

SUBJECT: **2026 DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN**

INITIATED BY: **HUMAN SERVICES AND RENT STABILIZATION
DEPARTMENT**

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Disabilities Advisory Board will review the proposed 2026 Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review, discuss and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The Office of the City Clerk requires each Advisory Board to submit a detailed one-year work plan with clear objectives.

The Disabilities Advisory Board develops an annual Work Plan to provide structure and direction for its advisory role to the City Council and City departments on issues affecting people with disabilities. The Work Plan serves as a planning tool to align Board agendas, presentations, and outreach with City priorities and community needs.

The 2026 Work Plan builds on the Board's activities and discussions from 2025 and reflects both continuing areas of responsibility and new and emerging issues identified through presentations, program updates, discussions, and community engagement. The focus areas outlined below are intended to guide the Board's work during 2026 while allowing flexibility to respond to emerging issues and City Council priorities as they arise.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A: 2026 Proposed Work Plan

2026 Proposed Disabilities Advisory Board Work Plan

The 2026 Work Plan is intended to guide Disabilities Advisory Board agendas throughout the year and remain flexible to address emerging issues, City priorities, and opportunities for collaboration. This is a working document, and items may be scheduled based on availability or adjusted as needed.

Emergency Preparedness Education & Home Safety

The Disabilities Advisory Board will support public education on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, including earthquake readiness, home fire safety, emergency supplies, and personal emergency plans. The Board may receive presentations from City departments, public safety staff, and partner agencies and provide advisory input on accessible emergency guidance and outreach.

Accessibility & Inclusive Design

The Board will provide advisory input on accessibility related to City facilities, parks, public spaces, and projects, including paths of travel, seating, wayfinding, and sensory-inclusive design. The Board may receive presentations from City staff, consultants, and external partners.

Housing Stability, Homelessness & Aging in Place

The Board will receive updates and receive informational materials on programs serving people with disabilities, including housing stability, tenant rights, accessibility, and aging-in-place strategies. Presentations may be provided by City departments, housing partners, and agency partners.

Health, Behavioral Health & Wellness

The Board will receive presentations on access to healthcare, behavioral health, and supportive services for people with disabilities from City-contracted providers, County agencies, and community-based organizations, and identify barriers, service gaps, and opportunities to improve access and navigation.

Mobility, Transportation & Public Right-of-Way Access

The Board will address transportation access, pedestrian safety, and mobility challenges affecting people with disabilities. The Board may receive presentations from City departments, transportation agencies, and external partners related to mobility programs and emerging technologies.

Caregivers & Support Networks

The Board will recognize the role of caregivers and support networks and may receive presentations from service providers and community partners to inform discussion of caregiver needs related to healthcare access, emergency preparedness, and aging in place.

Workforce & Economic Stability for Seniors and People with Disabilities

The Board will explore workforce participation and economic stability issues affecting people with disabilities and older adults and may receive presentations from City staff, workforce partners, and external agencies.

Legislative & Policy Awareness

The Board will receive legislative and policy updates impacting people with disabilities from City staff and external partners to support advisory input consistent with City advocacy priorities.

Events & Community Outreach

The Board will lead and support two primary events in 2026: a televised Disabilities Advisory Board meeting and a Health and Wellness Fair. In addition, the Board may participate in other City and community events that promote accessibility, inclusion, and public awareness, such as National Night Out. The Board may also identify additional events and outreach opportunities for participation throughout the year.