

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

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I look forward to today's conversation on the San Francisco Curb Ramp Program, the Accessible Business Ordinance Program, and an update on the Vision Zero initiative as it pertains to people with disabilities. 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.

The February 2018 Public Hearing of the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) was cancelled due to scheduled hearing room technology upgrades. Highlighted here are some of the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) key collaborations since the January 2018 meeting, and some important upcoming opportunities for public engagement by San Francisco Bay Area residents with disabilities.

Accessible Voting: The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) met on March 13, 2018 and discussed creating a Remote Accessible Voting (RAV) subgroup. This workgroup will look at the accessibility of San Francisco's implementation of the State legislation mandates all California jurisdictions to provide accessible vote-by-mail options for people with disabilities and oversees military personnel by the June 2018 election cycle. The SF Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) offered to host in-person feedback sessions as part of this process, although testing may be done from any computer. The group is interested in feedback from all people with disabilities, and is especially looking for feedback from the blind and low vision community. The next full meeting of the VAAC is scheduled for May 8, 2018. To engage with the VAAC, please contact the Department of Elections, or MOD.

Aging and Disability Friendly (ADF) Implementation Workgroup: The next meeting of this workgroup, which oversees the implementation of the goals recommended by the ADF Task Force, will be held Friday, April 13 from 2-4pm at the Department of Aging and Adult Services, 1650 Mission Street, 5th Floor. This meeting is open to the public and

participation by MDC members, people with disabilities and older adults is welcomed and encouraged. The ADF is also hosting a panel focused on engaging nontraditional partners at the American Society on Aging Conference on Wednesday, March 28 from 1-2:30pm. The MDC may consider the ADF implementation effort as an information item for an upcoming MDC Public Hearing.

Better Market Street: City representatives from the Better Market Street improvement project are in the process of gathering feedback on project design and accessibility from the disability community. The San Francisco chapter of the California Council for the Blind will hear about the project and provide feedback on March 17, 2018. The MDC is highly encouraged to list this as an information item for the April 2018 Public Hearing.

Dignity Fund: The Dignity Fund Needs Assessment Report is completed and in draft review form. The joint public hearing to discuss the findings will be held on April 4, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:00am at City Hall, Room 416. MDC members are encouraged to attend and provide feedback on how the fund supports people with disabilities and older adults. The MDC may also consider this information item for an upcoming MDC Public Hearing.

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 the disability and older adult communities. The event is free and open to the public. The MDC, and all members of the public, are highly encouraged to attend.

Legislative Updates: MDC and members of the public may consider contacting elected officials 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 now available for comment: 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>

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