



February 16, 2022

To: The Honorable Mayor Regina Romero and Members of the Tucson City Council

Subject: Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) 2021 Annual Report

Dear Mayor Romero and Council Members:

CODI continued its work to advise and hold city government accountable to the needs of people with disabilities and their families. We have a committed core of commissioners, but we have several open slots from member resignations due to changes in personal and professional circumstances. We hope to work with the mayor, city council members, and the city manager in the appointment of new commissioners who reflect the diversity of cultural and disability experiences that make Tucson a vibrant and inclusive place to live.

Over the course of 2021, we updated and organized the rotation of city departments and liaisons we receive reports from on a monthly basis. We engaged with city staff on topics such as the new on-demand transportation service, the city's Complete Streets initiative the city's efforts at an ongoing ADA transition plan for transportation and other municipalities that have comprehensive ADA transition plans, how zoo construction will impact people with disabilities, and efforts at preventing evictions of disabled people during the pandemic.

We, as commissioners, appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents of the city of Tucson and advise city departments on how their plans, services,



and actions impact the disability community. We would like to thank the departments, offices, and services that met with us over the course of 2021.

Current concerns:

We have several concerns that we would like to address in 2022. Chief among these concerns is the open commission slots among the ward offices, the mayor's office, and the city manager's office. We would appreciate the opportunity to have open communication with offices that do have open slots to ensure that we are able to recruit potential commissioners that fit the goals of the office and commission.

Other concerns include but are not necessarily limited to the following: the implementation of the new ADA transition transportation plan, the methods and training public safety personnel use and receive to interact with the disability community, the impact of zoo construction will have on the Edith Ball Recreation Center, outreach efforts from the Parks and Recreation Department when planning access changes or enhancements, the transportation services provided through SunTran and SunVan, employment accommodations, and the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on city services and supports provided to the disability community.

In conclusion:

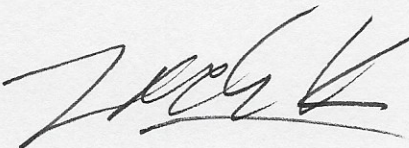
CODI is dedicated to ensuring that people with disabilities are an integral part of the fabric of Tucson and are represented during city planning and service provision.

Respectfully submitted,

Mia Hansen  
Chairperson

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Zach Coble  
Vice Chairperson

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