



# **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

## **MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 1:00 P.M.

Department on Disability

Zoom Video Conference

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Myrna Cabanban

David Wolf

Iran Hopkins

Alisa Schlesinger

Robert Williams

Richard Rothenberg

Candace Cable

Betty Wilson

### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Dr. Robert Bitonte

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## **DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:**

Peter Soto, Management Analyst, Department on Disability

Lourdes Sinibaldi, Division Head of the CORE program, Department on Disability

## **OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:**

Barak Vaughn, City Attorney Office

## **GUESTS:**

### **ITEM NO. (1): FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361**

Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Action Taken: The Commission on Disability approved the teleconference meetings pursuant to AB361.

### **ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the December 2022 regular meeting and the Commission on Disability voted to approve them.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes for the January 2023 regular meeting.

**ITEM NO. (3): 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.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

**ITEM NO. (4): EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY- COMMUNITY OUTREACH, REFERRALS AND EDUCATION (CORE) UPDATE**

Deisy Gonzalez, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Lourdes Sinibaldi, Division Head of the CORE program, and will present on emergency preparedness projects targeted for ILCs, increasing demands and needs for housing resources, and upcoming conferences and events of note.

- I. Presentation is by Deisy Gonzalez, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Lourdes Sinibaldi, Division Head of the CORE program. With the eviction moratorium coming to an end and with rising rental costs, the disability community is having a hard time with obtaining housing resources, specifically rental assistance. CORE team is actively engaged in the Inside Safe initiative that the mayor has put forward as the emergency declaration to address homelessness. They have attended a few encampment outreach efforts and are continuing the rehousing efforts, identifying people with a disability to receive disability related resources. CORE also meets with HDIC and other City departments to ensure that the disability community is being considered when making encampment outreach and rehousing efforts. CORE has also seen an increased need of rental assistance for people who are on the verge of being homeless. With the growing needs for housing resources, CORE is asking the COD for recommendations of more partners and agencies for that can provide those resources to better serve the community. CORE is also exploring a backup power battery program to help the disability community when there is a safety power shut off because Edison has a backup battery program and DWP does not. CORE is working to purchase about ten batteries and loan out to the people who need them during a power shut down.

Action Taken: Lourdes Sinibaldi will send out a list of agencies and partners to the COD

## **ITEM NO. (5): COMMISSION ON DISABILITY- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The Commission will be updated on new and on-going legislation of interest. Commissioners may also request inclusion and information on new legislation. The Commission may choose to instruct the Department to begin draft processes for support, amend, or oppose letters or requests for further information/author invitations.

- I. Presentation is by Peter Soto, Management Analyst, Department on Disability on new and on-going legislation of interest. The Commission on Disability would like more information on AB4 Covered California: expansion, AB 4 Covered California: expansion, AB 5 The Safe and Supportive Schools Program, AB 10 Pupil instruction: body-shaming, AB 13 Elections: Election Day holiday: voting by mail, AB 21 Peace officers: training, AB 48 Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act of 2023, AB 49 Affordable housing, AB 59 Taxation: renter's credit, AB 67 Homeless Courts Pilot Program, AB 68 Housing, SB 7 Homelessness, SB 10 Pupil health: opioid overdose prevention and treatment, SB 16 Civil rights: discrimination: enforcement, SB 19 Anti-Fentanyl Abuse Task Force, SB 20 Joint powers agreements: regional housing trusts, SB 31 Encampments: sensitive areas: penalties, SB 45 California Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital Loan Fund, SB 50 Criminal procedure: arrests, SB 58 Controlled substances: decriminalization of certain hallucinogenic substances, and SB 59 Menstrual Product Accessibility Act. The COD also requested more information on AB 2449.

Action Taken: The Commission will review the COD Legislative Table and let the Department know which ones to pursue. COD voted to agendaize discussion regarding proposed letter in support, opposition or modification to the implementation of AB 2449 Item will be for discussion and action. DOD will draft the proposed letter.

## **ITEM NO. (6): NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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. COD will be presenting a motion to agendaize discussion letter with the concerns of the COD on the implementation of AB 2449 for the next COD meeting.

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No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

**ITEM NO. (7): ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 2:02 P.M.