



## Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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### Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday May 11, 2023  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Board Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**\*\*As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting *scent-free* and *smoke-free*.\*\***

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *April 13, 2023 Minutes*
5. 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.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 6.1. Strategic Action Plan Review/Revise
7. Commission Reports
  - 7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report
  - 7.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Report
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
  - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee Report
  - 8.2. Legislative Subcommittee Report
  - 8.3. Commission History Report
9. Staff Report
10. Announcements/Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Remote Meeting  
PRESENT: Rebecca Haifley (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Fay Levinson (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*),  
Becky Taylor (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina  
(*Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: John Daugherty (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Riley Hartmann (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Juliette Burke (*Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board*)  
GUESTS: 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order  
Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve February 9, 2023 Minutes  
**Motion to Approve Minutes As Written**  
Motion/Second: Levinson/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Public Comment: None
6. Administration of the Oath of Office  
Commissioners took an oath of office.
7. New/Continuing Business:
  - 7.1. Election of Officers  
Commission considered candidates for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair.  
**Motion to re-elect Molina and Gutierrez Baeza for Chair and Vice Chair respectively**  
Motion/Second: Taylor/Haifley  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 7.2. Metro ParaCruz Advocacy Letter  
Commission considered a letter advocating for the Metro to address accessibility barriers to public transit. The letter was amended to address the County Board of Supervisors rather than to the Metro Board of Directors.  
**Motion to Approve the Advocacy Letter as Amended**  
Motion/Second: Levinson/Grijalva  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 7.3. Commission Priorities

Commission discussed the prior Strategic Action Plan and pended the topic to the May meeting agenda after clarification on the scope of their powers and duties.

### 8. Commission Reports:

#### 8.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: No Report

#### 8.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Report

Haifley reported attending the first of five meetings with a total of 27 participants, including representation from MidPen, Land Trust, developers, and people working in construction.

Haifley asked the following three questions: (1) do new developments have a mandated percentage of housing units that must be ADA-compliant? (2) if so, what is that percentage? And (3) will all multi-unit developments have universal design? Haifley will update the Commission on the project's progress.

### 9. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

#### 9.1. Recreation Subcommittee:

Gutierrez-Baeza reported that: (1) Shared Adventures continues to sponsor low-stim swim hours, (2) Commissioners are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings to collect community feedback on plans for the San Lorenzo Park redesign to advocate for accessible elements, and (3) Wheelchair Basketball Camp is scheduled to begin in June.

#### 9.2. Legislative Subcommittee:

The subcommittee met in February and continues to research legislative priorities that have been vetted by established organizations who advocate on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities.

#### 9.3. History Project Report

Staff reported that the ad hoc subcommittee met and is currently collecting and analyzing records for the timeline.

### 10. Staff Report:

Staff reported that County advisory board advocacy efforts are now restricted to making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, rather than conducting direct advocacy with other entities. Staff is working on getting clarification on which Commission activities would be considered direct advocacy and will report back once clarification has been received.

### 11. Emerging Matters: None

### 12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities		
2023 Strategic Action Plan		
Objective #1: Monitor, Assess and Advocate for the Eradication of Barriers and Inequities Impacting Santa Cruz County Persons with Disabilities.	Leads	Activities and Accomplishments
<b>ACTION 1A:</b> Research and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on issues that impact persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 1B:</b> Receive and review communications from the community on matters of interest to persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County and make recommendations as needed.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 1C:</b> Review the provision of access for persons with disabilities to public places within the County and recommend improvements as needed.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 1D:</b> Monitor regional plans, programs, and legislation that affect persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County and make recommendations as needed.	ALL	

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Objective #2: Promote the Interests of Santa Cruz County Persons with Disabilities through Community Outreach and the Provision of Resources.	Leads	Activities and Accomplishments
<b>ACTION 2A:</b> Provide resources and referrals to services that support persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 2B:</b> Invite community partner reports and presentations on matters of interest to Santa Cruz County persons with disabilities.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 2C:</b> Maintain an online and social media presence to promote Commission activities and community events of interest to persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 2D:</b> Host, sponsor, or participate in community events and collaborate with other Commissions to promote Commission activities and address emerging issues for persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	ALL	

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Objective #3: Monitor and Promote Equal Opportunity Employment for Persons with Disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	Leads	Activities and Accomplishments
<b>ACTION 3A:</b> Monitor implementation of the County EEO Plan and make recommendations as needed.	ALL	
<b>ACTION 3B:</b> Review County policies and position descriptions make recommendations as needed to ensure that any unnecessary barriers to the employment of persons with disabilities are removed.	ALL	
Objective #4: Develop and Implement Special Projects to Advance the Interests of Persons with Disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	Leads	Activities and Accomplishments
<b>ACTION 4A:</b> Host the Kudos Awards to honor individuals who have advanced accessibility for persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.		
<b>ACTION 4B:</b> Create a comprehensive Commission history (with the assistance of an intern) available in a variety of visually appealing and easily accessible formats.		
<b>ACTION 4C:</b>		
<b>ACTION 4D:</b>		

## **Commission on Disabilities – Strategic Action Plan Match**

### **2.72.060 Powers and duties.**

The Commission shall exercise the following responsibilities in its efforts to serve persons with disabilities within this County:

- (A) Review existing County policies that affect persons with disabilities and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any proposed changes; **(3B)**
- (B) Review Sections 503 and 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations and advise the Board of Supervisors on any actions necessary to bring the County into compliance with the Federal requirements and to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities; **(1D)**
- (C) Review the provision of access for persons with disabilities to public places within the County and recommend improvements where needed; **(1C)**
- (D) Review the County's equal employment opportunity plan and policies, and recommend to the Board of Supervisors and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission any revisions which may be necessary to eliminate employment discrimination against persons with disabilities; **(3A) and (3B)**
- (E) Review the County's personnel rules and job descriptions, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, and to the Civil Service Commission, as necessary, to ensure that any unnecessary barriers to the employment of persons with disabilities are removed; **(3B)**
- (F) Advise the Board of Supervisors on any other appropriate programs and actions which would increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; **(3A), (3B), and (1D)**
- (G) Evaluate services provided to persons with disabilities in the County and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors based on their conclusions; **(1A), (1B), and (1D)**
- (H) Review requests by persons with disabilities or organizations for County assistance, and advise the Board of Supervisors on appropriate actions; **(1B)**
- (I) Investigate citizen complaints related to concerns of persons with disabilities and recommend appropriate actions to the Board of Supervisors; **(1B)**
- (J) Review Federal and State legislation of interest to persons with disabilities and advise the Board of Supervisors of their recommendation; and **(1D)**
- (K) Exercise other responsibilities related to the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities in the County. **(1A), (2A), (2B), (2C), (2D), (4A) and (4B)**



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## Scheduled Meetings

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

DAY: Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday\*  
MONTH: Every month except July and December  
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  
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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](http://www.scccod.net) as soon as information becomes available.

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

### **Public Participation**

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
- If you need special accommodations, please call 454-2935 or TDD: 711 (California Relay Service) at least 48 hours before the meeting.