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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) would like to thank you for your invitation to provide recommendations on the Parks, Recreation and Community Service Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. At the February 10th Regular DAC Meeting, we had the item on the agenda and discussed the needs of the department & community in regards to funding allocations to support Disability Services Programs.

We unanimously passed a motion requesting that the City Council consider allocating up to \$3000 of General Funds for additional part-time staffing to support the Disability & Social Services programs and activities. We believe the additional staffing would be needed in response to the current pandemic in order to enforce the social distancing and PPE protocols, when the facility reopens to the public. As you are undoubtedly aware, these programs are primarily volunteer driven with the exception of one full time and one part-time staff member. The additional part-time staff member will help ensure the safety and wonderful experiences of the patrons that attend.

We encourage City Council and staff leadership to consider our request and strongly believe that the benefit to our frail and disabled would greatly outweigh any associated budget allocation. Thank you for taking the time to consider our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jay Shery, Chairperson
Disability Advisory Committee