

The mission of the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) is to ensure that every program, service, benefit, activity and facility operated or funded by the City and County of San Francisco is fully accessible to, and useable by, people with disabilities.

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

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I look forward to today's conversation on Remote Accessible Voting, Dockless Scooter Sharing, the BART Elevator cleanliness pilot, and hearing loss, in recognition of Hard of Hearing Awareness Month. 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 April 2018 meeting, and some important upcoming opportunities for public engagement by San Francisco Bay Area residents with disabilities.

Accessible Bike Sharing: The Oakland Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities will be discussing accessible bike share programs on Monday, June 18 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Oakland City Hall. The MDC may consider partnering with this effort.

Accessible Building Entrance Ordinance (ABE): The Department of Building Inspection will be holding their next ABE information workshop for members of the public as part of their annual Earthquake Safety Fair at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium on June 13, 2018. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Accessible Voting: The May 8, 2018 meeting of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) featured a vendor demonstration of the City's next voting system, for use starting in 2019. The VAAC provided feedback on the accessibility of polling place-based equipment. Remember that information on the remote accessible vote-by-mail system, including frequently asked questions, is available at <http://sfgov.org/elections/remote-accessible-vote-mail-system>. This system will be implemented statewide for the June 2018 election cycle. The last day for San Francisco voters to register to vote by mail in time for the June 5 election is May 29, 2018.

California Academy of Sciences' Job Fair: The Cal Academy held its second annual job fair for people with disabilities today, with representation from city, for-profit and non-profit employers, and with presentations by District 1 Supervisor Sandra Fewer, MOD, and ARC SF. Microsoft also promoted its Ability Week events, happening May 29-June 2 2018 at SF Westfield Centre.

Employment Hearing: District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's public hearing pertaining to the employment of people with disabilities and older adults in San Francisco was held on May 9, 2018. Presenters included MOD, Department of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Human Resources, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and the California Department of Rehabilitation. Members of the public with disabilities and older adults also provided public comment. The MDC may consider this item for follow-up at a future public hearing.

Mayoral Forum: Homebridge and the Dignity Fund Coalition, two non-profit community organizations, hosted San Francisco Mayoral candidates on Thursday, April 26, with over 900 in-person attendees and over 1200 participating online. Organizers collected over 150 questions from participants with disabilities and older adults. Based on these questions, the top community concerns are: availability of affordable housing, access to reliable and accessible transportation, cleanliness of and access to the public right of way, and employment. Again, the MDC is encouraged to consider any of these concerns as agenda items for a future public meeting.

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 is in progress, and SFMTA and MOD are working along with disability advocates on language revisions https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1376. MDC may consider supporting this Bill, or becoming party to the proceedings of the CPUC.
- 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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