharing program for people with disabilities and their mission is to promote the involvement of key stakeholders in planning and supporting an array of services that will culminate in successful opportunities for people with disabilities to live more independently.

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** – Homies provides resources and services to people with disabilities that will help them transition to a more independent living situation with a goal to create a more inclusive society.
2. **Equity** – Homies provides equal opportunities for disabled people by providing an environment that promotes independence and inclusiveness.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This item is neutral towards this Cross-Cutting Thread.
4. **Innovation** – Homies seeks partnerships with a variety of stakeholders and community members to provide people with an alternative view of independent living opportunities.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Homies advocates for people with disabilities resulting in them becoming more independent and inclusive members of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation