



## **HEARING AGENDA**

### **CITY OF LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

**1:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
until the conclusion of business.**

Board of Public Works Hearing Room 350, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

#### **Commissioners:**

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### **ITEM (1)**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission will review the minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and vote to approve them.

Item is for **DISCUSSION** and **ACTION**.

### **ITEM (2)**

#### **HEARING: DISABILITY AND IMMIGRATION**

Presentation from various organizations from the greater Los Angeles area and testimony from individuals regarding the challenges, concerns, and personal stories that come from being or having family members who are disabled and are immigrants, documented or otherwise.

1. Welcome – Father Richard Estrada- Father Estrada is the founder and board president of Jovenes, a shelter for homeless, undocumented young men and is a tireless advocate for the rights of the homeless, immigration reform, and justice for refugees from Central America and Mexico.
2. Speaker - Teresa Celada-Dalton, Ph. D.  
Dr. Teresa Celada-Dalton is a child psychologist with the Children's Hospital Community Mental Health Center with a trauma specialty serving underserved persons, in particular Latinx children, youth, and families. Dr. Celada-Dalton also works to provide advocacy, resources, and project coordination for Spanish speaking immigrants, children, and individuals with disabilities project in Los Angeles County, volunteering alongside Jovenes, Inc. and Father Estrada.
3. Speaker - Eric Hubbard, Jovenes Inc.  
Eric Hubbard is the Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships for Jovenes, Inc. Jovenes provides housing and supportive services to youth experiencing homelessness in East and Southeast Los Angeles and throughout its history has sought to support immigrant youth in their pathways to become integrated and active members of the community.

4. Constituent Testimony – Testimony from constituents on their own or family member’s experiences as immigrants and people living with disabilities.
5. Speaker - Abigail Marquez, Los Angeles Housing Community Investment Department  
Abigail Marquez is responsible for managing the operations of the Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department’s (HCIDLA) newly created Community Services and Development Bureau. This includes the planning and administration of the City’s Consolidated Plan and the implementation of HCIDLA’s social service delivery programs, including the FamilySource System, Domestic Violence Shelter Operations, Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), Supportive Housing Services for homeless individuals and families, and Fair Housing programs.
6. Mariana Magana, The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) and Paulina Ruiz, advocate.  
Mariana Magana serves as the Local Policy Advocate at CHIRLA, which organizes and serves individuals, institutions and coalitions to build power, transform public opinion, and change policies to achieve full human, civil and labor rights. CHIRLA was formed in response to the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 which made hiring undocumented workers illegal, thus creating a situation ripe for worker exploitation and abuse which have increased since that time.  
Paulina Ruiz is a graduate of UCLA in Spanish Language and Literature, a burgeoning community leader, and has worked with CHIRLA in advocacy and awareness. She brings in-depth knowledge of disability and immigration to the commission.
7. Constituent Testimony – Continued testimony from constituents on their own or family member’s experiences as immigrants and people living with disabilities.

Item is for **DISCUSSION.**

### **ITEM (3)**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Discussion of items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and/or other relevant issues. Presentation is by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability.

Item is for **DISCUSSION.**

## ITEM (4)

### NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suggested items for the next regular meeting's agenda and announcements from Commissioners, DOD staff, and guests, as well as follow-up items from this or previous commission meetings to be presented at the next meeting.

Item is for DISCUSSION.

## ITEM (5)

### PUBLIC COMMENT

For items not on today's agenda, but under the Commission's jurisdiction, members of the public who wish to speak on items shall be allowed to speak for up to two minutes per item up to a total of five minutes per meeting.

## ITEM (6)

### ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment.

Item is for ACTION.

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