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In Control: Community Health Committee

DEPARTMENT: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jennifer Mata

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

City Accessibility Initiatives Presentation to the Council's Community Health Committee

SUMMARY:

Deborah Scharven, Accessibility Compliance Manager, will provide an overview of City Accessibility Initiatives and the working partnership between City departments, the Disability Access Office (DAO) and the Disability Access Advisory Committee (DAAC) on these initiatives. The presentation will highlight partnership initiatives with the Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Information Technology Services, and Aviation Departments.

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, and 508 Coordinator as required by federal law. The DAO is responsible for coordinating the City's efforts to comply with legislative mandates and supporting department initiatives focused on removing barriers and reducing disparities experienced by people living with disabilities.

The City Council established the Disability Access Office in 1978 and the Disability Access Advisory Committee in 1979 as part of San Antonio's efforts to provide accessible services and facilities for residents with disabilities. A comprehensive approach merging the Department's vision, the DAO's technical expertise, and the DAAC members' lived experiences has resulted in improved accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

ISSUE:

The DAO Manager will provide a briefing to the City Council's Community Health Committee on the City Accessibility Initiatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a briefing only.