



MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

May 6, 2025
Sweet Shade Ability Center
15 Sweet Shade
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Committee (Committee) was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on May 6, 2025, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair De Rama presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	6	Committee Member:	Katherine Claxton
		Committee Member:	Tala Fazeli
		Committee Member:	Jennifer Kim
		Committee Member:	Janie Mulrain
		Vice Chair:	Liza Krassner
		Chair:	RJ De Rama
Absent:	2	Committee Member:	Andrea Drayer
		Committee Member:	Pamela Torres

PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE MEETING

Robert Espinosa, Community Services Supervisor, provided instructions on how to participate in the Committee meeting for those attending via Zoom or in person.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Irvine Unified School District's Special Education Community Advisory Committee

Esther Morales, Chair, and Heena Shah, Vice-Chair, provided a presentation on the Irvine Unified School District's (IUSD) Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

Discussion included: CAC Member selections; CAC representation on IUSD campuses; CAC communications on campuses with no representative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Sonya Shah, Irvine resident and Portola High School student, made the following public comment:

- Proposed a sibling workshop program for ages 11 to 17 years to build a safe space to come together and talk to each other about shared experiences.

Andrea Matolo, Irvine resident and CAC parent, made the following public comment:

- Acknowledgement and appreciation of CAC's presentation and of current Disability Services programs being offered. Called for advocacy and inclusiveness to serve all abilities and addressed the need for providing services to participants requiring additional assistance with toileting during programs.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Staff Announcements

Supervisor Espinosa made the following announcements:

- Disability Services Prom is scheduled for May 16 from 7-9 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. Admission is \$3 and the theme is "Under the Sea."
- Melissa Salcedo hired as Disability Services Community Services Leader III.
- Past Disability Friendly Community Member Award recipients are now featured on the City's Committee webpage.
- Subcommittees were asked to provide input and ideas for expanding disability care services and programs for City Council consideration.

Committee Member Announcements

Chair De Rama made the following announcements:

- CAC hosted a Beyond Awareness Celebration event at Stonegate Elementary School April 17-18.
- CAC hosted its annual Abilities Awareness event, Allyship in Action, at Cadence Park School on April 23.
- Makapo Aquatics received a \$50,000 grant from Move United and purchased two canoes.

Committee Member Kim made the following announcements:

- CicloIrvine was held on May 3 and was a great collaborative outreach opportunity for residents, the disability community, City leaders, and community partners.
- Irvine Junior Games were held May 4 and was an uplifting day for kids and their families in the disability community.
- The 2025 Cal-TASH Conference took place March 28-29.
- The 2025 National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC) will be held in Dallas, Texas July 24-27.

Committee Member Kim made the following Community Advocacy and Outreach subcommittee announcements:

- Committee feedback was given to City Librarian Julie Zeoli on creating more inclusive spaces and programming at recent Irvine Public Library informational meetings.

Committee Member Claxton made the following Special Projects and Collaboration subcommittee announcements:

- Esther Morales, CAC Chair, will receive the Disability Friendly Community Member Award at the next regular Committee meeting for her advocacy.
- Library Services will be asked to present at the next regular meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Committee Member Claxton, seconded by Committee Member Fazeli, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer and Torres absent) to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Committee held on February 4, 2024.

3. IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

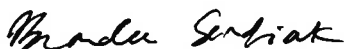
ACTION:

Moved by Committee Member Mulrain, seconded by Committee Member Fazeli, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer and Torres absent) to approve the recommendation of the Community Services Commission to appoint Marle Chen, Samantha Hartman, Jaewoo Park, and Michael Van Duyn to serve as Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Committee Members commencing appointment.

END OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Claxton, seconded by Committee Member Kim, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer and Torres absent) to adjourn the regular Committee meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Recording Secretary


CHAIR

8/5/2025

Date Approved