



MINUTES

IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

November 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 6:02 p.m. on November 5, 2025, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair De Rama presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 Committee Member: Marle Chen
Committee Member: Katherine Claxton
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

**arrived at 6:14 p.m.*

Absent: 3 Committee Member: Andrea Drayer
Committee Member: Tala Fazeli
Committee Member: Samantha Hartman

PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE MEETING

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

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

PRESENTATION

1. ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN

Vu Tran, City of Irvine Principal Civil Engineer, provided a presentation on the City's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Discussion included: duration of project; evaluation is on focus of physical barriers; funding for implementation of modifications; archiving and use of data collected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments for non-agendized items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Staff Announcements

Supervisor Sendziak made the following announcements:

- Sweet Shade Park Universal Playground and Bocce Ball upgrades are completed.
- New program, Sibling Workshop, to begin on November 18 and is direct result from discussion during the August Committee meeting.
- New Disability Services Program Coordinator, Chloe Lieber, to start in the next couple of weeks.

Committee Member Announcements

Vice Chair Krassner announced she attended the Irvine Global Village Festival (IGVF) Dignitary Luncheon and was grateful for the experience, as well as the opportunity to meet other City Commission and Committee members.

Chair De Rama announced he also attended the IGVF Dignitary Luncheon and was grateful for the accommodations made to support Committee member accessibility to the stage.

Committee Member Chen announced he was happy to see the City's commitment to inclusivity through IGVF.

Committee Member Claxton announced if the Sibling Workshop is successful and there is a demand with current age range, may expand to include ages 6-12 years with the potential to partner with Sandy Feet Initiative.

Committee Member Park announced the following:

- Attended the Disability Services excursion on September 7 to the Angels game.
- The United States Mint has announced the 2025 American Women Quarters program and is the first time a person in a wheelchair, Stacey Park Milbern, is featured on a coin.

Committee Member Kim announced she attended the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) Special Education Department's September 30 Communities Come Together event held at Sweet Shade Neighborhood Park, hosted in partnership with Andy & Aiden Safety Group, City of Irvine Disability Services, Irvine Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. The event included opportunities for children to observe how first responders appear during an emergency.

Vice Chair Krassner announced a sensory-friendly presentation of the Nutcracker Ballet will be held on December 5 at the Irvine Barclay Theater. Tickets are \$8, with pre-show activities scheduled for 1 p.m., and show start time of 2 p.m.

Subcommittee Reports

Access and Functional Needs Subcommittee

Committee Members Chen, Fazeli, Kim, Torres, Van Duyn

- Committee Member Chen reported the following:
 - Meetings were held on September 23, October 21, and November 5, resulting in subcommittee areas of focus to be accessibility, housing, information sharing, and health and safety.
 - The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) will be making changes to Medicaid qualification requirements. Visit scdd.ca.gov for more information.
 - There will be a SCDD countywide transition event on March 20, 2026 at the IUSD Learning Center from 4-8 p.m.
 - Committee Members are encouraged to invite SCDD to clubs, churches, organizations, etc. to provide trainings if so desired.
- Committee Member Kim reported the following:
 - Has been in communications with Library Services staff and will meet with City Librarian Julie Zeoli on November 20 to continue discussions on ensuring accessibility at library branches and engagement of Committee.
 - Exploring possible GetSafe presentations at future meetings.
- Committee Member Torres reported the following:
 - Shared information on Public Housing Authority (PHA) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
 - PSH goal is to provide housing stability after recent loss of housing or risk of loss. Participants may qualify for reduced or subsidized rent, and program uses a "wrap around" approach focusing on the whole person.
 - PSA is available in four different cities in Orange County, all with ADA Coordinators, and can also investigate discrimination cases.

Special Projects and Collaboration Subcommittee

Committee Members Claxton, Drayer, Mulrain, and Park

- Committee Member Claxton reported University of California, Irvine School of Medicine PALS program will be honored with a Disability-Friendly Community Member Award at a future meeting.
- Disability-Friendly Community Member Award nominations are requested, especially for those addressing/advocating more representation across all barriers.

Community Advocacy and Outreach Subcommittee

Chair De Rama, Committee Member Hartman, and Vice Chair Krassner

- Vice Chair Krassner reported the subcommittee is looking at opportunities to expand healthcare advocacy.
- Chair De Rama reported he is working on a calendar of items to be shared with the Committee.
- Committee Member Kim reported she recently met with Health & Wellness Advisory Committee Member to discuss how this Committee can work with the City's Office of Health and Wellness.

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 Park, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer, Fazeli, and Hartman absent) to approve the minutes of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Committee regular meeting held August 5, 2025.

3. IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Supervisor Sendziak presented the staff report.

ACTION:


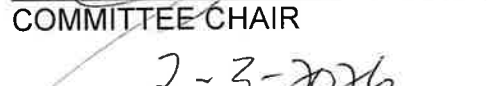
Moved by Committee Member Claxton, seconded by Vice Chair Krassner, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer, Fazeli, and Hartman absent) to approve the 2026 regular meeting schedule as presented.

END OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Claxton, seconded by Vice Chair Krassner, and unanimously carried by those members present (Committee Members Drayer, Fazeli, and Hartman absent) to adjourn the regular Committee meeting at 7:20 p.m.


Recording Secretary


COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date Approved