

Executive Director Report

Full Commission Meeting

October 23, 2024

Program Highlights:

CCDA conducted a listening forum for the business and disability community in July. Attendees included representatives from the area center for independent living and chambers of commerce.

CCDA partnered with the Pacific ADA Center to conduct two webinar trainings for businesses in July and September.

I represented CCDA at a disability pride event at the Governor's office.

I attended the Youth Leadership Forum luncheon with Operations Manager Phil McPhaul, Deputy Director Brent Jamison and Deputy Director Paul Dixon of DGS.

Commissioner Dillard hosted me for a day this summer in Los Angeles. He gave me a tour of the Crenshaw District and he introduced me to a local business owner, Greg Dulan, who utilized funding to upgrade his restaurant.

I attended the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) board meeting to present on CCDA's Accessible Parking Campaign.

Commissioner Vacancies:

There is one vacancy on the CCDA representing the interests of people with disabilities and the appointment authority is the Senate Rules Committee.

Reappointments:

Commissioner Leon-Vasquez, a Speaker of the Assembly appointee, is awaiting reappointment.

Staffing Updates:

NONE.

Financial/Operational Highlights:

CCDA management continues to meet with Budgets and Contracts monthly.

The 24-25 approved budget shifted funding for CCDA from the General Fund to the Disability Access Account. No change was made to the High Frequency Litigant Fund.

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings and Operations Manager McPhaul is working with the Real Estate Services Division (RESA) on our lease renewal. Our current lease expires in two years, but the process starts early.

We also are in the beginning stages of upgrading our conference room with integrated Teams equipment that will allow CCDA to conduct hybrid meetings with stakeholders more efficiently.

Presentations/Conferences/Meetings Attended:

Chair Downey (monthly)

Vice Chair Holloway

Ida Clair, CCDA Commissioner and State Architect (monthly)

Commissioner Lillibridge

Commissioner Dillard

DGS ISD Deputy Director Brent Jamison (monthly)

Matt Hargrove, California Business Properties Association CEO

Matthew Sutton, California Restaurants Association

Shelly Simmons, Executive Director Georgia SILC

Jan Garrett, Deputy Director of ADA Programs, Pacific ADA Center