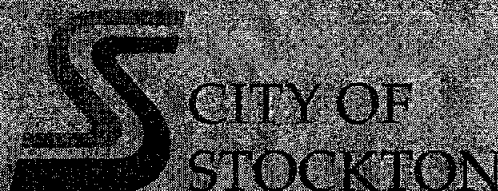




Mayor's Task Force on Person's with Disabilities



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Introduction

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Mission Statement

"Committed to enriching the lives of persons with disabilities within the Stockton community through education, action and outreach."

Purpose

Promoting community participation and awareness regarding persons with disabilities. Focusing on disability issues and building community development strategies that relate specifically to persons with disabilities, such as housing, environmental design and community accessibility, advocacy, community leadership, transportation, telecommunications, demographics, employment and economic development, citizen involvement, programs and services, or planning and policy.

Goals and Commitments

- Advise the Mayor and City Council on matters affecting the disability community and act as the City's official advisory body for implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Review and comment on City policies, programs and actions that affect persons with disabilities, including the City's ADA Transition Plan.
- Render advice and assistance to other City boards and commissions, to City staff and to private agencies on matters affecting persons with disabilities.
- Participate at the local, state and national levels in the advancement of disability rights.
- Actively seek State and Federal funding to assist in implementation and maintenance of City's ADA transition plan.
- Further educate City and County employees, as well as citizens and local businesses on issues affecting persons with disabilities.

Task Force Committees

- Summary of Committees:
 - *Education and Employment*
 - *Housing*
 - *Transportation and Mobility*
 - *Youth and Community Development*
- Mission and Goals

Summary of Committees

Education and Employment Committee

Co-chairs: ~~Art Gomez and Ron Magino~~

- Increase education of employers in Stockton to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- Create awareness among businesses of the advantages of hiring people with disabilities.
- Establish working relationships with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program, especially when new employers apply for business licenses.

Housing Committee

Co-chairs: ~~George Lewis and Dwight Williams~~

- Monitor:
 - Future Housing Development.
 - Proposed changes to the City's condominium conversion law.
 - City's Community & Economic Development Agency's compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development fair housing laws and regulations.
- Inclusion and consultation regarding Handicapped Access Appeals process
- Oversight of pertinent aspects of the ADA Transition Plan Project, including the upcoming citywide sidewalk condition survey.
- Receipt of periodic reports from the Stockton Fire Department (SFD) and Police Department (SPD) on emergency preparedness programs, city building evacuation programs, and the 911 Registry Program.
- Development of educational and media programming, which will focus on disaster preparedness, improved collaborations with SFD, SPD and other relevant community agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities.

Transportation and Mobility Committee
Co-chairs: ~~Art Gomez and Laurie Crawford~~

- Request reports and assist Public Works Department's curb ramp, street and sidewalk, traffic calming and disabled parking zone programs.
- Monitor San Joaquin County's ADA and the City's own Dial a Ride programs.
- Primary focus on issues related to transportation for people with disabilities in Stockton, especially Dial a Ride services. Participate in consumer and provider forums, with the goal of improving accountability of transportation service providers to consumers with disabilities. Work with City and County officials and advocacy organizations, such as community Senior Centers and the Center for Independent Living in resolving identified problems.
- Request annual report on City's unmet needs from SJRTD, COG and the City of Stockton.

Youth and Community Development Committee
Co-chairs: ~~Don Aguillard and Lisa Cooper~~

- Facilitate the process of youth with disabilities applying to the Youth Activity Council and increase involvement in the Youth Leadership Forum.
- Outreach with other commissions (Commission on Aging, Youth Commission, Sports Commission, Stockton Arts Commission, and City's Arts staff.)
- Co-ordinate MTFPD presence at City arts/disabilities festivals (staff a table, with a display and fliers).
- Organize annual art exhibit.
- Continue inviting guests to MTFPD meetings, establishing connections.
- Organize yearly MTFPD awards ceremony and establish nomination process to celebrate youth and community leadership in the disability community
- Collaborate with other learning disabilities associations and Stockton Public Libraries. Coordinate annual Learning Disabilities Fair through the Library.
- Receive periodic reports from the Parks and Recreation Department Inclusive Recreation Coordinator on recreation issues and opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Education and Employment Committee

The Education and Employment Committee (EEC) is committed to informing and educating employer's regarding benefits for employing persons with disabilities as well as introducing employers and job-seekers to resources available to enhance and support proactive employment.

EEC's purpose is to encourage employers to engage in compliant employment practices regarding persons with disabilities and to promote recognition of those employers in the community. Identify resources and resolutions of barriers that employers and persons with disabilities encounter. Create public awareness of equal respect and dignity to qualified persons with disabilities.

Goals and Objectives:

- Create survey and disseminate to selected industries or employers.
- Review hiring practices by taking a survey among participating employers.
- Analyze and disseminate survey data, informing the Mayor and City Council of results.
- Develop educational information packets to provide to employers and community members.

In the future, EEC endeavors to create an open forum and invite employers to attend in addition to creating an advisory

Housing Committee

The Housing Committee's mission is to assist the city of Stockton in achieving goal of providing adequate housing including, but not limited to the following: homeless shelters, infrastructure improvements and economic development activities.

Our primary purpose is to educate the city of Stockton as well as provide information that will allow facilitate appropriate and accessible services to persons with disabilities.

Goals and Objectives:

- Encourage the City to adopt an Administration Instruction, which will incorporate the universal design guidelines, as set forth by the State of California Housing & Community Development agency.
- Monitor:
 - Future Housing Development.
 - Proposed changes to the City's condominium conversion law.
 - City's Community & Economic Development Agency's compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development fair housing laws and regulations.
- Inclusion and consultation regarding Handicapped Access Appeals process
- Oversight of pertinent aspects of the ADA Transition Plan Project, including the upcoming citywide sidewalk condition survey.
- Receipt of periodic reports from the Stockton Fire Department (SFD) and Police Department (SPD) on emergency preparedness programs, city building evacuation programs, and the 911 Registry Program.
- Development of educational and media programming, which will focus on disaster preparedness, improved collaborations with SFD, SPD and other relevant community agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities.

Future aspirations of the Housing Committee include assisting the city of Stockton in identifying accessible entrances of all facilities owned and operated by the city; publicizing all city TTY numbers and other access features on public notices, applications and all other pertinent housing media as well as continued outreach to city residents regarding accessible municipal housing programs and services.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee acts a liaison between the City of Stockton and its citizens in providing direction on accessibility issues regarding transportation in the Stockton area. The committee works closely with the city to ensure that various transportation needs are being addressed concerning the paratransit system. Citizens of Stockton are welcome to attend meetings to discuss ways to improve the present system

Among the protections afforded individuals with disabilities by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) is the right of equal access to transportation. Access to transportation is essential if the other major provisions of the ADA -- access to employment, public services, and places of public accommodation -- are to be realized. The Harris Survey of Disabled Americans, for example, cited 28 percent of nonworking people with disabilities as indicating that a dearth of accessible or affordable transportation was an important reason why they were not employed (Louis Harris and Associates, 1986).

While the ADA is clearly intended to protect the rights of people with mental impairments as well as those with physical disabilities, efforts to gain compliance with the ADA have been presented and understood as a purely physical phenomenon--building ramps, adding hand rails, and providing communication aids and other methods and devices normally associated with people who have sensory and physical disabilities. Likewise, in the transit industry, primary attention has been focused on the acquisition of accessible vehicles for individuals with physical disabilities.

Indicators corroborating this lack of attention to the issue of cognitive impairment in people with either mental or physical disabilities have come from government, the business sector and disability advocacy organizations, such as:

- Respond to the needs of people with mental retardation and related disabilities.
- Focus on two major elements--signage and customer service/communications and develop strategies to provide equal access for people with cognitive and physical impairments.
- Attend to the needs of persons with disabilities and any resource materials needed for their respective use.
- Assist in the development of training materials.

Goals and Objectives:

- To develop quality indicators of what knowledge, attitudes and behaviors are needed to assist and accommodate people with disabilities who may have cognitive impairments, and assess transit personnel training curricula based on these quality indicators.
 - Construct a list of quality indicators of information, activities and other training transit personnel need to enable them to adequately assist and accommodate people with various disabilities who may have cognitive impairments.
 - Collect and assess current disability training curricula for transit personnel.

- Outline and review training information and activities necessary to meet the training needs of transit personnel identified above.
- To develop a quality interactive training curriculum for transit personnel to improve their knowledge, attitudes and behaviors regarding assisting and accommodating people with disabilities who may have cognitive impairments.
 - Develop an interview instrument and conduct interviews to solicit information from transit personnel on concerns, experiences and barriers they have in assisting individuals with cognitive disabilities.
 - Develop an interview instrument and conduct interviews to solicit information from individuals with disabilities involving cognitive impairments regarding their experiences and concerns in using public transportation.
 - Using information gleaned from interviews and list of knowledge, attitudes and behaviors needed by transit personnel, draft interactive training program.
 - Involve local steering committee in review of successive drafts of the training program.
 - Conduct field-test of the training program with two groups of bus operators at SJRTD.

Future initiatives will include the creation and publication of training programs that will assist transit personnel in use of an interactive training curriculum which addresses disability and cognitive impairments through dissemination of the curriculum's availability to the nation's transit systems, disseminate training program to each city and county department of transportation and to state transportation steering committee as well as publicize availability of other national disability organizations transportation guidelines and selected media serving the transit industry.

Youth and Community Development Committee

The Youth and Community Development Committee (YCDC) provides resources for youth with disabilities. A person with a disability is one who has a cognitive, psychological or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life function such as seeing, hearing, walking, learning or caring for one's self.

YCDC's purpose is to advise and assist the Mayor in all matters concerning youth and disabilities, while also making recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to youth programs proposed by the YCDC.

Goals and Objectives:

- To assist in providing services to youth with disabilities. The YCDC will work with various publics, private and not-for-profit agencies will attend quarterly focus groups to examine service needs, service gaps, barriers, and appropriate program models and services.
- To develop Project One, a recreation network for youth with disabilities. This project assists youth, ages 13-21, identify goals and develop life skills to live as independent adults. The YMCA, Stockton Parks and Recreation, Stockton Boys and Girls Club, Silver Lake Campgrounds, Stockton Record, Stockton Library, Stockton Arts Commission and other collaborating city and county departments and agencies. One of the goals of this project will be to bring together children and youth with and without disabilities to participate together in a summer day camp program for 4 weeks, as well as other social engaging activities to help build better awareness and social development skills.
- To develop and implement community workshops regarding serving individuals with disabilities. In collaboration with the identified community entities, YCDC will provide a series of workshops for the public, which will focus on education and raising awareness, better integrating youth with disabilities into existing city and county initiatives as well as addressing ADA requirements for more inclusive programming. The Workshop series will consist of, but will not be limited to:
 - Integrating young people with disabilities into your educational and recreational activities and events
 - Understanding the needs of youth with various types of disabilities
 - Helping emotionally and socially challenged young people manage their behavior
 - Inclusive programming for the youth with developmentally disabilities.
 - Employment and educational goal setting
 - The relationship between nutrition and exercise to healthier living for individuals with disabilities.

Future YCDC achievements will include the development of a directory outlining pertinent community programs, activities and services related to youth with disabilities (*with separate-coded listings to identify specific needs*). This will be in addition to the community resource booklet.

Membership Policy

- Roles, Responsibilities and Protocols
- Application Form

Members Roles, Responsibilities and Protocols

1. Read, understand and adhere to adopted Ordinances, establishing the Task Force, as well as the Brown Act, the Sunshine Ordinance and the Political Reform Act as they affect Task Force business, in addition to any other pertinent laws or ordinances.

Members will be aware that they are always a representative of the Task Force and will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit and goals of the Task Force and that would never compromise the Task Force or its work.

2. Read, understand and implement the Mission Statement. Regularly report on Task Force business and activities to constituent and community groups and represent or report about such group concerns and viewpoints at Task Force meetings. Attend City Council and Council Committee meetings as needed and as available.

3. Agree to participate on one Committee, to attend regularly, and to assist the Committee and Committee Chair (or Co-Chairs) in accomplishing the work plan, goals and objectives of the Committee. All Committee meetings will have an agenda and will be noticed/posted in accordance with State and City laws.

4. The Chairperson of the Task Force carries responsibility for acting as a liaison with staff to the Task Force. In order to facilitate communication between the Task Force and staff, and to maximize efficiency for staff in their relationship to the Task Force, Task Force members will go through the Chairperson in communicating with staff, unless there is an agreed-upon arrangement on an issue-by-issue basis. Task Force will be respectful and aware of the limitations on the amount of time staff has been allocated to serve the Task Force.

5. The Chairperson of the Task Force shall be responsible for composing all correspondence on behalf of the Task Force, unless there is an agreed-upon arrangement to delegate this responsibility, on an issue-by-issue basis. The Chairperson (or Co-Chairs) will be responsible for using Task Force letterhead and for signing all correspondence pertinent to Task Force business. When correspondence is generated by a Committee, the Task Force Chairperson and the Committee Chair (or Co-Chairs) will each sign the correspondence. At no time will Task Force members seek to represent the Task Force in writing without express authorization by the Chairperson to do so.

6. Task Force business will be represented or communicated by the Chairperson unless the Task Force and the Chairperson agree to delegate responsibility for representation to a specific Task Force member on a specific issue. In that case, the position or communication of the Task Force will be agreed upon and clearly specified in advance.

7. Task Force members at no time will take the initiative to represent the Task Force on any matter without prior discussion by the Task Force and without the specific knowledge and consent of the Chairperson. Task Force members will not meet with or contact City staff on Task Force business without authorization by the Chairperson and the Task Force.

8. In accordance with the Fair Political Practices Act, Task Force members agree to serve their term on the Task Force without compensation or monetary or material gain. Should a Task Force member find her/himself in conflict of interest on any matter, the Task Force member will identify the conflict and will take appropriate action. This action may involve excusing oneself from a matter or, in some cases, may involve removing oneself from the Task Force. Task Force members may seek advice from City staff on these matters by going through the Chair for referrals.

9. Task Force members may not make endorsements on behalf of the Task Force. Task Force members, by their own choice, may allow their names to be used with their title as TF member for purposes of identification only.

Respectfully submitted on January 2006



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

- 1) Please provide all information requested.
- 2) Please print or type all entries in black ink only.
- 3) Any attachments must be single sided, 8 1/2 X 11 paper.
- 4) Information contained on this form is public record.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE NAME: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Last First Middle
Street Address City State Zip

Resident of City Council District No.: _____ Are you an incumbent? Yes _____ No _____

Mailing Address (if different than home address) _____

Employer Name _____

Employer Address _____

Home Telephone () _____ Business Phone () _____

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board/commission:

Have you served on an advisory group before? _____ If yes, please explain:

City Council Policy 100-2 states that board/commission members are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member?
_____ Yes _____ No

Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest for this advisory group? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain

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APPLICANT NAME

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: State and local law requires that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income and interest in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement that identifies certain of your financial interests beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Based on your best judgement, does this board or commission make decisions that may affect any sources of income, interests in real property, or investments of you or your spouse? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain. Identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or associated that might be affected by decisions of this board or commission and the positions you hold.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A resume reflecting experience, community activities, or other qualifications not listed below may be attached in order to assist the Council in evaluating your application. (Optional)

EDUCATION:

WORK EXPERIENCE: List names, addresses, and dates of employers for the last five (5) years. Attach additional sheets of paper if needed.

FROM: MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ **EMPLOYER NAME** _____

TO: MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ **ADDRESS** _____

DUTIES:

FROM: MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ **EMPLOYER NAME** _____

TO: MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ **ADDRESS** _____

DUTIES:

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: List business name, including fictitious name and address of any business enterprises currently or previously owned or operated.

FROM: MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ **BUSINESS NAME** _____

TO: MO. _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____ **ADDRESS** _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS OR SERVICE RENDERED:

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APPLICANT NAME

CONVICTIONS: Conviction of a crime is not necessarily a bar to appointment. Each case is considered separately based on requirements of the position; however, failure to list convictions may result in disqualification.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, please explain:
2. List each civil action, if any, in which punitive or exemplary damages have been assessed against you, indicating in each instance the date of the trial, court judgement and the location of the court which rendered the judgement.

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION AND TERMINATION, THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

Applicant-This information is voluntary and is gathered in accordance with State and Federal laws for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of our Affirmative Action and recruitment efforts. Please check: _____ Male _____ Female

____ White (Not Hispanic Origin) All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East

____ Black (Not Hispanic Origin) All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

____ Hispanic All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

____ American Indian or Alaska Native All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintain cultural identifications through tribal affiliation or community recognition. Please identify your tribal affiliation.

____ Filipino All persons having origins in the Philippine Islands.

How did you hear about the position?

INFORMATION REGARDING STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

In accordance with Government Code Sections 87300 – 87313 and the City of Stockton's Conflict of Interest Code, this Board/Commission/Committee may be designated to file Statements of Economic Interests.

If you are appointed to this Board/Commission/Committee, you may be required to file statements disclosing certain types of information so that the public can be made aware of potential conflicts of interest.

The types of disclosure are:

- Investments
- Interests in Real Property (other than your residence)
- Interests in Real Property Held by a Business Entity or Trust
- Investments Held by a Business Entity or Trust
- Income (other than loans and gifts)
- Income – Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements
- Income Gifts
- Business Positions
- Commission Income Received by Brokers, Agents, and Salespersons
- Income and Loans to a Business Entity or Trust
- Income from Rental Property

If you have any questions regarding disclosure requirements, please contact the City Clerk at 937-8459.

Reset Form

Task Force Training

- . Topics*
- . Schedule: TBD

**Recommendations regarding mandatory annual training for all city employees including, but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act; Communication Etiquette such as the effective use of TDD equipment and California Relay with persons communication disabilities; Accessible and Inclusive Programs and Services, etc.*

Current Taskforce Membership

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