



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES RECOMMENDATION
20250808-009**

Date: August 8, 2025

Subject: Partnership with the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

Motioned By:

Seconded By:

Recommendation

The committee recommends an invitation to the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities to co-host the AWEbility Festival in October 2025 and October 2026.

Description of Recommendation to Council

We recommend inviting the Governor's Committee to partner as a co-host of the AWEbility Festival, which is scheduled to unfold in two phases:

- October 10, 2025 – a small celebration at Austin City Hall, featuring artists, advocates, workshops, and a ceremony honoring local inclusion leaders; and
- October 2026 – a full-scale music and sign language festival at Auditorium Shores, showcasing disabled performers, disability-owned vendors, and sensory-friendly spaces. We anticipate a \$10,000-\$20,000 budget for the event.

Rationale:

The Governor's Committee is well-positioned to assist the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities in promoting accessibility and community engagement for people with disabilities. The support of the Governor's Committee would increase the reach and impact of the festival through outreach and communication, festival program input, and accessibility practices. We also hope to explore joint efforts with the Governor's Committee to access funding through grants or in-kind donations.

Vote: (Add the number vote here, even if unanimous)

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*