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Director's Report to the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC)

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I look forward to today's conversation on Better Market Street, Committee on Information Technology (COIT) initiatives, and SF Tech Week. Please do not hesitate to recommend action items related to any part of these presentations, or other items discussed in this report, as follow-up to today's Public Hearing.

Highlighted here are some of the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) key collaborations since the March 2018 meeting, and some important upcoming opportunities for public engagement by San Francisco Bay Area residents with disabilities.

Accessible Voting: The next meeting of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 3-4:30 pm in City Hall Room 305. The meeting will feature a vendor demonstration of the City's next voting system, for use starting in 2019. We will see the operation of polling place-based equipment, and discuss VAAC's participation in implementing the City's next voting system. While we anticipate that our next system is an interim solution, attendance at this demonstration and feedback from people with disabilities, especially blind, low vision, and physical disability communities, is needed.

Also, information on the remote accessible vote-by-mail system, including frequently asked questions, is now available for review at the Department of Elections website by going to <http://sfgov.org/elections/remote-accessible-vote-mail-system>. This system will be implemented for the June 2018 election cycle, so please visit this content and help spread the word about its availability.

Dockless Scooter and Bike Share: MOD has received feedback on these local issues specifically pertaining to access to the public right of way, and is engaged with our City partners on the topic. The MDC is highly encouraged to consider this topic for an upcoming MDC public hearing.

Employment Hearing: District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee has called for a public hearing pertaining to the employment of people with disabilities and older adults in San Francisco. While the date has not been formally set, we expect the hearing to take place in late May or early June. The MDC is encouraged to attend this hearing, when the date is set. Information will be sent to the public through the MOD newsfeed as well.

Mayoral Forum: Homebridge and the Dignity Fund Coalition, two non-profit community organizations, are hosting a forum with the San Francisco Mayoral candidates on Thursday, April 26 from 10:30-12:00 at the Herbst Theater:

<http://www.sfdignityfund.org>. This Forum will focus specifically on issues pertaining to disabled and older adult communities. The event is free and open to the public, but you must RSVP to attend. The MDC, and all members of the public, are highly encouraged to attend. ASL interpreting, Assistive Listening Devices, as well as translation in Spanish and Chinese, will be provided at the event.

Legislative Updates: MDC and members of the public may want to engage with the following:

- Proposed Transportation Network Company (TNC) legislation: SB 1376, introduced by California State Senator Hill and addressing TNC accessibility plans, passed the Senate Energy Committee this week. The SFMTA and MOD received local legislative approval to be supporters of the Bill as well, and Senator Hill's office is working with disability organizations to craft language surrounding the Bill. The MDC is encouraged to engage and comment. We anticipate opportunities for this in May.
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1376
- ADA Education and Reform Act: HR 620 has been received in the Senate
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/620>. California State Senators have committed to opposing the Bill.

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