



## **AGENDA**

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

**1:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 8, 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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announcements and introductions will be made.

### **ITEM (1)**

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

The Commission will review the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and vote to approve them.

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

### **ITEM (2)**

#### **LEGAL SERVICES AND DISABILITY: PUBLIC RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA**

Presentation from various organizations from the greater Los Angeles area regarding the history, policy and legal realities, and resources available to the public where Disability and self-determination are involved.

1. Jordan Kough, Executive Director, Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) - The DRLC champions the civil rights of people with disabilities as well as those affected by cancer and other serious illnesses. Through bringing cases to court and winning victories DRLC helps to protect and expand the rights of people and eliminate discrimination and other legal barriers.
2. Ben Conway, Litigation Counsel, Civil Rights Practice Group, Disability Rights California (DRC) - The DRC is the largest disability rights group in the nation. Established through federal law to protect and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, they are the protection and advocacy agency for California. The Civil Rights Practice Group specializes in disability discrimination law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Amendments Act, and litigates complex discrimination cases statewide.
3. Dr. Meredith Goetz, Founder, Special Education Law Clinic - Dr. Goetz founded the first Special Education Law Clinic in California in 1996 at Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center in Los Angeles. Under Dr. Goetz' supervision, law students from UCLA, UCI, USC, Pepperdine, Loyola, UC Hastings, Southwestern and Whittier Law Schools have provided legal assistance and direct representation for more than 2,000 children over the past 20 years.

Item is for **DISCUSSION**.

### **ITEM (3)**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Discussion of items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, July Commission Officer Election information, and/or other relevant issues.

Presentation is by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability. Special Guest Speakers, Morris Milchman and John Irving of the Adult Skills Center serving the IDD community of the San Fernando Valley.

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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