



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Anh Nguyen,  
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Manager

**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Commission on Persons  
With Disabilities Annual Report

**DATE:** April 21, 2022

City Administrator Approval

Date:

May 5, 2022

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Annual Informational Report And Presentation From The Chair Of Oakland Mayor's Commission On Persons With Disabilities (MCPD) Regarding Their Status And Recent Activities.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This informational report provides the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) with a listing of the many projects and activities carried out by the MCPD in 2021 and describes its strategic planning areas for 2022.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

The MCPD was established by City Ordinance No. 9968 C.M.S. in 1980, as the Commission on Disabled Persons and amended in 1994 by Ordinance No. 11864 C.M.S. It was updated again in 2015 by Ordinance No. 13334 C.M.S. to its current name, to represent and address the issues of people with disabilities. The commission has at least 51 percent representation by people with disabilities and 49 percent are either professionals or those with personal experience working with people with disabilities. The MCPD serves the following key roles in Oakland government:

- Advising the Mayor and City Council on matters affecting the disability community;
- Reviewing and commenting on City policies, programs and actions;
- Providing advice and assistance to other City boards and commissions; and
- Participating at the local, state and national levels in the advancement of disability rights.

## **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

Citywide Priorities are built into the MCPD strategic planning areas with Policing and Safety aligned with priorities 1 and 4, Accessibility of City Programs, Services, and Activities with priorities 3 and 4, and Housing and ensuring ADA compliant housing stock, priorities 2 and 1.

1. Holistic community safety

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2. Housing, economic, and cultural security
3. Vibrant, sustainable infrastructure
4. Responsive, trustworthy government

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This item is for informational purposes only and does not have any fiscal impact.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No outreach was deemed necessary for this report other than posting on the city's website.

### **COORDINATION**

ADA Programs Division staff coordinated with the **Chair of Oakland Mayor's Commission On Persons With Disabilities** in the preparation of this report.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** The work of this ADA Programs division and all-volunteer commission effectively reduces the City's exposure to disability discrimination claims and provides a mechanism for amicable and cost-effective resolution of complaints that do arise.

**Environmental:** Persons with Disabilities can be more susceptible to severe negative health impacts from exposure to environmental pollution than the general population.


**Race & Equity:** Lack of ADA accessibility to city programs and services has an inordinate impact on communities of color who live in areas with poorer infrastructure and may have limited or non-existent internet to access information and services.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager, at 510-238-7915 or [anguyen2@oaklandca.gov](mailto:anguyen2@oaklandca.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments A:  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2021-22

