



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 13, 2024  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Redwood Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair - 1<sup>st</sup> District*), Camille Summers (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Fay Levinson (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Becky Taylor (*Co-Chair - 3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)  
GUESTS: Suzanne Ise (*Principal Planner*) Jim Heaney (*Senior Building Plans Examiner*), Joanna Iruegas (*Leasing Director for Mid-Pen Housing*) and Christine Kieber-Voss (*IHSS Advisory Commission Chair*) were present.

- Santa Cruz County Planning ADA-Accessible Housing Report  
(*This presentation took place before the call to order, while awaiting a quorum. No Commission action took place during the presentation*) Ise and Heaney provided detailed information about the County's process to ensure that new affordable housing developments include sufficient ADA-accessible housing units including minimum requirements, the permitting process, and the efforts that developers make to fill ADA-accessible units with residents who require ADA-accessible housing. Iruegas provided additional information about those efforts from the developer's perspective, including maintaining outreach distribution lists, web lists of available units, etc. Of particular interest, the Housing Authority maintains an "Affordable Housing Alerts" mailing list for all affordable housing opportunities. Members of the public can sign up on the Housing Authority website.
- Call to Order  
Meeting convened at 1:38 PM.
- Roll Call
- Agenda Review
- Approve May 9, 2024 Minutes  
**Motion to approve minutes as written**  
Motion/Second: Levinson/Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Public Comment

7. New/Continuing Business:

7.1. Consider ADA-Accessible Housing Advocacy Opportunities

Commission discussed opportunities to promote awareness of affordable housing to the disabilities community. Ideas included sharing information the Housing Authority's "Affordable Housing Alerts" mailing list for all local affordable housing opportunities, not just housing authority housing. Members of the public can sign up on the Housing Authority website. Additionally, there is a website called Affordablehousing.com where affordable housing complexes list available units. Iruegas will send a copy of their marketing plan which lists the organizations that MidPen contacts and the Commission will consider any additional community partners that they might suggest.

**Motion to supplement Mid-Pen's outreach list with additional community partners serving people with disabilities**

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Molina

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: No Report

8. Commission Priority Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

8.2. Accessible Adaptive Recreation Priority Report: No Report

8.3. Commission History Subcommittee Report: No Report

8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Report: No Report

8.5. Legislative Priority Report: No Report

8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report: No Report

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report: : No Report

9. Announcements/Emerging Matters

Staff reminded Commissioners to complete their Commissioner Stipend forms. Daugherty announced the anniversary of the ADA.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*