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TO: Office of the City Manager  
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly  
FROM: CMO/ADA Programs  
DATE: October 28, 2003

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
SEMI-ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

**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 semi-annual report lists MCPD accomplishments for January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 and includes a current committee roster.

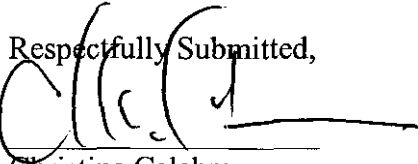
**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

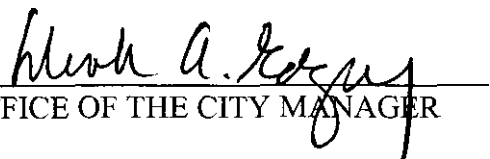
**DISCUSSION**

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,  
  
Christine Calabrese  
City ADA Coordinator

APPROVED AND FOWARDED TO  
THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

  
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**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT**  
January 1 to June 30,2003

Administrative

Election of officers for calendar year 2003

**1. Chairperson**

- Commissioner Leng nominated Linda Teixeira for the position of Chairperson.
- No more nominations for Chairperson were made.
- Unanimous vote to reelect Commissioner Teixeira as Chairperson of the Commission.

**2. Vice Chair**

- Linda Teixeira nominated Denis Craig for the position of Vice Chair.
  - No more nominations for Vice-Chair were made.
  - Unanimous vote to reelect Commissioner Craig as Vice-Chair of the Commission.
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- Commissioner Sheila Killian resigned from the Commission, bringing the roster to nine appointments and six vacancies [June 2003].
  - Conducted outreach to local disability organizations and recruited individual applicants to the Commission.

ADA and Housing

- Provided oversight for the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Capital Improvement Program.
- Commissioner Nancy Crosby attended the Studio One envisioning meeting in regard to the renovation/restoration of the facility [March 2003].

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- Approved expenditure of up to \$250,000 of ADA Transition Plan MIC funds (Project C88810) for a limited ADA Sidewalk Survey and Repair Project. The scope of the project must include drafting a citywide Curb Ramp and Sidewalk 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 [April 2003].
- Approved use of \$73,000 of ADA Transition Plan funds for the Joaquin Miller Park Playground Project including up to \$70,000 for rubberized (poured in place surfacing) and at least \$3,000 for additional accessible play elements including talk tubes, play panels (chimes, gears, Braille clock, etc.), grab bars, and a stationary cycluser [May 2003].
- Advocated that the City Council approve the East Oakland Community Development application for City for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for supplemental funds to build a 19-unit HUD Section 811 (portion of HUD funding set aside for persons with disabilities) building at 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Foothill in East Oakland. The CDBG loan was approved by City Council on Tuesday, June 3, 2003.
- Negotiated with Roy Schweyer, Housing Director, Community and Economic Development Agency, to restore the previously agreed upon increase to the CDBG Access Improvement Program for fiscal year 2002-2003 and to add another \$300,000 in fiscal years 2003-2005 [May 2003].

### Transportation and Mobility (TMC)

- Provided oversight and technical assistance to the City Manager's On-call Curb Ramp and Audible Pedestrian Signal Projects and the Public Works Agency's (PWA) 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.

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- Requested a staff report regarding the suspension of the Residential Disabled Parking Zone Program under the City's 2003-05 Policy Budget.
- Passed a motion to suspend the On-Call Audible Pedestrian Traffic Signal (APTS) Program and instead to support the PWA Traffic Engineering Division to install APTS at all improved signal locations beginning July 1, 2003. (The City currently installs APTS at new signals but not at existing signalized intersections that are included in streetscape projects.)

### Education, Employment and Outreach [EEO]

- Attended the California Governor's Committee on Employment for Persons with Disabilities Leadership Conference in Pasadena, CA, from January 28 to 30, 2003. Bay Area county attendees included Alameda (Oakland), Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, San Jose and Solano county representatives. Commissioner Teixeira noted that the Commission was one of the only appointed commissions represented at the meeting and that the Commission should play a statewide leadership and coordination role.
- Representatives from Toolworks attended the EEO Committee to discuss opportunities for their contract janitorial and maintenance services [May 2003].
- Along with Christine Calabrese, City ADA Coordinator, met with Alice Arts Theater Manager, Patrick Hajduk, and provided him with plans to restore the bleacher seating to the original ADA-compliant configuration. Also received assurances from Denis Power, Museum Director that the Alice Arts Theatre would come back into compliance with ADA requirements for seating [May 2003].
- Voted to sponsor the Alameda County Transition Fair, Congresso Familiar, and Bay Area People First yearly events (2003) in equal amounts of \$300.00 [June 2003].
- Commissioners Crosby and Cutler staffed a table at the Harambee "A Village Gathering" event on Saturday, June 7, 2003.

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- Planned the second annual ‘Art of Disability’ event that will showcase visual works by artists with disabilities in the Frank H. Ogawa Administrative Building Complex. Art of Disability Visual Arts Exhibit participants will include: Creative Growth, NIAD, Stepping Stones, Center for Accessible Technology and Toolworks. The exhibit will be up from Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003. A reception will be held on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Rotunda.
 

**Motion/Second: Cutler/Crosby:** To use Commission Fiscal Year 2003-04 public relations funds in the amount of \$1,000 for catering of the Art of Disability reception [July 2003].
- Co-sponsored the grand opening celebration of the Arroyo Viejo Inclusive Recreation Center with Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation, ADA Programs, and OPR Inclusive Recreation Office on July 24, 2003. The event was held in conjunction with the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA and Council Member Brooks was in attendance.

Commission Priorities for Calendar Year 2003

*(Adopted at the Commission’s yearly retreat in December 2002)*

- 1) City emergency evacuation plans for people with disabilities
- 2) City Web page access for people with disabilities
- 3) Enforcement of no parking on sidewalk codes
- 4) Increase accessible and affordable housing opportunities for people with disabilities and their caretakers
- 5) Increase (City) employment opportunities for people with disabilities including meeting with the City Equal Opportunity Programs Division to investigate employment opportunities, especially for young people
- 6) Invigorate the City’s audible pedestrian signal, disabled parking zone, curb ramp, and sidewalk repair programs
- 7) Increase cultural arts opportunities for people with disabilities including creating a database list of cultural arts opportunities and sponsoring public events with other organizations such as the Art of Disability

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- 8) Work with the police department to improve their interactions with people with cognitive, emotional, speech and hearing impairments
- 9) Assist in Yearly California Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities Youth Leadership Forum with candidate recruitment and interviews with the Center for Independent Living
- 10) Outreach to other Boards and Commissions with overlapping goals, especially the Youth, Aging and Craft and Cultural Arts Commissions
- 11) Support the development of after-school opportunities for youth with disabilities through Parks and Recreation and other agencies

  
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## Commission Roster

### *City of Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities* October 2003

Chairperson: Linda Teixeira  
Vice Chair: Denis Craig

	<b>ADA/504 &amp; Housing</b>	<b>Education, Employment &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>Transportation &amp; Mobility</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>Estelle Eskenazi</b>		<b>X (Co-Chair)</b>	
<b>Henry Leng</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Kevin McFarren</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>Linda Teixeira</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X (Chair)</b>
<b>(Six Vacancies)</b>			

  
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