



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Community Health and Equity Committee

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S., Director/City Engineer

COUNCIL DISTRICT IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Disability Access Advisory Committee's (DAAC) Presentation to the Council's Community Health and Equity Committee

SUMMARY:

Jose Martinez, DAAC Chair, will provide an overview of the committee's purpose, accomplishments, the working partnership with the Disability Access Office (DAO) and a move towards an increased presence and representation of people with disabilities in City planning, programs, and services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Disability Access Office's mission is to ensure all City of San Antonio programs, services, facilities, and public rights of ways are accessible to, and useable by, people with disabilities so anyone, regardless of ability, may fully engage in community life. The DAO serves as the City's ADA/ 504 Coordinator and is responsible for coordinating the City's efforts to comply with disability legislation.

The Disability Access Advisory Committee (DAAC) was established in 1979 by the City Council to work closely with the DAO as part of San Antonio's efforts to provide accessible services and facilities for residents living with disabilities. The DAAC consists of individuals with disabilities, providers of services to people with disabilities and interested San Antonio residents.

The DAAC supports the DAO mission and serves in an advisory capacity to all City departments on issues relating to disability and accessibility in City programs, services, and activities. The committee promotes

equity, opportunity and understanding of people with disabilities. As a voice for people with disabilities in San Antonio, the DAAC helps to bridge the gap between residents and City leadership.

ISSUE:

The DAAC Chair will provide a briefing to the City Council's Community Health and Equity Committee on the committee purpose, accomplishments, and partnership with the DAO.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a briefing only.