

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 regret that I cannot be there in person today to hear presentations related to the state of employment of people with disabilities in the City and County of San Francisco. The Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) is in conversation with the Department of Human Resources on some of the items presented today, and we look forward to continued collaboration on this important topic. Please do not hesitate to recommend action items related to employment of people with disabilities, or other items discussed in this report, as follow-up to today's Public Hearing.

Some of the activities that MOD has been engaged with since the September Mayor's Disability Council Meeting are as follows:

- **Accessible Voting:** The City has engaged Slalom Consulting to provide recommendations regarding the feasibility of the City developing its own voting system. The consultants have met with MOD, and are in the process of obtaining the perspectives regarding the intersections of disability and voting. The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) will continue to discuss this issue as well, along with CA State accessible remote voting implementation. The next meeting of the VAAC is November 7, 2017 from 2-4 PM in City Hall. Additional participation from members of the public is welcomed and encouraged. To get involved, contact the Department of Elections, MOD, or complete a VAAC interest form at <http://sfgov.org/elections/participate-advisory-committees>
- **California Commission on Disability Access and State Parking Placard Reform:** The California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA), a State Commission monitoring disability access issues as they intersect with the business community across California, held its October Meeting in San Francisco. Among the topics heard at this meeting was an update on disabled parking placard reform efforts in LA County. SFMTA is actively exploring interest with San Francisco disability community stakeholders regarding the best way to engage with this effort. This

topic is recommended for in-depth consideration at an upcoming Mayor's Disability Council Public Hearing. To connect to the CCDA's efforts, please visit: <http://ccda.ca.gov>

- California Public Utilities Commission Comment Period on Disability Access and Transportation Network Companies (TNC's): The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will soon be taking comment on the state of accessibility and TNC's like Uber and Lyft. Although the comment period has not yet been announced, it is expected soon, and advocacy from the disability community is highly encouraged during the comment period. SFMTA Accessible and Taxi Services is monitoring this effort. As with the previous item, this topic is recommended in-depth consideration at an upcoming Mayor's Disability Council Public Hearing.
- Emergency Preparedness: MOD has been actively involved in the distribution of messaging to people with disabilities and seniors related to heat waves, air quality, general preparedness and personal safety. MOD encourages all members of the public, and especially persons with disabilities, to sign up for AlertSF, so that you may receive city-wide alerts to your phone and e-mail. To sign up, please visit: www.alertsf.org
- Staff News: MOD welcomed Dickson Sum into a 3-year Building Inspector position on October 10, 2017. Mr. Sum's work will focus on accessibility plan review and inspection efforts as San Francisco moves forward with additional city-funded housing construction across districts.
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