



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2020  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

### TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

United States: **(571) 317-3116**  
United States (Toll Free): (866) 899-4679  
**Access Code: 270-963-597**

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *August 13, 2020 Minutes*
3. Public Comment:  
*Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
4. New Business
5. Commission Reports
  - 5.1. Metro/Measure D
  - 5.2. History
  - 5.3. Legislation
6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates
  - 6.1. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Subcommittee
  - 6.2. Recreation Subcommittee
  - 6.3. Housing Subcommittee
  - 6.4. Media Subcommittee
  - 6.5. Resource Directory Subcommittee
7. Staff Report
8. Emerging Matters
9. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM (remote meeting)

*The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs, or activities. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact 454-2772 or TDD/711 at least 72 hours in advance to make arrangements.*







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August 25, 2020

Santa Cruz Metro Transit District Board of Directors  
110 Vernon Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Concerns Regarding Planned Move of the Accessibility Services Office

Dear Chair Rotkin and Members of the Board,

The purpose of this letter is to express the *Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities'* concerns regarding the proposed move of Metro's Accessibility Services Office to a less centrally-located site.

Metro's *Accessibility Services Coordinator*, John Daugherty, serves on the *Commission on Disabilities* and reports regularly on Metro-related matters that could impact the disabilities community. During the August 13, 2020 Commission meeting, Commissioner Daugherty reported that the Accessibility Services Office was being relocated to the Paracruz headquarters in the Research Park business park on Soquel Avenue. This decision raised some concerns for the Commission related to the relative accessibility of the new location.

Commissioner Daugherty reported that pre-pandemic he typically provided in-person accessibility services to approximately 30 clients per month at the centrally-located bus depot on Pacific Avenue. On average, at least half of these clients used mobility devices. Presumably, if the Accessibility Services Office is relocated to Research Park, many of these clients will have to manage additional travel considerations in order to access in-person accessibility services. Most, if not all, clients who require accessibility services are people with disabilities for whom travel can present challenges not typically experienced by people without disabilities. Even minor barriers for people *without* disabilities can present enough difficulty to discourage people *with* disabilities from proceeding. It is possible that the planned relocation will limit people from accessing services, and thereby potentially limit their ability to access public transportation.

The Commission requests that you postpone this decision until a proper study can be conducted and community input can be considered to ascertain what impact the move could have on the disabilities community. In order to gain a better understanding of the context in which the move was proposed, we would also be interested to learn of any contributing factors which may be of benefit to the public.

We appreciate your consideration on behalf of the disabilities community in Santa Cruz County.

Respectfully,

David Molina

*Commission on Disabilities Co-Chair*

cc: Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

