



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

October 16, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

Pursuant to safe practices during COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice. The meeting was held virtually to allow for healthy practices and social distancing. The meeting was accessible at provided link to allow for participating virtually and/or calling in.

### Legal Action Report

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Derrick Espadas  
Kate Elliott  
Sue Kroeger  
Wesley Derbyshire  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Ray Jordan  
Lily Bogan

##### **Representing**

Mayor's Office  
City Manager  
City Manager  
Ward 2  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6 (Arrived late 4:14)

##### **Absent:**

##### **Representing:**

##### **Staff and Others Present:**

Rebecca Hill  
Chris Desborough  
Stephanie Alvarez  
Rene Figueroa  
Rick Guerra  
Jaime Corrales  
Gabriella Cazares-Kelly  
Sophia Gonzalez  
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EOE Office  
Ward 2 Staff  
City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
Pima County Recorder  
Pima County Recorder's  
Guest

**2. Roll Call.**

**3. Consideration and Possible Approval of Minutes from September 2024 Meeting.**

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2024.

**4. Call to Audience.**

No one spoke.

**5. Discussion and Presentation about Accessible Voting with Pima County Recorder Gabriella Cazares-Kelly.**

Recorder Gabriella Cazares-Kelly opened discussion giving a detailed introduction on herself, time as Recorder and the significance of the Pima County Recorder's logo. She continued by explaining and showing a slide show which thoroughly detailed things such as important election dates, voter resources, accessible voting options, large print/braille ballots and signature changes. Chairperson Coble followed up inquiring about the current legislation on verification to which Recorder Cazares-Kelly answered, explaining the procedure for providing documentation needed such as an id, utility bill and birth certificate for full ballot voter vs. not having them available and being registered as a federal voter only. She continued by explaining the difficulties they are facing currently and the recent discussion she had with the Nevada and Arizona Secretary of State's. Recorder Cazares-Kelly further noted that the Nevada Secretary of State mentioned voters in tribal rural communities and individuals with disabilities can request an electronic ballot and can vote from their phone. She noted Secretary Fontes shares the same values when it comes to expanding voter access.

## **6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Memorandum on Sidewalk Maintenance, Access and Ordinance 25-12.**

Chairperson Coble opened discussion going over the memorandum drafted to Mayor and Council highlighting sidewalk accessibility, Ordinance 25-12 and Code enforcement. He continued by going over his idea of possibly writing a memo on ADA/Code Enforcement Accessibility standards with a bit more research and assistance from Commissioners. Chairperson Coble noted that combining all the issues in one may be too long so his ideal approach would be to keep them separate, as he would like to clarify things such as the homeowner's financial assistance program and backlog projects. Commissioner Espadas briefly ensued in discussion noting the idea of the City having a loan fund where small businesses could make repairs, they did not have the money for upfront, but because there is a credit, pay it back when the tax credit money is paid to them. Commissioner Jordan briefly ensued in conversation agreeing Commissioner Espadas idea is good and suggesting a few corrections and added comments/ideas for the Memorandum.

It was moved by Commissioner Elliot, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to approve the Memorandum to Mayor and Council pending suggestions and corrections.

## **7. Check in About Upcoming CODI Meetings.**

Chairperson Coble briefly covered the plan to have SunVan attend the November meeting and the possibility of taking the month of December off from CODI due to holidays and possible quorum issues. Commissioner Bogan suggested to revisit the topic on the next meeting and proposes CODI still plan for December meeting.

## **8. Announcements.**

Commissioner Jordan opened item mentioning he will be attending the next meeting from Melbourne Australia, the pedestrian push buttons on 22<sup>nd</sup> street have been relocated for easier access to individuals with wheeled mobility devices, his attendance at Tucson Meet Yourself and the lack of disability representation and current discussions regarding his complaint with the redevelopment at Reid Park and removal of the only ADA accessible path to the zoo. Commissioner Derbyshire quickly ensued in discussion noting he did have a meeting with Ward 2 staff member Chris Desborough going over issues in the city, transit, sidewalks and Sun Tran signage. Commissioner Bogan briefly mentioned a upcoming VRATE event taking place in phoenix.

**9. Adjournment: 5:01**