



MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

August 5, 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 6:06 p.m. on August 5, 2025, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair De Rama presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	11	Committee Member:	Marle Chen
		Committee Member:	Katherine Claxton
		Committee Member:	Tala Fazeli*
		Committee Member:	Samantha Hartman
		Committee Member:	Jennifer Kim
		Committee Member:	Janie Mulrain
		Committee Member:	Jaewoo Park
		Committee Member:	Pamela Torres
		Committee Member:	Michael Van Duyn
		Vice Chair:	Liza Krassner
		Chair:	RJ De Rama

**Committee Member Fazeli left at 7:05 p.m.*

Absent:	1	Committee Member:	Andrea Drayer
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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.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **DISABILITY FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AWARD**

This award was presented to Esther Morales for her dedicated work and service on Irvine Unified School District's Special Education Community Advisory Committee.

2. CITY OF IRVINE LIBRARY SERVICES

April Lammers, Principal Librarian for Digital Services, and Lauren Regenhardt, Senior Librarian for Children's Services, provided a presentation on the City's Library Services section.

Discussion included:

- Items (books, materials, tools, and supports) to be added to branch collections to support all abilities.
- How to capture additional input from the Committee Members through the Irvine Public Library email.
- Future spaces to rent and quiet areas within the libraries.
- Suggestion to have an adult story time in addition to children's, as well as adult coloring stations.
- Suggestions and planning to make ensure libraries are fully accessible and equipped to assist those within the deaf and hard of hearing community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Staff Announcements

Supervisor Espinosa made the following announcements:

- Universal Playground upgrades and bocce ball courts are under construction until the end of August.
- Supervisor Espinosa is leaving Disability Services to oversee Transportation Services. Recruitment for the new Disability Services supervisor is underway with the first interviews being held Wednesday, August 6.

Committee Member Announcements

Committee Member Mulrain shared information on Orange County Asperger's Support Group Friends and Fun.

Vice Chair Krassner announced the annual Irvine Global Village Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 11 at Great Park.

Committee Member Fazeli shared a video about Dreams of America students visiting and enjoying Sweet Shade Universal Playground.

Chair De Rama made the following announcements:

- IrvineCONNECT added a new route on July 1 line that increased accessibility for the Groves community.
- Irvine Unified School District's Special Education Community Advisory Committee is seeking campus representatives for each of the schools within the district. Representatives help build community, share resources and information among families, and help plan district-wide events. There is a training on August 22 at Creekside Learning Center as part of a vendor fair being presented by Irvine PTA Council.

Committee Member Kim shared photos from Regional Center of Orange County's Comfort Connection event at the Santa Ana Zoo and encouraged others to join these events. Down Syndrome Association of Orange County was also represented.

Committee Member Chen shared about State Council on Developmental Disabilities ongoing trainings addressing the changes to Medicaid and Medi-Cal. There is a training on Saturday, August 9 at 10 a.m.

Subcommittee Reports

There were no subcommittee reports.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3. MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Committee Member Claxton and seconded by Committee Member Kim to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Committee held on May 6, 2025.

Committee Member Van Duyn moved to make an amended motion to approve the minutes with corrected spelling of his name on Page 3, Item 3 action.

ACTION

Moved by Committee Member Van Duyn, seconded by Committee Member Chen, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Member Drayer absent) to approve the minutes with corrected spelling of Committee Member Van Duyn's name on Page 3, Item 3 action.

4. IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Supervisor Espinosa presented the staff report.

Discussion included: Designation of representatives to the body's three subcommittees (Community Advocacy and Outreach, Access and Functional Needs, and Special Projects and Collaboration) to support ongoing initiatives and provide updates at regular meetings.

ACTION:

Moved by Committee Member Claxton, seconded by Committee Member Park, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer and Fazeli absent) to approve subcommittee appointments as follows:

Community Advocacy and Outreach: Chair De Rama, Vice Chair Krassner, and Committee Member Hartman.

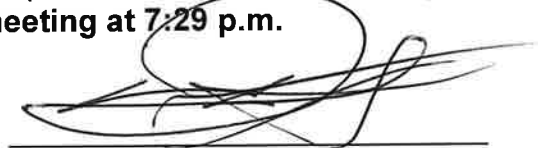
Access and Functional Needs: Committee Members Chen, Fazeli, Kim, Torres, and Van Duyn.

Special Projects and Collaboration: Committee Members Claxton, Drayer, Mulrain, and Park.

END OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Kim, seconded by Committee Member Claxton, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer and Fazeli absent) to adjourn the regular Committee meeting at 7:29 p.m.



COMMITTEE CHAIR

Recording Secretary

Date Approved