

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 access to Golden Gate Park, the Support at Home Voucher Program, and public remembrance of Mayor Ed Lee. 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 December 2017 engagement of the Mayor's Disability Council was a very successful holiday meet and greet held at the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD). Highlighted here are some of MOD's key collaborations since the November 2017 meeting, and some important upcoming opportunities for public engagement by San Francisco Bay Area residents with disabilities.

Accessible Business Entrance Program: Information about the Accessible Business Entrance Ordinance, legislation passed by the SF Board of Supervisors in 2016 to help ensure that all primary entrances of San Francisco businesses and places of public accommodation are accessible to people with disabilities, was distributed by the Department of Building Inspection to San Francisco property owners last month. The Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) is encouraged to add an update from this program as an agenda item for a future MDC Public Hearing.

Accessible Voting: The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) met on January 9, 2018 and highlighted two key opportunities for people with disabilities to provide timely feedback.

First, the California Secretary of State Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment is seeking volunteer user testing of two Remote Accessible Vote By Mail Systems. They are specifically looking for people with disabilities who may provide feedback from any (home or other) computer system with web browsing capability and internet access during the week of January 22, 2018. To sign up, please contact the Secretary of State,

Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment at (916) 695-1680 or voting.systems@sos.ca.gov.

Second, the San Francisco Department of Elections seeks feedback on implementation of the remote accessible vote-by-mail, as well as the accessibility of San Francisco voting and elections services, by January 26. Timely response will help the Department of Elections incorporate feedback in time for publication and other critical deadlines. Please follow the link to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SFRAV>. You may also visit the MOD homepage or contact the Department of Elections for access to the survey link.

AT&T Park Evacuation Exercise: The San Francisco Giants, in collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, will be holding an evacuation exercise following Fan Fest on February 10, 2018, and they are looking for volunteers with disabilities to participate in the evacuation drill. Volunteers will receive a SF Giants branded gift and special entry into Fan Fest, and will have an opportunity to provide invaluable feedback about the AT&T Park evacuation plan. Please subscribe to the MOD e-mail news feed at: sfgov.org/mod for updates on how to register for this event.

Bay Area Arts Collective introduces their “Community Spotlights” series, which engages community members with disabilities in accessible design of the museum experience. The February 8, 2018 workshop will focus on Museums 4 Inclusion, a program at the California Academy of Sciences that targets the employment of persons with disabilities in museum settings. To register, visit Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baac-and-the-california-academy-of-sciences-presents-museums4inclusion-tickets-42057789982?aff=eac2>

Ed Roberts Day is Tuesday, January 23. MOD will be marking the remembrance of the birthday of Ed Roberts, who many consider as the father of the modern-day disability movement, through a retrospective of his career and commentary on his impact. Please look to your MOD e-mail subscription, as well as your MOD Facebook feed, next Tuesday.

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