



AGENDA

CITY OF LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

**1:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 9, 2019
until the conclusion of business.**

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

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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 August 14th meeting and vote to approve them.

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

ITEM (2)

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 (3)

Presentation from various organizations from the greater Los Angeles area regarding **SERVICE ANIMALS: LEGISLATION, OBTAINING & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**. Opening by Department on Disability, Senior ADA Coordinator, Carey Stone.

1. Zach Baldwin, Outreach Coordinator, Guide Dogs of America – Guide Dogs of America(GDA) empowers people who are blind and visually impaired to live with increased independence, confidence and mobility by providing expertly matched guide dog partners.
2. Karen K. Esquivel-Mayes, Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Braille Institute - Braille Institute is a non-profit organization offering a broad range of free programs, classes and services serving thousands of students of all ages to empower themselves to live more enriching lives with blindness and vision loss. Ms. Esquivel-Mayes will discuss their outreach and community in regards to service animals.
3. Michael Greenwood, Chief of Operations, ACCESS Services - Access provides complementary ADA paratransit services on behalf of 45 public fixed route operators in Los Angeles County. Mr. Greenwood will present on Access' policies and initiatives related to service animals.

Item is for **DISCUSSION.**

ITEM (4)

1ST ANNUAL MUSCLE BEACH WHEELCHAIR CHAMPION

Dexter McDaniel, 1st annual Muscle Beach Wheelchair Champion, will address the Commission.

Item is for **DISCUSSION.**

ITEM (5)

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 Heather Jue Northover, Director, Center for Health Equity, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will present on

Item is for **DISCUSSION.**

ITEM (6)

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 (7)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment.

Item is for **ACTION.**

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