



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday November 10, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, 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.

VIDEO CONFERENCE INFORMATION

TO JOIN BY VIDEO: <https://zoom.us/join>

OR TO JOIN BY PHONE: +1 (669) 219-2599 (dial *6 to mute/unmute, dial *9 to raise your hand)

Meeting ID: 495-687-4858

Passcode: 192244

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *October 13, 2022 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 6.1. CAO's Initiatives (Lana Martinez Davis, *Senior Administrative Analyst*)
 - 6.2. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
7. Commission Reports
 - 7.1. History Report
 - 7.1.1. Commission History Project
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
 - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee
 - 8.2. Legislative Subcommittee
9. Staff Report
10. Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (1st District), Rebecca Haifley (1st District), Stacie Grijalva (2nd District), Fay Levinson (2nd District), Becky Taylor (3rd District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (Vice Chair - 4th District), David Molina (Chair - 5th District)
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (3rd District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager), Max Friedman (Aquatics Supervisor), Tatiana Brennan (Sr. Administrative Analyst), Mitsuno Baurmeister (EEO Officer)
GUESTS: 1 member of the public was present.

1. Call to Order

Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Review

Item 6.1 (Kudos Award Presentation) was moved up on the agenda.

6.1 2022 Kudos Award Presentation

Friedman accepted a Kudos Award on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Parks Adaptive Swim Program. County Parks went above and beyond ADA-mandated accommodation to implement low-stimulation swim hours and provide access to an instructor who specializes in working with students with adaptive swim needs. The Commission looks forward to continuing their collaboration with Parks as the program is expanded and refined. The Commission is deeply appreciative of the County Parks team and their longstanding commitment to inclusion and accessibility.

4. Approve September 8, 2022 Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes as written

Motion/Second: Molina/Haifley

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

6. New/Continuing Business:

6.2. Santa Cruz County Climate Action and Adaptation Draft Plan

Commission reviewed the Climate Action and Adaptation strategies relative to their impact on the disabilities community. Feedback included concerns about safeguarding existing supports, barriers to public transit, anticipated difficulties in converting rural neighborhoods to “15-minute Neighborhoods”, the importance of established funding to support residential electrification and the transition to electric/hybrid vehicles, establishing a stable electrical infrastructure before requiring electrification in existing structures, establishing and promoting participation in a

vulnerable citizen registry for first responders, and establishing evacuation and cooling centers, and the importance of resident emergency preparedness.

6.3. County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Employee Survey Results

Baurmeister summarized the results of the County's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Employee survey. Thirty-four percent of those who provided disability data identified as having disabilities which exceeds the available workforce with disabilities (as identified in the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) data) by 22.4%.

6.4. Consider Public Access to the Rio De Mar Coastal Trail Walkway Advocacy

Commission discussed the impact of a recent judgement allowing residents to blockade public access to the walkway thereby eliminating the only safe way for members of the public who use wheelchairs to access the beach. The County is appealing the judgement.

Motion authorizing Commission Officers to send an advocacy letter to the Sentinel asking members of the public to support the County's appeal.

Motion/Second: Molina/Haifley

Motion passed unanimously.

6.5. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Finding

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely if allowable under the provisions of AB 361

Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports:

7.2. History Report:

7.2.1. Commission History Project: No Report

7.2.2. County Voter Accessibility Committee Report: No Report

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.2. Recreation Subcommittee:

Gutierrez-Baeza represented the Commission at the SPIN Resource fair in Watsonville and encouraged Commissioners to promote and attend the County Park Friends "Corazon de Mujer Halloween Festival" at LEO's Haven Park.

8.3. Legislative Subcommittee

The Subcommittee drafted an advocacy plan for 2023 that includes both legislative and budgetary timelines. Legislative priorities were updated as follows: Both AB-1663 (Probate Conservatorship Reform) and AB-2511 (Back-up Electrical Supply for Nursing Homes) were signed into law and AB-2077 (Personal Needs Allowance Increase) was vetoed by the Governor. All other legislative priorities remain active bills essentially stalled in committee.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that the EEO/CC Plan is being updated with 2022 Q3 data before submission to the Board but the plan is still on track for publication before the end of the year.

10. Emerging Matters: None

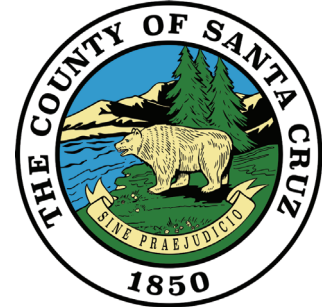
11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

CAO Initiatives Update

- 2023–25 Operational Plan
- A Santa Cruz County Like Me



Agenda

- 2023–25 Operational Plan Process
- A Santa Cruz County Like Me
- Request for Input



Vision, Mission, Values


Why we exist


Vision	Mission	Values
Santa Cruz County is a healthy, safe and more affordable community that is culturally diverse, economically inclusive and environmentally vibrant.	An open and responsive government, the County of Santa Cruz delivers quality, data-driven services that strengthen our community and enhance opportunity.	The County of Santa Cruz provides services and supports partnerships built on: Accountability, Collaboration, Compassion, Effectiveness, Innovation, Respect, Support, Transparency, and Trust.














Operational Plan

2021-23 Operational Plan

2019-21 Operational Plan 

01 	Total Objectives 180	Completed 45	Amended 44	Consolidated 5	In Progress 86
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02  SORT BY: [Completion](#) [Timeline](#) [Department](#) [Equity](#) [COVID-19 Recovery](#) [Fire Recovery](#) [SEARCH OBJECTIVES >](#)

03 	04 	05 
IN PROGRESS  Adult Probation Success Reduce Violations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	IN PROGRESS  Father Engagement Increase Engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	IN PROGRESS  Dislocated Workers Increase Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 
COMPLETED  Shelter to Housing Increase Rehousing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	COMPLETED  Permanent Supportive Housing Increase Slots <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Last Updated 6/2022 	



Major Work



Collaborative



Validated



Measured & Targeted

Commission Input

- Within the scope of your commission:
 - What one issue, if addressed, would have the biggest positive impact for County residents?
 - What are the major projects anticipated within the next two years?
 - What data do you use (or wish you had) to know if County programs are making anybody better off?

A Santa Cruz County Like Me

The Survey and Report

ASCLM began as a partnership between Santa Cruz Community Ventures and Santa Cruz County to:

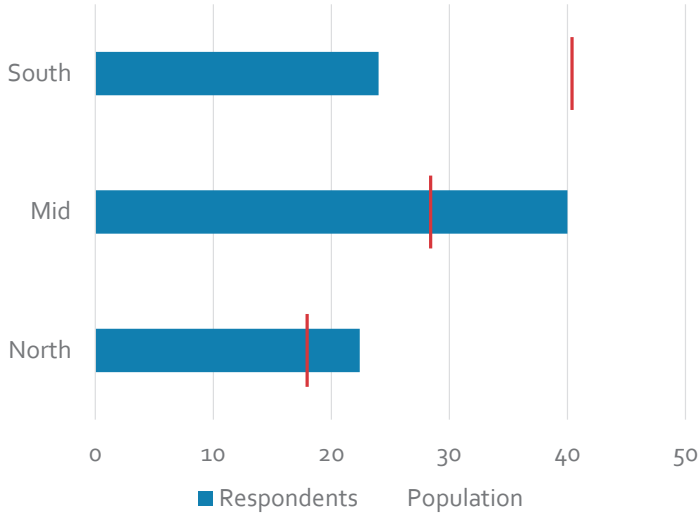
- Gather data on boards and commissions demographic composition
- Report key findings to the Board of Supervisors
- Make recommendations to the Board that work towards achieving government bodies that reflect the diversity of the community they represent



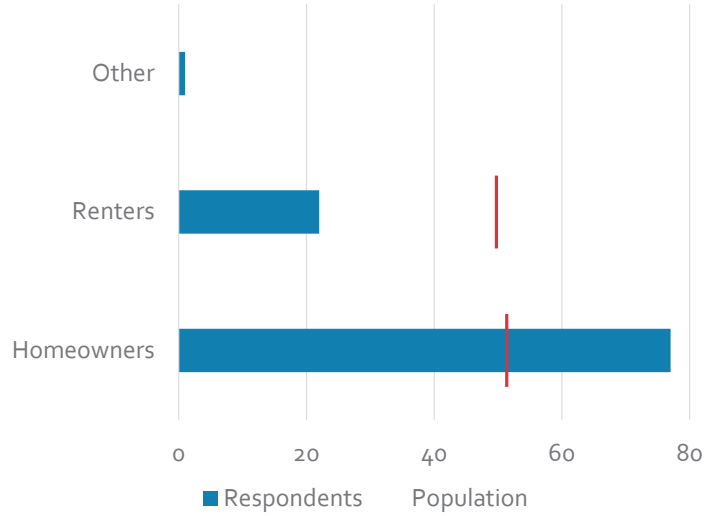
Key Findings

1. Under Representation of South County
2. Critical Under Representation of Renters

Where Commissioners Live



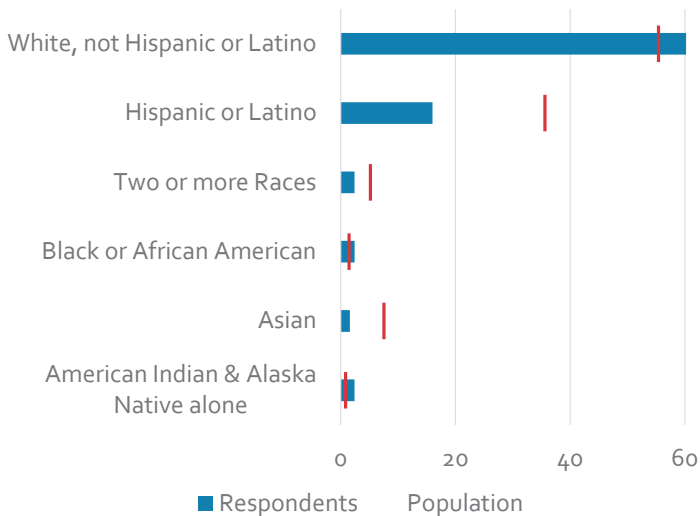
Commissioner Housing Status



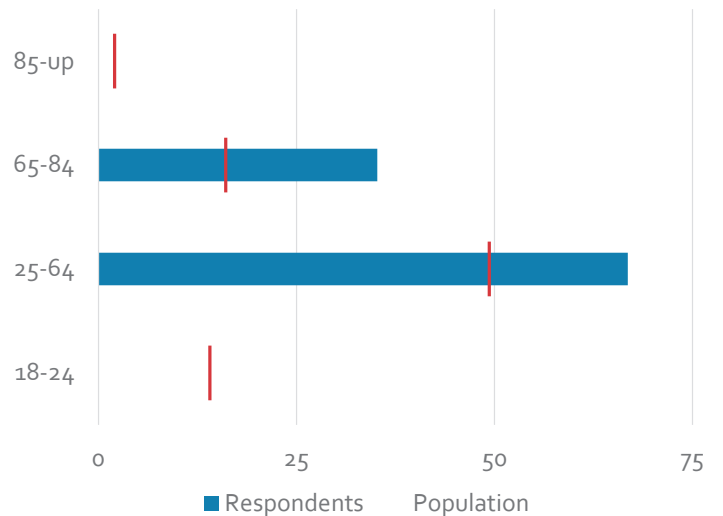
Key Findings

3. Critical Under Representation based on Race and Age

Ethnicity

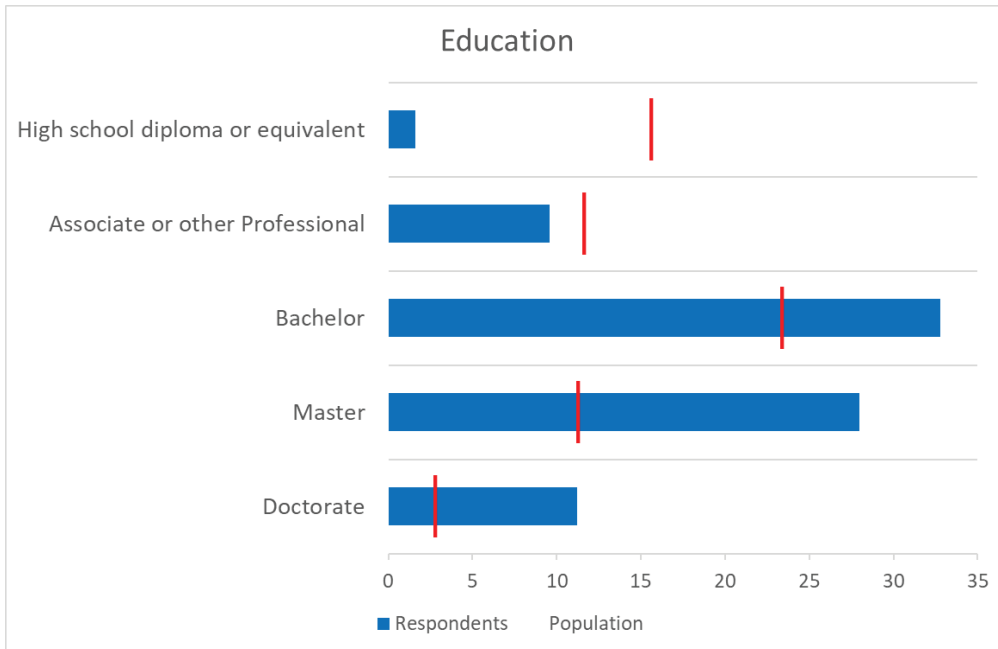


Age



Key Findings

Critical Over Representation of College Graduates



Report Recommendations and Next Steps

2022

- ASCCLM Committee
- Collection of demographic data of County boards, commissions, and advisory bodies
- Improve the onboarding process and include County data review
- Outreach to current commissions

2023

- Committee to identify goals, strategies and activities
- Outreach to community organizations
- Community engagement
- Track and measure outcomes
- Assess impact

Commission Input

- Within the scope of your commission:
 - What one change, if implemented, would get us towards commissions that are representative and inclusive of our diverse community?
 - How did you hear about the commission you serve on and what encouraged you to apply?
 - What one change in our current outreach and application process, if implemented, would get us towards commissions that are representative and inclusive of our diverse community?

Questions?

Thank You



A Santa Cruz Like Me

The Value of Representational Government



This is a summary of the “A Santa Cruz Like Me” report that was completed at the end of 2021. For the full report, please visit the Santa Cruz Community Ventures website at www.sccvonline.org.

BACKGROUND

“A Santa Cruz Like Me” is a partnership between Santa Cruz Community Ventures (Ventures) and Santa Cruz County to paint a picture of Santa Cruz County’s representative bodies. The effort started with a recognition of the value of representative government, which ensures the diversity of our government reflects the diversity of our region.

Both Santa Cruz County and Ventures recognize the value of a representative government and how this can affect economic decisions. This data-driven effort also aligns with Santa Cruz County’s Strategic Plan goals to create a healthy, safe and more affordable community that is culturally diverse, economically inclusive and environmentally vibrant. To view the Santa Cruz County’s Strategic Plan visit www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz.aspx.

METHODOLOGY

“A Santa Cruz Like Me” survey was delivered to Santa Cruz County Commissions, Boards, and Supervisors to voluntarily disclose demographic and population descriptive indicators.

This was the first opportunity for appointees to provide demographic information about themselves. In total, 45% of all possible respondents returned a completed survey.

The team reviewed and compared overall population numbers from DataShare Santa Cruz, the central hub of information for Santa Cruz County with the most current data, and identified indicators with variances of 5% or higher from the population, with special review of variances of 10% or higher.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Critical under representation of South County residents.
2. Critical under representation of renters.
3. Critical under representation based on race, ability, and age.
4. Critical over representation of college graduates as compared to county population.
5. Optional participation limited response rate to 45% of those surveyed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The “A Santa Cruz Like Me” report ends with recommendations which were presented to the Board of Supervisors in December 2021. The recommendations were to create a committee to review variances highlighted in the report and propose solutions, collect demographic information during the application process for all board and commission positions, include County data review as part of the onboarding process for appointees, and work with cities within Santa Cruz County to conduct a similar study.

A Santa Cruz Like Me

El valor del gobierno representativo



Este es un resumen del informe "A Santa Cruz Like Me", que se traduce a Un Santa Cruz Como Yo, y se completó a finales del año 2021. Para obtener el informe completo, visite el sitio web de Santa Cruz Community Ventures en www.sccvonline.org.

INFORMACION CONTEXTUAL

"A Santa Cruz Like Me" se realizó por medio de una asociación entre Santa Cruz Community Ventures (Ventures) y el Condado de Santa Cruz para mejor entender quienes forman parte de los grupos representativos del Condado de Santa Cruz. El esfuerzo comenzó con un reconocimiento del valor de un gobierno representativo donde la diversidad de nuestro gobierno refleje la diversidad de nuestra región.

Tanto el Condado de Santa Cruz como Ventures reconocen el valor de un gobierno representativo y cómo esto puede afectar las decisiones económicas. Este esfuerzo, basado en datos, también se alinea con los objetivos del Plan Estratégico del Condado de Santa Cruz de crear una comunidad saludable, segura y más asequible que sea culturalmente diversa, económicamente inclusiva y ambientalmente vibrante. Para obtener mas información sobre el Plan Estratégico, visite el sitio de Condado de Santa Cruz en www.santacruzcounty.us/VisionSantaCruz.aspx.

METODOLOGÍA

La encuesta "A Santa Cruz Like Me" fue entregada a las comisiones, mesas directivas y Supervisores del Condado de Santa Cruz para divulgar voluntariamente información demográfica y de población.

Esta fue la primera oportunidad para que los designados proporcionaran información demográfica sobre sí mismos. En total, el 45% de todos los posibles encuestados devolvieron una encuesta completa.

El equipo revisó y comparó los números generales de población de DataShare Santa Cruz, el sitio central de información para el condado de Santa Cruz con los datos más actuales, e identificó indicadores con varianzas del 5% o más de la población, con una revisión especial de las variaciones del 10% o más.

PRINCIPALES CONCLUSIONES

1. Representación críticamente baja de los residentes del sur del condado.
2. Representación críticamente baja de inquilinos.
3. Representación críticamente baja basada en raza, habilidad y edad.
4. Representación críticamente alta de graduados del colegio en comparación con la población del condado.
5. La participación opcional limito el grado de respuestas al 45% de los encuestados.

RECOMENDACIONES

El informe "A Santa Cruz Like Me" termina con recomendaciones que fueron presentadas a la Junta de Supervisores del Condado en diciembre del año 2021. Las recomendaciones fueron de crear un comité para revisar las variaciones destacadas en el informe y proponer soluciones, recopilar información demográfica durante el proceso de solicitud para todos los puestos de las juntas y las comisiones, incluir la revisión de datos del Condado como parte del proceso de incorporación de los designados y trabajar con las ciudades dentro del Condado de Santa Cruz para realizar un estudio similar.



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES' FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

David Molina
Chair, Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

ATTEST: _____
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Commission on Disability meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Second (2nd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor - Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **unless held remotely**

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***Unless noted otherwise below**

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.scccod.net as soon as information becomes available.

2023 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 12, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
February 9, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
March 9, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
April 13, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
May 11, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
June 8, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
August 10, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
September 14, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
October 12, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
November 9, 2023	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined