



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 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

**\*\*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 *November 9, 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. Santa Cruz County Parks Accessibility Updates – Sarah Shea (*Parks Superintendent*)
  - 6.2. Commissioner Stipends and Other Changes to Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 2.38
  - 6.3. Consider Establishing Commission Co-Chairs or Retaining Chair and Vice Chair Roles
  - 6.4. Election of Commission Officers
  - 6.5. Consider 2025 Meeting Schedule
  - 6.6. Review Strategic Plan and Consider Establishing Ad Hoc Subcommittees for 2024
7. Commission Reports
  - 7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report
8. Commission Priority Reports
  - 8.1. Accessibility Awareness Report
  - 8.2. Accessible Recreation Report
  - 8.3. Commission History Project Report
  - 8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Priority Report
  - 8.5. Legislative Priorities Report
  - 8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report
  - 8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report
9. Announcements/Emerging Matters
10. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 9, 2023  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
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PRESENT: John Daugherty (1<sup>st</sup> District), 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: None  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)  
GUESTS: 3 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order  
Meeting convened at 12:34 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve October 12, 2023 Minutes  
**Motion to Approve Minutes As Written**  
Motion/Second: Molina/Haifley  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Public Comment
6. New/Continuing Business:
  - 6.1. Consider Advocacy Letter to the Board Regarding ADA-Accessible Beach Mats  
Commission reviewed a letter to the Board advocating for their funding and support for the installation of ADA-accessible beach mats on County beaches.  
**Motion to send the advocacy letter to the Board as written**  
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 6.2. Consider advocating with the Board for the Continuation of the Commission as a Distinct Advisory Body  
Commission discussed the recent presentation to the Board on the ASSCLM project findings. In January, the Board will hear recommendations on how best to streamline the County's Commission structure, including potentially dissolving, combining or in some other way reducing the number of advisory bodies.  
**Motion authorizing Chairs to draft and send a letter to the Board advocating for the continuation of the Commission as a distinct advisory body**  
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Levinson  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report:  
Gutierrez Baeza will report on the December meeting in January.

7.2. Housing Element Community Stakeholder Group Final Report: None

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

8.2. Accessible Adaptive Recreation Priority Report

Gutierrez Baeza reported that the Treasure Cove Adaptive Playground design was revealed at the Adaptive Family Fall Festival at Jade Street Park. Molina reported that County Parks will not be providing programming at the Siltanen pool because of funding and staffing issues though the project may be revisited. Levinson reported that a Coastal Commission representative encouraged Commission to advocate for reopening the Rio Del Mar beach access pathways.

8.3. Commission History Subcommittee Report:

Staff reported that the research intern had identified specific eras with specific events in each era and is working on design elements. Several key Commissioners who had a significant role in the Commission's impact will be featured.

8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Report: No Report

8.5. Legislative Priority Report: No Report

8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report

Levinson attended a County affordable housing presentation and followed up with Supervisor Friend to find out what percentage of the approximately 4600 proposed affordable housing units will be required to be ADA-accessible. Molina would like Planning to give the Commission an overview on how the affordable housing planning process works, including ADA-accommodation requirements, ratio of rentals vs. homes for purchase, etc..

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report:

Staff left a message for Michael Tree to try and get the proposed meeting back on track. Grijalva mentioned that the number of available drivers is being reduced and shared anecdotal stories of service concerns.

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters

Daugherty requested that an item be placed on the January agenda regarding a potential loss of affordable accessible because the St. George Housing (120 units) may be losing most of their funding and rents may be increased to "market rate". Molina requested that Daugherty research the matter further before bringing it back to the Commission with supporting details.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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### 2024 Strategic Action Plan

<b>Objective #1: Monitor, Assess and Advocate for the Eradication of Barriers and Inequities Impacting Santa Cruz County Persons with Disabilities.</b>	<b>Leads</b>	<b>Team</b>
<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	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	All
<b>ACTION 1C:</b> Monitor and promote equal opportunity employment for persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County, including monitoring implementation of the EEO/CC Plan and reviewing position descriptions and making recommendations as appropriate.	Haifley	<u>Legislative Team:</u> Molina & Taylor
<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	<u>Legislative Team:</u> Molina & Taylor Other teams as appropriate

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**2024 Strategic Action Plan**

<b>Objective #2: Promote the Interests of Santa Cruz County Persons with Disabilities through Community Outreach and the Provision of Resources.</b>	<b>Leads</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>ACTION 2A:</b> Provide resources and referrals to services that support persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	ALL	All
<b>ACTION 2B:</b> Invite community partner reports and presentations on matters of interest to Santa Cruz County persons with disabilities.	Molina Gutierrez Baeza	Commission Chairs
<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.	Taylor	<u>Public Awareness Team:</u> Taylor, Gutierrez Baeza & Daugherty
<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.	Taylor	<u>Public Awareness Team:</u> Taylor, Gutierrez Baeza & Daugherty

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<b>Objective #3: Evaluate services provided to persons with disabilities and access to public places within the County and recommend improvements as needed.</b>	<b>Leads</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>ACTION 3A:</b> Monitor and promote access to affordable, ADA-accessible housing in Santa Cruz County.	Haifley	<u>Housing Team</u> : Taylor
<b>ACTION 3B:</b> Monitor and promote access to affordable, accessible transportation for persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	Hartmann	<u>Accessibility Awareness Team</u> : Daugherty & Gutierrez Baeza
<b>ACTION 3C:</b> Monitor and promote participation in affordable, adaptive recreational activities for persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	Gutierrez Baeza	<u>Recreation Team</u> : Gutierrez Baeza & Molina
<b>ACTION 3D:</b> Monitor safe access to public places within Santa Cruz County and recommend improvements as needed.	Hartmann	<u>Accessibility Awareness Team</u> : Daugherty & Gutierrez Baeza
<b>Objective #4: Develop and Implement Special Projects to Advance the Interests of Persons with Disabilities in Santa Cruz County.</b>	<b>Leads</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>ACTION 4A:</b> Host the Kudos Awards to honor individuals who have advanced accessibility for persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	Gutierrez Baeza	<u>Kudos Team</u> : Gutierrez Baeza, Daugherty & Taylor
<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.	Daugherty	<u>Commission History Team</u> : Daugherty & Taylor
<b>ACTION 4C:</b> Develop and implement opportunities to collaborate with other County advisory bodies to advance the interests of persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County.	TBD	<u>Collaboration Team</u> : Taylor
<b>ACTION 4D:</b> TBD		



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