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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda, District 6

COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council

SUBJECT: Public Opinion Surveys and Disability Demographics

DATE: December 3, 2021

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

A request to include disability demographic questions on all city surveys/questionnaires.

Brief Background

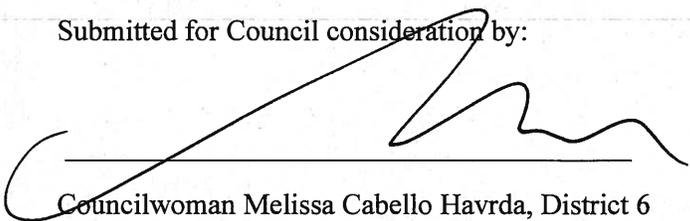
The American Community Survey ("ACS"), conducted annually by the Census bureau since 2005, has a response rate of 71.2% with Texas having a response rate of 63.1% and a population coverage rate of 92.2% nationally and 92.3% within Texas for the year 2020.

Since 2008, ACS has asked questions focusing on abilities of the disabled community. Researchers designed questions focused on:

- 1) Hearing difficulty;
- 2) Vision difficulty;
- 3) Cognitive difficulty;
- 4) Ambulatory difficulty;
- 5) Self-care difficulty; and
- 6) Independent living difficulty.

An examination of Government and Public Affairs surveys from May 2021 to November 2021 showed no inclusion of demographic questions regarding disabilities. Surveys ranged in topic from public art, transportation, budget, ARPA funds and housing. Including questions revolving around these disability demographics will allow for a better understanding of the specific needs of our disabled community as well as the greater community at large and allow for the creation of more inclusive policies.

Submitted for Council consideration by:


Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda, District 6

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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