

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## Agenda Report

TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly  
FROM: CAO/ADA Programs  
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SUBJECT: MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
ACTIVITY REPORT

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### SUMMARY

This is an informational report to update the City Council on the activities of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD). The attached report lists MCPD accomplishments for **April 1, 2004 through October 31, 2004** and includes a current committee roster.

### FISCAL IMPACT

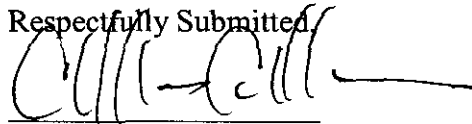
None

### DISCUSSION

The Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities was established by City ordinance in 1980 to represent and address the issues of people with disabilities. Since 1990, the MCPD has acted as the City's designated advisory body for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. (The U.S. Department of Justice requires that cities establish a public advisory body to oversee implementation and monitoring of the ADA.)

The Commission has three active committees: ADA/504 and Housing; Education, Employment and Outreach; and Transportation and Mobility. These committees participate in nearly every aspect of City government and advocate for full inclusion of people with disabilities in City programs, activities and services. The MCPD works closely with the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, the Center for Independent Living, the Oakland Unified School District, and other state and local agencies to create opportunities for Oaklanders with disabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,



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THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
**ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**April 1, 2004 through October 31, 2004**

Administrative

- During the period beginning April 1, 2004 and ending October 31, 2004, two commissioners were appointed and two commissioners resigned, so the number of seated commissioners remained at eleven and the number of vacancies at four. The two new commissioners, who were seated in July 2004, are:
  - Lorraine Rosenblatt, who has been an Oakland resident for twenty years. Ms. Rosenblatt is a person with multiple sclerosis. She is a board member for the Alameda/Contra Costa County Transit and Bay Area Rapid Transit Board.
  - Patrina Alexander, who works as a career transition teacher with the Oakland Unified School District in special education. Ms. Alexander became interested in the commission as a means to gather information to assist her students' transition to independent adult living.
- Conducted outreach to local disability organizations and recruited individual applicants to the Commission.

ADA/504 and Housing Committee

- Provided oversight for the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Capital Improvement Program.
- Monitored expenditure of up to \$250,000 of ADA Transition Plan Municipal Improvement Capital (MIC) funds (Project C88810) for an ADA Sidewalk Condition Survey. The scope of the project will include drafting a City ADA Public Right of Way Transition Plan, as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The ADA Programs Division will complete the project in cooperation with the MCPD Transportation and Mobility Committee and the Public Works Agency.
- In May 2004, received a report from Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Farrell, and Maggie Kaigler, OFD's Media Promotion & Community Liaison, detailing progress on the 911-registry program.
- In June 2004, heard the annual report on Affordable Housing, authored by the East Bay Housing Organizations, EBHO. This year's edition included a section on affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities.

- At the June 2004 MCPD meeting, a demonstration of an evacuation chair was performed upon the main staircase in City Hall. Down & Out, the local distribution company of the Rescue Chair, demonstrated the equipment, which provides a means to evacuate wheelchair users from high-rise buildings.
- In July 2004, heard reports from Karen McNeal-Luckett, Rehabilitation Programs Supervisor for the Residential Lending And Housing Rehabilitation Services of the Community Economic Development Agency and Marge Gladman, the Acting Housing Development Manager for the Community and Economic Development Agency on the Access Improvement Program and the Implementation Plan for Affordable Housing.
- At its July 2004 meeting the MCPD passed a motion to allocate \$300,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 ADA Transition Plan MIC funds for the Sheffield Village Recreation Center ADA Capital Improvement Project and to hold in reserve \$200,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 ADA Transition Plan MIC funds to cover additional costs for the ADA Public Right of Way Transition Plan and for future emergency expenditures.
- At its July 2004 meeting the MCPD approved expenditure of \$8,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 ADA Transition Plan MIC Funds to cover the cost of an automatic door opener that will be installed at the Children's Room Entry of the Oakland Main Library.
- At its July 2004 meeting, the MCPD approved the design for the Montclair Recreation Center ADA Capital Improvement Project, which includes an exterior ramp and elevator. State Proposition 12 (2000 Park Bond) and Councilperson Quan's discretionary dollars are funding the Project.

#### Transportation and Mobility Committee (TMC)

- Provided oversight and technical assistance to the City's Curb Ramp, Sidewalk Repair and Disabled Parking Zone Programs.
- Conducted extensive outreach to invite people from the disability community to TMC meetings and keep them informed of issues raised at meetings.
- Monitored the suspension of the Residential Disabled Parking Zone Program under the City's 2003-05 Policy Budget. Exemptions are allowed but eligibility criteria are much more stringent than those of the regular program. MCPD will continue to monitor this program to determine if the suspension should be lifted and what new eligibility criteria should be adopted.
- The Chair attended the Rider's Advisory Committee for East Bay Paratransit.

Education, Employment and Outreach Committee [EEO].

- The Commission staffed an information table at the Art and Soul Festival on September 5, 2004.
- At the September 2004 MCPD Meeting, heard a report from the Ed Roberts Campus, a proposed fully accessible, one-stop center for disability services at the Ashby BART Station. The Commission wrote a letter to the City of Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board urging them to vote to approve the ERC's use permit.
- Cosponsored the third annual "Art of Disability" visual arts exhibit that showcased works by artists with disabilities in the Frank H. Ogawa Administrative Building Complex. Art of Disability Visual Arts Exhibit participants included: Stepping Stones, Arts Access Studios, National Institute of Art and Disabilities, Safi wa Nairobi, Oakland Unified School District, and Oakland Seniors. The exhibit was up from October 4 through October 21, 2004. A reception was held on October 11 in the City Hall Rotunda.
- On October 11, 2004, the Commission presented its annual awards for outstanding service to the community, to the City of Oakland, and to the goal of ensuring equal access and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities. Recipients were as follows:
  1. Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council in the Advocacy Organization category; *Accepted by Deanna Pankow, Council President;*
  2. Center for Accessible Technology in the Disability Service Provider category; *Accepted by Dmitri Belser, CAT Director;*
  3. Kathleen Collins, Chair of the Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board, in the Public Official category;
  4. Luciana Sandoval, Youth Transition Advocate, Center for Independent Living, in the Youth Advocate category;
  5. Jacquee Castain in the Community Advocate category; and
  6. Leroy Moore in the Disability Rights Advocate category.
- At the October 19, 2004 City Council Meeting, Councilwoman Jane Brunner carried a resolution proclaiming October as Disability Awareness Month in the City of Oakland and honoring those who are in service to the Disability Community. The resolution recognized the achievements of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities and Disability Rights Advocates and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, two local agencies dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people with disabilities.

*City of Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities*

**Committee Roster  
October 2004**

Chairperson: Linda Teixeira  
Vice Chair: Denis Craig

|                            | <b>ADA/504 &amp;<br/>Housing</b> | <b>Education,<br/>Employment &amp;<br/>Outreach</b> | <b>Transportation<br/>&amp; Mobility</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Petrina Alexander</b>   |                                  | <b>X</b>  |  |
| <b>Eva Aguillard</b>       |                                  |   | <b>X</b>                                 |
| <b>Lynne Cutler</b>        |                                  | <b>X (Co-Chair)</b>                                 |  |
| <b>Denis Craig</b>         | <b>X (Chair)</b>                 |   |  |
| <b>Nancy Crosby</b>        |                                  | <b>X</b>  |  |
| <b>Chris Finn</b>          |                                  | <b>X</b>  |  |
| <b>Alice Moore</b>         | <b>X</b>                         |   | <b>X</b>                                 |
| <b>Tamar Raine</b>         | <b>X</b>                         |   | <b>X</b>                                 |
| <b>Lorraine Rosenblatt</b> |                                  | <b>X (Co-Chair)</b>                                 |  |
| <b>Linda Teixeira</b>      | <b>X</b>                         |   | <b>X (Chair)</b>                         |
| <b>Safi wa Nairobi</b>     |                                  | <b>X</b>  |  |
| <b>(Four Vacancies)</b>    |                                  |   |  |