

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: <u>06/13/11</u>		Item Number: <u>C-5</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Recommendation from the Disability Advisory Committee to Expand the Membership of the Committee from Seven to Nine Members.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: _____			
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Meetings and Agendas – City Council (06/08/11); (Email) Disability Advisory Committee (06/08/11).			
Department Approval: Dan Hernandez (06/02/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/08/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (06/08/11)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/08/11)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council consider a recommendation from the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) to expand the membership of the Committee from seven to nine members. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Disability Advisory Committee has been a City Council appointed committee since 1985. The Bylaws of the DAC state that: It shall be the function and responsibility of the Culver City Disability Advisory Committee to: A. Advise the City Council on all matters affecting persons with disabilities in the community. B. Review community policies, programs and actions which affect persons with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council. C. Render advice and assistance as requested to other City boards and commissions, to City departments and to private agencies on matters affecting persons with disabilities.			

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- D. Identify the needs of persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of these needs in areas such as employment, housing, transportation, media, physical and communication accessibility and other needed areas.
- E. Promote the total integration of persons with disabilities into all aspects of community life.
- F. Perform other functions and duties as may be directed by City Council.

At the October 13, 2010 Disability Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee took action to make a recommendation to the City Council that the DAC expand from seven to nine appointees. At the December 8, 2010 meeting, the Committee took action to authorize Disability Advisory Committee Vice Chair, Barbara Effros-Schwartz to present the Committee's reasons for making the recommendation to the City Council.

DISCUSSION:

DAC Vice Chair Effros-Schwartz is present at this evening's meeting to convey the Committee's reasons for recommending to the City Council that the membership of the DAC be expanded from seven to nine members.

At the May 23, 2011 City Council meeting, the City Council appointed Grace Elliott to fill Office Number 3 on the Disability Advisory Committee, which was the only vacant seat available. There were two applicants for the seat. It was noted at that time that staff would be bringing the DAC's recommendation to expand the Committee's membership before the City Council sometime in June 2011. If the City Council determines that the membership of the DAC will be expanded by two seats, then the City Clerk's Office will advertize for these additional vacancies at the time other vacancies are re-advertised. It is expected the City Clerk's Office will re-advertize beginning at the end of June with the City Council considering appointments in August.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Disability Advisory Committee receives administrative support from the Senior and Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. No dedicated funds are allocated for this purpose and, although these services can be quantified, this function has traditionally been viewed as part of the Division's regular roles and responsibilities. These functions are absorbed by the operating budget(s). Staff anticipates that an increase in the membership of the DAC from seven to nine members would not significantly increase the amount of time or the number of resources necessary to provide administrative support to the Committee.

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Pursuant to AB 1234, any new members would be required to undergo ethics training. There are options to complete this training which are available free of charge.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

(Disability Advisory Committee Recommendation) Expand the membership of the Disability Advisory Committee's from seven to nine members