



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities

Recommendation Number 20210709-003a: Council Meeting American Sign Language Services

WHEREAS, the Austin community includes a substantial number of citizens who use American Sign Language to participate in civil life, including participating in meetings of governmental bodies;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin provides American Sign Language services at City Council events, announcements including COVID-19 announcements, and videos only when requested; and

WHEREAS, the deaf community in Austin needs equal access to City Council events, announcements including COVID-19 announcements, and videos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities recommends City Council to implement across the board American Sign Language translation services for all City Council events, announcements including COVID-19 announcements, and videos.

Date of Approval: July 9, 2021

Record of the vote:

Attest: _____

(Staff or board member can sign)