



## **AGENDA**

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

**1:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 12, 2019  
until the conclusion of business.**

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

#### **Commissioners:**

Theresa de Vera, President  
Alisa Schlesinger, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Iran Hopkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
David E. Wolf, Secretary  
Robert Bitonte, Commissioner  
Myrna Cabanban, Commissioner  
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announcements and introductions will be made.

### **ITEM (1)**

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

The Commission will review the minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and vote to approve them.

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

### **ITEM (2)**

#### **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: PERSONAL FINANCE AND DISABILITY**

Presentation from various organizations from the greater Los Angeles area regarding the legislation, SSI, and resources and new practices available to the public where Disability and personal finance are involved.

1. Dante Q. Allen, Executive Director, CalABLE Board - Director Allen will brief the Commission on ABLE accounts which are a new savings option that allow individuals, who became disabled before the age of 26, to save and invest in a tax-advantaged account, without jeopardizing their ability to collect SSI.
2. Michelle Wolf, Founding Executive Director, Jewish Los Angeles Special Needs Trust (JLA Trust) – Director Wolf of the JLA Trust will share information on the pooled special needs trust, the populations served, and the complications of ISMs and SSI and how that federal policy is detrimental for persons with disabilities in terms of obtaining safe and affordable housing in the City of LA. The difficulties experienced by individuals without close friends or family to assist with everyday issues, especially when those individuals lack internet access will also be discussed.
3. Tiffany Ngo, Advocate/Training Coordinator, Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living (SCRS-IL) - SCRS-IL is a non-profit organization based in Pasadena and Downey that provides various services, at no-cost, to empower persons with any disability to live full and independent lives. Coordinator Ngo will be presenting brief information on the new change that will allow Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients to receive CalFresh (Food Stamps) benefits, provided all other eligibility criteria are met.

Item is for **DISCUSSION**.

### **ITEM (3)**

#### **ELECTION NOMINATIONS**

The Commission Election process will begin with Nominations and Self-Nominations for the following positions: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary.

Open Election voting will be held at the next Commission Meeting on 07/10/19.

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

### **ITEM (4)**

#### **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.

Special Guest Speaker, Magdalena Morales-Maithalouni, of Fiesta Educativa Inc. For the last 40 years Fiesta Educativa's has provided information and training to Latino families on how to obtain services for all persons with disabilities and training for professionals who work with these families.

Item is for **DISCUSSION**.

### **ITEM (5)**

#### **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 (6)**

#### **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 (7)**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment.

Item is for **ACTION.**

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