



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 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 - 1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*Co-Chair - 3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District*), David Molina (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: Camille Summers (*1st District*),
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Sargeant Ryan Kennedy, Lieutenant Ian Patrick, Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*) and 4 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:39 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve September 12, 2024 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes as written
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Levinson
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. County Law Enforcement Accommodations and Efforts for Individuals with Disabilities
Officers Kennedy and Patrick summarized the many efforts Sheriff's Office makes to accommodate members of the community with disabilities. The CAREalert program (Creating Awareness, Responding Effectively) is a registry that allows family members to register any specific disability-related information with law enforcement so that emergency response can be as effective as possible for people with disabilities. Additionally, the Commission was updated on focus intervention Teams, behavioral health ride-alongs, and specialized training provided to all Sheriff's deputies to increase their awareness and support effective engagement with community members who have disabilities in crisis situations.
 - 6.2. County Disaster Preparedness and Relief Efforts for Individuals with Disabilities
Speaker rescheduled appearance until January. Item pended.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report

No meeting was held in November, but Gutierrez Baeza plans to attend the next meeting.

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:

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report: No Report

9. Announcements/Emerging Matters: None

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*