



City of Los Angeles

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

# "Issues of Critical Concern to the Disability Community"

### *Presentations will include...*

- ❖ Education
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Low Income Housing
- ❖ Mental Health Services
- ❖ Medicare & Healthcare
- ❖ HIV/AIDS
- ❖ Employment

**City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 2009 ■ 1 - 4 p.m.**  
**Los Angeles City Hall ■ Board of Public Works**  
**200 North Spring Street ■ Room 350**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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## A G E N D A

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(1)

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS**  
(please turn off all cell phones; if there is any written material for distribution to  
Commissioners, please submit to the secretary for distribution) **2 minutes**

(2)

Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2009

**4 minutes**

(3)

**MEDICARE PART “B” – Presentation regarding changes in Medicare Part “B”**  
– Dr. Arthur Lurvey, Medicare Medical Director, Palmetto GBA **10 minutes**

**(4)**

**ISSUES OF CRITICAL CONCERN TO THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY –**  
Perspectives of government and community-based organization service providers –

- Lori Gangemi, President, AbilityFirst **5 minutes**
- Paula Pearlman, Executive Director, Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) **5 minutes**
- Dr. Tony Beliz, Deputy Director, County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health **5 minutes**
- Sandy Driver-Gordon, Commissioner, COD **5 minutes**
- Pauline Louie, Field Specialist, HUD **5 minutes**
- Aliza Barzilay, Executive Director, Westside Center for Independence Living (WCIL) **5 minutes**
- Mitch Pomerantz, President, American Council of the Blind **5 minutes**
- Janet Neal, First Vice President, County of Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities **5 minutes**
- John Fong, Director of Specialized Transit, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) **5 minutes**
- Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) **5 minutes**
- Dexter Henderson, Commissioner, COD **5 minutes**
- Sanford Riggs, Director of Housing Management, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles **5 minutes**
- Richard Ray, Deaf Services Coordinator, DOD **5 minutes**
- Ben Rockwell, President, Californians for Disability Rights **5 minutes**
- Anna Zakarian, Program Manager, Metro North WorkSource Center – Goodwill Industries of Southern California **5 minutes**

- Stephen Simon, AIDS Coordinator, AIDS Coordinator's Office of DOD **5 minutes**

(5)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Discussion of Departmental activities; including, but not limited to DOD Projects and Initiatives during the month of March; and other relevant issues – Regina Houston-Swain, Executive Director, DOD **10 minutes**

(6)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items not on today's agenda, but under Commission's jurisdiction; there is a two minute time limit for each person)

(7)

**NEW BUSINESS** – Suggested items for next meeting's Agenda **5 minutes**

(8)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (from Commissioners, staff and guests) **5 minutes**

**ADJOURNMENT**

# # #

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