



Commission on Disability  
AGENDA  
Special Meeting

**Commission on Disability**  
**Wednesday August 4 2021 6:00 PM**

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## **A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1) Call to Order by Vice Chair Freeman
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary

- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of February 25, 2021
- 5) Staff Update.
- 6) Approval and Order of Agenda

## **B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

The public may speak at the beginning of any item. (Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

**Commission will take a 5 minute break around 8pm**

- 1. Set schedule for regular meetings**
- 2. Elections**
- 3. Vacancies**
- 4. Accessible Housing Item Update**
- 5. Elevator Ordinance Update**
- 6. I. Ethnicity & Disability Statistics of People who have contracted Covid in Berkeley since the beginning of the pandemic. \***

**II. Utilization rates and accessibility of City of Berkeley Covid testing sites for BIPOC people with disabilities. \***

**IV. Number of BIPOC people with disabilities who have accessed Covid related and/or supportive services since the beginning of the pandemic. III. Vaccinations distribution among seniors and BIPOC communities with disabilities in Berkeley \***  
(Freeman)

**6. Disability and ethnicity data in city contracts and city services. (Freeman)**

**7. Easy Does It Emergency Services (Freeman)**

**8. Berkeley Transportation Subcommittee (Walsh)**

**9. Berkeley-El Cerrito Corridor Access Plan and Berkeley BART stations (Walsh)**

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**C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**D. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work**

plan, referrals, etc.)  
TBD

E. **ADJOURNMENT: no later than 9:00pm**

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#### **A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis @6:18 pm
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary: Ghenis: Present, Freeman: Present, Leeder: Present, Walsh: Present, Singer: Absent
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker)
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of December 9 2020 \* Ghenis: aye, Walsh: aye, Leeder: aye,



Freeman: abstain

- 5) Staff Update.
- 6) Approval and Order of Agenda (Leeder/Freeman)

## **B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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### **1. Meeting logistics and related concerns.**

Clarify that all concerns have been addressed; note if there are any ongoing barriers, and what barriers are; progress as needed. (5 min / Ghenis)

Zoom linked worked for some people but not others.

Secretary will follow up with IT.

Would like to discuss day and time of meetings at future meeting,

Motion: Invite IT to discuss strategies for memorializing meeting and detailed notetaking. (Freeman/Walsh, all ayes)

### **2. BART CAG Appointment (5 min/ Ghenis)**

Motion: Appoint Freeman and Walsh as alternate (Walsh/Leeder, all ayes)

**3. Workplan (20 minutes/ Ghenis)\* Discussion.** Motion: Approved as amended. (Leeder/Freeman, all ayes)

**4. Covid information and web accessibility (5 min/Walsh)**

Discussion. Motion: Invite Web access staff from PIO to earliest future meeting (Freeman/Walsh)

**5. Elections**

Motion: Appoint Leeder as Chair, Freeman as Vice Chair. (Walsh/Freeman, all ayes.)

**6. Accessible Housing Requirements for New Construction Hand-off \***

Discussion. Leeder and Freeman will work collaboratively on these items.

**7. Elevator Ordinance Hand-off \***

Discussion. Leeder and Freeman will work collaboratively on these items.

**8. Writing a Letter to Council Re: Ongoing Commission meetings**

Postponed.

**9. I. Ethnicity & Disability Statistics of People who have contracted Covid in Berkeley since the beginning of the pandemic.**

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**have accessed Covid related and/or supportive services since the beginning of the pandemic.**

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(Freeman) Discussion. Information requested from EOC by Secretary.

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**E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:11 PM (Leeder/Freeman, all ayes)**

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Hi Liza and Epi Team,

The Disability Commission has a couple of questions for the COVID-19 EOC and I'm wondering if we may have some of the data to support:

1. Ethnicity & Disability Statistics of People who have contracted Covid in Berkeley since the beginning of the pandemic.

We do not have consistent, reliable information regarding disabilities among people who have contracted COVID.

We do have data on the race/ethnicity of people who have contracted COVID in Berkeley on our public dashboards:

<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/covid19-data/#demographics>

2. Utilization rates and accessibility of City of Berkeley Covid testing sites for BIPOC people with disabilities.

The COVID testing team would probably have better information to answer this question. The testing data that the epi team has access to in CalREDIE may not include all people who have been tested at COB testing sites. I know that Laura Schroeder had put together a dashboard of the demographics of folks tested by COB testing sites. Janice Chin may have more information on the data behind the dashboard to answer this question.

3. Number of BIPOC people with disabilities who have accessed Covid related and/or supportive services since the beginning of the pandemic.

We don't have information on this in our data sources.

4. Vaccinations distribution among seniors and BIPOC communities with disabilities in Berkeley

We do not have consistent, reliable information regarding disabilities among people who have been vaccinated for COVID. We do have age and race/ethnicity data for people who have been vaccinated for COVID on our public dashboards:

<https://www.cityofberkeley.info/covid19-data/#vaccine>

I am not sure if CAIR, or our vaccine partners keep track of disability status, but wanted to ask just in case we can provide any data. The Commission meets on August 4.

Thanks for any information you can provide!

Best,  
Katie

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