



## **Regular Meeting**

### **City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**2:00 P.M. until the conclusion of business**

Edward R. Roybal Board of Public Works Session Room

Room 350

Los Angeles City Hall

200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

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## **Commissioners**

Akiko Tagawa, President

Mary Grace A. Barrios, 1st Vice President

Myrna Cabanban, 2nd Vice President

Candace Cable, Secretary

Alisa Schlesinger, Commissioner

Iran Hopkins, Commissioner

Jorge E. Acevedo, Commissioner

Robert Bitonte, Commissioner

Robert Williams, Commissioner

## **Meeting Information**

Commission on Disability regular meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM.

### **In-Person Attendance Information**

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Commission on Disability at (213) 202-2764 (voice) or  
(213) 202-3452 (TTY).

## Meeting Agenda

### **Item One (1) - Request for Teleconference Option Pursuant to AB 2449**

In accordance with AB 2449 Section 2(a)(i) members may now notify the legislative body of their need to participate remotely for just cause, if they haven't already done so, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely. The provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year.

Item is for **Discussion** and **Action**.

### **Item Two (2) - Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Commission will review the minutes of the November 2024 Regular meeting and vote to approve.

Item is for **Discussion** and **Action**.

### **Item Three (3) - Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

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 is for **Information**.

### **Item Four (4) - California Mentor East Los Angeles FHA**

Danika Rosales, a Program Recruiter from the California Mentor East Los Angeles FHA, a member of the Sevita family, will present about their services.

Item is for **Discussion**.

### **Item Five (5) - Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

The current ad hoc committees - Commission Bylaws and Advocacy, Disability Culture and Legacy, Aviation and Transportation Network Companies, Accessible

Infrastructure and Communication, Housing Equity - will provide work plan updates and written recommendations, if any, which the Commission may choose to act upon.

Item is for **Discussion** and **Action**.

### **Item Six (6) - Executive Director's Report**

The Department on Disability **Executive Director, Stephen David Simon**, and/or other department staff will provide an update on items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and/or other relevant issues.

Item is for **Discussion**.

### **Item Seven (7) - New Business and Announcements**

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 Eight (8) - Adjournment

Adjournment

Item is for **Action**.

# California Mentor

## Family Home Agency

Danika Rosales  
Leah Feliciano

January 2025

A man with a shaved head and a goatee is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a white hoodie with a newspaper print pattern over a black t-shirt with a colorful graphic. He is sitting at a table with a glass of water and a pink straw, and a black microphone is positioned in front of him. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a potted plant.

Sevita

# What is a **Family Home Agency (FHA)**?

- **Residential service model for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities**
  - Unique shared living experience
  - Services provided in private family homes
  - Nurturing, comfortable setting with individualized support – at *HOME*
- **Partnerships:**
  - Regional Center
  - Department of Developmental Services
- **FHAs: Bring Caring Closer and Provide Opportunities**
  - Learn and grow
  - Be part of a family
  - Participate in everyday activities of neighborhood and family life
  - Develop meaningful relationships



# Who Do We Serve?

- **Adults (18 and older)**
  - who choose to live in an FHA model
- **Referred by Regional Centers**
- **Men and Women with diverse needs which may include:**
  - Intellectual Disabilities
  - Autism
  - Epilepsy
  - Cerebral Palsy
  - Conditions Closely Related to Intellectual Disabilities

*\*Some individuals may require specialized mental health care or behavioral support.*



# Quality is At Our Core

- **Supports Offered**

- Program Services Coordinators
- Direct Support Professionals\*
- Professional Consultants\*
- Relief support\*
- Medical and behavioral oversight

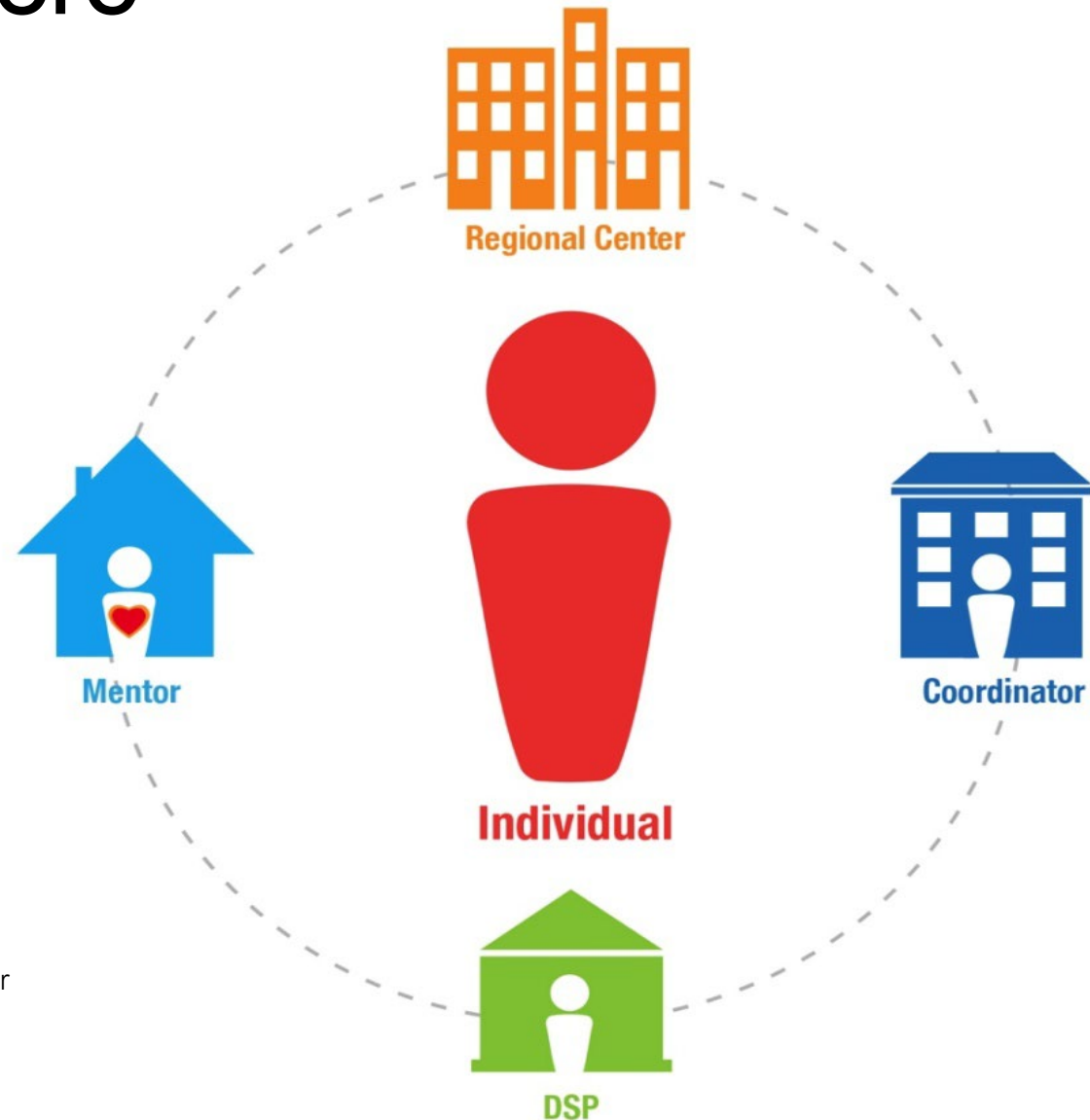
- **Matching Process**

- Referral reviews/intake
- Home tours
- Pre-placement visits
- Placement day support

- **Ongoing Monitoring/Support**

- Announced and unannounced home visits
- Individualized support from the Program Services Coordinator
- Health and safety reviews
- 24-hour on-call support

\*when applicable



# Our FHA providers are **Mentors**

## Who are Mentors?

- Independent contractors who care for an adult in need in their own home
- Caring individuals from all walks of life
  - May be empty nesters, single parents, families, individuals, etc.
- Mentors are not employees; they are self-employed, independent contractors

## What do they do?

- Provide support specifically tailored to meet the needs of the individuals receiving services
- Collaborate with a specialized team of health and human services professionals
- Help individuals reach their individually chosen goals
- Providing a family environment
- Provide care and basic living needs
- Provide transportation



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**Every person has the right to live well.™**



## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

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**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

**2:00 P.M.**

Edward R. Roybal Board of Public Works Session Room

Room 350

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200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Zoom Video Conference

#### **Commissioners Present:**

Akiko Tagawa, President

Mary Grace A. Barrios, 1st Vice President

Myrna Cabanban, 2nd Vice President

Candace Cable, Secretary

Alisa Schlesinger, Commissioner

Iran Hopkins, Commissioner  
Jorge E. Acevedo, Commissioner  
Robert Bitonte, Commissioner  
Robert Williams, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

Robert Williams, Commissioner  
Mary Grace A. Barrios, 1st Vice President

**City Staff Present:**

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability  
Alison Everett, Assistant Executive Director, Department on Disability  
Kayvon Wroten, DOD Staff  
Salina Goytia, DOD Staff  
Gail Delgado-Huezo, DOD Staff

**Other City Departments:**

Kim Kasreliovich, Assistant General Manager, Los Angeles Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department

**Guests:**

Nicole Bohn, Executive Director, Disability Rights  
Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

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Pursuant to AB 2449**

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Action Taken: There were no Commission members attending the Commission on Disability meeting virtually. No action required by the Commission on Disability.

**Item Two (2) - Approval of the Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the October 2024 regular meeting and voted to approve them. There was an abstention made by Commissioner Schlesinger .

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes for the October 2024 regular meeting.

### **Item Three (3) - Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

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.

No Action Taken, information purposes only.

### **Item Four (4) - The Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights) Presentation**

Kim Kasreliovich, Assistant General Manager of the LA Civil Rights, provided a brief history, related law and regulation, as well as the process of contacting and filing a complaint with the LA Civil Rights.

- I. Kim Kasreliovich explained how the LA Civil Rights Department was created in 2020 as a result of community advocacy, particularly for groups like the Black Workers Center and MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund), to help the people of Los Angeles who might be dealing with civil rights violations at the local level. There are state and federal protections when dealing with disability rights. She stated that the civil and human rights law for the City of Los Angeles says if you live, work, play, or pray in the City, you have the right to be free from discrimination. Adding that you do not have to reside in the City of Los Angeles to file a claim, but the allegation regarding the discrimination or violation of civil rights has to have occurred within the City within the last 3 years. There are a number of protected classes on which a claim could be based upon, disability being one of them. LA Civil Rights enforce civil rights in the private sector, specifically in the area of commerce which includes day to day business transactions like getting a haircut or grocery shopping. Private sector examples are private schools, private employment and case cannot be brought against government entities, LAUSD or the Police.

They can also bring cases against housing discrimination with limited jurisdiction. There are many ways to contact LA Civil Rights and complaints can be made in over 50 languages. Phone lines are staffed with live representatives every day 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with a voicemail return rate of 3 business days. One can also make online complaints. They encourage individuals to reach out, even if unsure about the discrimination, to receive proper guidance or referrals. Confidentiality is maintained as much as possible, and anonymous complaints are accepted, although actual witnesses are often needed. The department aims to fill gaps where private legal action may not be feasible, ensuring that even minor acts of discrimination are addressed to protect the community. More information can be found at [civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov](http://civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov).

No Action Taken, information purposes only.

### **Item Five (5) - Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) Presentation**

Nicole Bohn, Executive Director of DREDF discussed DREDF's work where it intersects municipal policy, legal

advocacy and support, and the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI), as well as additional resources and news from DREDF.

- I. Nicole Bohn highlighted her prior role as the ADA Coordinator for San Francisco. She briefly explained DREDF's mission to protect and advance disability rights, focusing on areas such as education, housing, healthcare, public benefits, transportation, and more. Nicole emphasized that DREDF is a national organization with over 45 years of experience, providing legal support, parent training, and policy advocacy. DREDF offers technical legal assistance, partners on disability litigation, writes amicus briefs, and provides public statements and blogs on key issues. They also run a parent training center offering services and bilingual education to families with children with disabilities. Their policy work includes advocacy on transportation, healthcare, and education, among other issues. Nicole encouraged the use of DREDF as a resource and shared contact information, emphasizing their commitment to advancing disability rights through legal support, education, and policy work. More information can be found at [www.DREDF.org](http://www.DREDF.org).

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

**Item Six (6) - Review Commission on Disability Meeting Presentation Coordination Instructions**

The Commission reviewed and may choose to approve the draft of the Commission on Disability Meeting Presentation Coordination Instructions..

- I. Alison Everett, Assistant Executive Director, Department on Disability provided background information on the Commission on Disability Meeting Presentation Coordination Instructions steps and template email when reaching out to presenters. Commissioner Barrios motioned to adopt the Commission on Disability Meeting Presentation Coordination Instructions with the amendments of reviewing at the annual COD Retreat and adding a thank you email, Commissioner Bitonte seconded the motion.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the adoption of the Commission on Disability Meeting Presentation Coordination Instructions with the added amendments.

## **Item Seven (7) - Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

The current ad hoc committees - Commission Bylaws and Advocacy, Disability Culture and Legacy, Aviation and Transportation Network Companies (TNC), Accessible Infrastructure and Communication, Housing Equity - provided work plan updates and written recommendations, if any, which the Commission may choose to act upon.

- I. Commissioner Cabanban gave an update on the Commission Bylaws and Advocacy committee stating that a meeting was held and they are waiting on finalization of the Bylaws from DOD staff to continue updates and accomplished the DREDF presentation held today. The committee also wants to draft a letter to the Mayor's office to express concerns regarding the budget and would like potential dates to submit the letter. In addition, the committee has been finding guidelines that the Commission can utilize for recommended language to be used. Stephen Simon referenced February, March and after April 20th 2025 as key dates for budget advocacy with June 1st 2025 being the end date. There were no updates provided

by the Disability Culture and Legacy nor the Aviation and TNC committees. Commissioner Barrios provided an update for the Accessible Infrastructure and Communication committee and stated the committee met virtually and are continuing to work on the list of accessibility barriers in the City of Los Angeles they also contacted the Public Works Department and would like the contact information of the General Manager of the the City of Los Angeles General Services Division (GSD). Commissioner Bitonte provided an update for the Housing Equity committee stating the committee will continue to hold off on any recommendations to the City of Los Angeles until after the new federal administration takes place. Commissioner Bitonte would also like to disseminate previous years reports to the Commission at the next Commission Meeting, and before his recommendation is made.

No Action Taken, information purposes only.

### **Item Eight (8) - Executive Director's Report**

The Department on Disability Executive Director, Stephen David Simon, and/or other department staff will provide an

update on items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and/or other relevant issues.

- I. Stephen Simon focused on the budget challenges faced by the Department. The Mayor's budget guidelines arrived in late September, with new submission requirements and a strict timeline. Despite these challenges, the team is finalizing the budget for submission. Key points include staffing issues. The City took many vacant positions, and permission is needed to hire for open roles. Several key positions remain unfilled, impacting operations and project management. Resource Reductions: The department faces significant cuts in non-staff resources, particularly affecting outreach and community engagement efforts. Opportunities and Challenges: Major upcoming events like the Olympics, Paralympics, World Cup, and Super Bowl present opportunities for accessibility improvements but strain current staffing capabilities. Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan: Without additional administrative support, the plan may halt. The team is seeking to address these challenges through budget requests and advocacy. The total requested budget is approximately \$6.85 million, including an additional

\$1 million to support baseline operations, event preparations, and the self-evaluation plan. The Department's ability to continue its work depends on securing this funding. Every year as part of the Department's executive summary there's a couple of sentences that talk about how our budget is derived or utilized. The Department's budget breakdown for 2024 - 2025 is 5,607,000 and of that budget, 62.8% is delegated to salaries. 62% goes to those salaries and staff we have and 34.6% to contractual services. 2.6% is the operating budget for regular office administration, HIV and AIDS support, and constituent engagement.

No Action Taken, information purposes only.

### **Item Nine (9) - New Business and Announcements**

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.

- I. DOD staff announced Tiffany Yu is a disability rights advocate and entrepreneur who founded Diversability, a social enterprise aimed at promoting disability pride

and inclusion. In October 2024, she published "The Anti-Ableist Manifesto: Smashing Stereotypes, Forging Change, and Building a Disability-Inclusive World." This book examines disability biases and offers guidance on fostering a more inclusive society. She has generously gifted the Commission on Disability a copy of her new book. We appreciate her thinking of the Commission on Disability and the Department on Disability. There is an important upcoming opportunity with LA Metro to participate in Tactile Wayfinding Testing at select Metro stations! Metro is conducting small, in-person focus groups to test the effectiveness of tactile wayfinding systems and gather feedback from customers to improve navigation and accessibility. If you rely on tactile wayfinding, mobility aids (wheelchairs, canes, walkers), or use strollers, carts, or luggage while traveling, your experience can help shape a better Metro system for everyone. Deadline: Please complete the survey by Friday, December 6th, 2024. President Tagawa announced she participated in the Art Exhibition sponsored by the Department on Disability and it had a fantastic turnout. Also, for Commissioners not in Ad Hoc Committees, the committees will be doing some outreach and there are openings to help and will

proceed with the December meeting. Commissioner Bitonte would like a presentation from the DME program about specificity regarding how many requests have been denied and who denied them and in addition, he would like DREDF to attend the presentation to see if they can help.

No Action Taken, information purposes only.

### **Item Ten (10) - Adjournment**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:11 P.M.



City of Los Angeles  
Commission on Disability

## **Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

The Commission shall provide a forum for the identification and discussion of difficulties encountered by disabled persons in our society, and shall make recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on measures which the Federal, State and local governments may undertake to assure that persons with disabilities may participate without any hindrance in the life of our community.

### **Powers and Duties**

1. Advise the Mayor, the City Council and the Department on Disability of the needs and problems of persons with disabilities in the City of Los Angeles.
2. Hold public hearings at least once a year to take testimony from disabled persons and others regarding conditions adversely affecting the lives of disabled persons in the city of Los Angeles, and report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council.

3. Monitor the program mandates of the Department on Disability and make recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on program and policy initiatives to improve the service of the Department to the disabled community and provide persons with disabilities in the City of Los Angeles a better opportunity and ability to pursue activities of daily living without discrimination.
4. Review and make recommendations to the Mayor on grant proposals.
5. Maintain active liaison with citizen groups interested in the problems facing persons with disabilities.
6. Promote greater awareness of the changing life patterns, opportunities and responsibilities of persons with disabilities.
7. Investigate and report to the Mayor and the City Council instances of discrimination based on disability, as well as attitudinal barriers in the areas of housing, transportation, employment and training, recreation, media of mass communications, health and social services, and legislation; and special problems of disabled persons living alone, as well as their safety and access to support services.

8. Perform specific studies and surveys on the needs of disabled persons when requested by the Mayor and/or the City Council.
9. Submit an annual report to the Mayor and the City Council on the activities of the Commission.

## **FY 2024-2025 Ad Hoc Committees**

[Ad Hoc Committee #1 - Commission Bylaws and Advocacy](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #2 - Disability Culture and Legacy](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #3 - Aviation and Transportation Network Companies \(TNCs\)](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #4 - Accessible Infrastructure and Communication](#)

[Ad Hoc Committee #5 - Housing Equity](#)

## **Ad Hoc Committee #1 - Commission Bylaws and Advocacy**

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members**

- President Tagawa
- Commissioner Cabanban

### **Objectives and Action Items**

1. Recommend revisions to the Commission Bylaws
2. Recommend inclusive language for use by the Commission on Disability and Citywide use
  - Help compile language to recommend for use in the guidelines
  - Draft recommendations for consideration by the Commission
3. Draft a letter to the Mayor expressing concerns regarding the previous fiscal year budget cuts to the Department on Disability and recommend increasing the budget
  - Meet with the Department on Disability to understand critical needs
  - Draft the letter to the Mayor
4. Presentation by Disability Rights California and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

on what they are working on and how COD can contribute

## **Work Plan Updates**

### October

- President Tagawa appointed herself and Commissioner Cabanban to the Commission Bylaws and Advocacy ad hoc committee
- The ad hoc committee finalized its objectives and action items

### November

- The Commission received a presentation from DREDF about DREDF's work where it intersects municipal policy, legal advocacy and support, and the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI), as well as additional resources and news from DREDF

### December

- December Meeting Cancelled

### January

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February

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April

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May

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## **Ad Hoc Committee #2 - Disability Culture and Legacy**

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members**

- Commissioner Cable (Chair)
- Commissioner Hopkins (Co-Chair)
- Commissioner Cabanban
- Commissioner Williams

### **Purpose**

Create systemic change that builds the visibility and lasting legacy of persons with Disabilities and the Paralympic Games in the City of Los Angeles.

### **Objectives and Action Items**

1. Recommend that a City street be named after the Paralympics
  - Research the process of naming a street in Los Angeles
  - Choose a name
2. Explore opportunities to recognize Betty Wilson, including possibly establishing an annual award for Disability advocacy in her name.
  - Permanent Structure Naming and Award (What kind of award will it be? Trophy, Plaque, Funds?)
  - Establish how and who will give the award

- Have the Department give/organize awards through the City as collaborative
  - Establish criteria for award
3. Collaborate with the Department of Cultural Affairs to recommend creating a mural celebrating Disability culture.
- Request a presentation from the Department of Cultural Affairs to discuss where the COD can collaborate.
  - Suggest mural be made celebrating Disability culture

## **Work Plan Updates**

### October

- President Tagawa appointed Commissioners Cable, Hopkins, Cabanban, and Williams to the Disability Culture and Legacy ad hoc committee
- The ad hoc committee finalized its objectives and action items

### November

- No update provided

### December

- December Meeting Cancelled

January

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April

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May

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June

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## **Ad Hoc Committee #3 - Aviation and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)**

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members**

- Commissioner Barrios
- Commissioner Cabanban
- Commissioner Acevedo

### **Objectives and Action Items**

1. Request a presentation from LAWA and/or Metro on transportation services into LAWA including but not limited to:
  - Plan for persons with mobility issues from home to the airport and back
  - Plan for World Cup and LA28 Games and routes
  - Plan for the future LAWA/METRO joint project and each facility
2. Conduct one or more site visits of various locations associated with the joint LAWA METRO project, the Automated People Mover (APM) and recent Downtown Los Angeles renovations and new stations
3. Collaborate with the Disability Access and Accommodation Advisory Committee (DAAAC) to address access issues at the airport

4. Request that Waymo present to the Commission about the accessibility of their services in follow up to preliminary information gathered at a prior meeting.
5. Request a presentation by LA DOT on accessible transportation options

## **Work Plan Updates**

### October

- President Tagawa appointed Commissioners Barrios, Cabanban, and Acevedo to the Aviation and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) ad hoc committee

### November

- The ad hoc committee reported that it requested a presentation from Waymo, however Waymo stated that they are only able to present to committee, not the full commission in a public meeting

### December

- December Meeting Cancelled

### January

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## **Ad Hoc Committee #4 - Accessible Infrastructure and Communication**

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members**

- Commissioner Barrios
- Commissioner Cable

### **Purpose**

To advise and contribute to the City of Los Angeles infrastructure and communication initiatives on the embracement of access and opportunities for everyone.

### **Objectives and Action Items**

1. Recommend the City adopt Atkinson HyperEligible font as the City's standard business font used for all public information
  - Request presentation from the Braille Institute on history and background of accessible fonts for implementation to City of Los Angeles
  - Draft a letter to the Mayor's office and council requesting the use of Atkinson HyperEligible font for the entire City of Los Angeles
2. Make recommendations to improve physical accessibility at City Hall

- Obtain a list of accessibility barriers at City Hall from Commissioner Barrios and request necessary changes
- Research the process for requesting and funding accessibility improvements at City Hall
- Request a copy of the accessibility evaluation of City Hall performed as part of the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
- Determine applicability of CROWN Act to City facilities
- Meet with a representative from the Board of Public Works to discuss the Board's work related to accessibility of City facilities

3. Recommend Spanish translation for Commission meeting items and materials

- Research if Spanish translation of Commission materials is feasible and technically possible, including but not limited to:
  - Spanish captions during meetings
  - Whether Spanish translation and captions are provided at City Council meetings

4. Research the feasibility of creating a media campaign promoting the need for sidewalk infrastructure improvements in advance of the LA28 Games, then make recommendations as appropriate.

- Request a presentation about updates to the LA28 Games infrastructure accessibility plan, then make recommendations as appropriate
  - Research what is necessary for the City of LA to make a public service announcement
  - Determine which City department is the lead on public/pedestrian paths of travel for the LA28 Games, FIFA World Cup, and other major events
  - Determine how the Commission can amplify the reopening of Willits Case for the need of accessibility infrastructure in the City of LA during the LA28 Games.
5. Request a presentation from Throne Labs about their services and accessibility

## **Work Plan Updates**

### October

- President Tagawa appointed Commissioners Barrios and Cable to the Accessible Infrastructure and Communication ad hoc committee
- The ad hoc committee finalized its purpose, objectives and action items

- The Commissioner received a presentation from Throne Labs explaining their services in smart accessible bathrooms

## November

- No update provided

## December

- December Meeting Cancelled

## January

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## February

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## **Ad Hoc Committee #5 - Housing Equity**

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members**

- President Tagawa
- Commissioner Bitonte

### **Objectives and Action Items**

1. Establish a partnership with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to prioritize individuals with disabilities on housing lists
2. Draft a recommendation to the City for awareness, inclusion, and advocacy to support individuals with disabilities who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
  - Request a presentation on the status of the Inside Safe program as it relates to accessibility and services to individuals with disabilities.
  - Request presentation from LA Housing Dept. regarding Accessible Housing Program (AHP) Requirements
  - Request a presentation by LAHSA or other LA City entity that can provide data about the number of individuals with disabilities experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Los Angeles.

- Request a presentation by LAHSA or other LA City entity that can provide data about the amount of funding allocated towards individuals with disabilities experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Los Angeles.
3. Recommend the Federal government establish a mobile SSI pilot program
- Draft a recommendation to the City for awareness and support of the project.

## **Work Plan Updates**

### October

- President Tagawa appointed herself and Commissioner Bitonte to the Housing Equity Committee

### November

- No update provided

### December

- December Meeting Cancelled

### January

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## Presentation Schedule

FY 2025-2025

### September

- Meeting cancelled

### October

- Presentation from the Los Angeles Disabilities & Aging Collaborative
  - Hector Ochoa, Director of College Transitions, Southern California Regional Services for Independent Living (SCRS - IL)
  - Zenay Hayward, Housing and Homelessness Coordinator, DOD
- Presentation from Throne Labs about their services and accessibility
  - Jessica Henzelman, Co-founder and COO
  - Daniel Brumbaugh, Account Executive

### November

- Presentation from the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department
  - Kim Kasreliovich, Assistant General Manager
- Presentation from Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)

- Nicole Bohn, Executive Director

## December

- December Meeting cancelled

## January

- Presentation from California Mentor East Los Angeles Family Home Agency (FHA) about their services (*confirmed*)
  - Danika Rosales, Program Recruiter
- Presentation from the Department on Disability about the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Program
  - Lourdes Sinibaldi, CORE Division Director

## February

- Presentation from Metro about accessible transportation for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics and Paralympics, and the plan for the LAX/Metro Transit Center and how it connects to the LAX Automated People Mover Train System (*confirmed*)
  - Benjamin Alcazar, Office of Civil Rights / Racial Equity / Diversity & Inclusion, Office of Chief of Staff

- Hector Gutierrez, Senior Manager, Office of Strategic Innovation, LA Metro

## March

- Presentation from LAWA on the Plan for the LAX Automated People Mover Train System and its connection to the LAX/Metro Transit Center, with an emphasis on accessibility for people with disabilities (*confirmed*)
  - Cassandra Heredia, LAWA ADA Coordinator

## April

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## June

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## To be scheduled:

- [Ad Hoc Committee #2 - Disability Culture and Legacy](#)
  - Presentation by the Department of Cultural Affairs regarding how the Department and Commission on Disability can collaborate **(DOD)**

- [Ad Hoc Committee #3 - Aviation and Transportation Network Companies \(TNCs\)](#)
  - Presentation by LADOT on accessible transportation options **(DOD)**
  - Presentation by WAYMO about their service and its accessibility **(COD)**
- [Ad Hoc Committee #4 - Accessible Infrastructure and Communication](#)
  - Presentation by the Braille Institute about the history and background of accessible fonts **(COD)**
  - Presentation about updates to the LA28 Games infrastructure accessibility plan, then make recommendations as appropriate **(DOD)**
- [Ad Hoc Committee #5 - Housing Equity](#)
  - Presentation on the status of the Inside Safe program **(DOD)**
  - Presentation from LA Housing Dept. regarding Accessible Housing Program (AcHP) Requirements **(DOD)**
  - Presentation by LAHSA or other entity that can provide data about the number of people with disabilities experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles **(DOD)**
- Other

- Presentation by a Regional Center in order to learn how to amplify their objectives **(COD)**
- Presentation by Independent Living Center about the services and information they provide to constituents with disabilities **(COD)**
- Presentation by Disability Disaster Access & Resources (DDAR) about the services and information they provide to constituents with disabilities **(COD)**
- Presentation about the Americans with Disabilities Act, barriers to enforcement, and recent case law **(COD)**
- Presentation about mental health services available to Los Angeles residents **(COD)**