



**Commission on Disability
DRAFT MINUTES
Special Meeting**

**Commission on Disability
Wednesday October 20, 2021 6:00 PM**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency, this meeting of the Commission on Disability will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. The COVID-19 state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and presents imminent risks to the health of attendees. Therefore, no physical meeting location will be available.

Public Works Engineering is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Commission on Disability Special Meeting
Time: Oct 20, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- Call to Order by Vice Chair Walsh 6:14 PM**
- Roll Call by Secretary Present: Walsh, Singer, Freeman (joined @6:25 PM)**
- Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)**

- **Approval of Draft Action Minutes of October 6, 2021 (Freeman/Walsh, Freeman: aye, Walsh: aye Singer: aye)**
- **Staff Update**
- **Approval and Order of Agenda (Freeman, Walsh, Freeman: aye, Walsh: aye Singer: aye)**

B. ACTION ITEMS

The public may speak at the beginning of any item. (Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

- **Special Meeting in December**
Proposed Action: Schedule a meeting for December 8 as opposed to December 1, due to staff availability. (Singer/Walsh, Freeman: aye, Walsh: aye Singer: aye)
- **Easy Does It Emergency Services**
Proposed Action: Write a letter to the City Council regarding Easy Does It providing same gender attendants. (Freeman/Singer, Freeman: aye, Walsh: aye Singer: aye)

Commission will take a 5 minute break around 8pm.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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- **Elevator Ordinance Discussion ***
Celia McGuinness, Disability Rights Attorney plans
to attend**

2. Easy Does It Discussion ***

- **Merging with Commission on Aging**
- **Leonard Powell Displacement Issue**
- **Posted until next meeting**
- **Disaster Preparedness**
- **Accessible Housing Item Update *****
- **I. Ethnicity & Disability Statistics of People who
have contracted Covid in Berkeley since the
beginning of the pandemic. *****

**II. Utilization rates and accessibility of City of Berkeley
Covid testing sites for BIPOC people with disabilities.**

**IV. Number of BIPOC people with disabilities who have
accessed Covid related and/or supportive services**

since the beginning of the pandemic. III. Vaccinations distribution among seniors and BIPOC communities with disabilities in Berkeley *
(Freeman)**

Announcements

- **INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
- **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)

TBD

E. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 PM (Freeman/Walsh, Freeman: aye, Walsh: aye, Singer: aye)

Agenda Posted: TBD

*** Indicates written material included in packet.**

**** Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.**

***** Indicates material previously mailed.**

A complete agenda packet is available for public review on the web at:

<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions>

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