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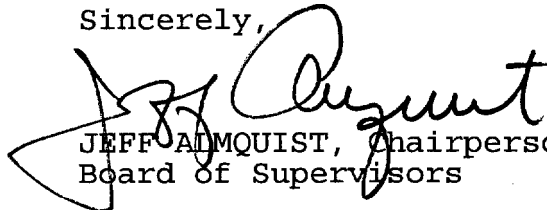
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County of Santa Cruz
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Commission on Disabilities for calendar year 1998. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

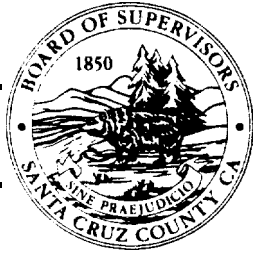

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cc: Commission on Disabilities

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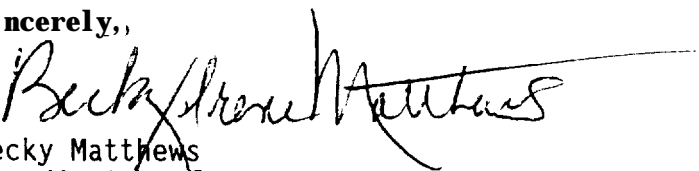
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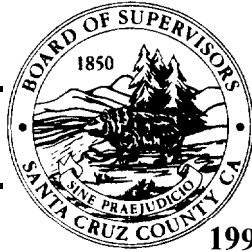
Dear Chairperson Almquist and Members of the Board,

Attached is the annual report for 1998 from the Commission on Disabilities.

We hope that the Board will accept and approve the annual report which reflects the work done by the Commission on Disabilities on issues affecting people with disabilities in our community.

Sincerely,,


**Becky Matthews
Coordinator of the Commission on Disabilities**



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

1. ROLES OF THE COMMISSION:

The Commission on Disabilities is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on issues concerning persons with disabilities. The Commission was established to (a) Review existing County policies that affect persons with disabilities and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding proposed changes; (b) Review Sections 503 and 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations and advise the Board of Supervisors on any actions necessary to bring the county into compliance with the federal requirements and to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities; (c) Review the provision of access for persons with disabilities to public places within the County and recommend improvements where needed; (d) Review the County's Affirmative Action Plan and policies and recommend to the Board of Supervisors and Affirmative Action Commission any revisions which may be necessary to eliminate employment discrimination against persons with disabilities; (e) Review the County's Personnel rules and job descriptions and make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and to the Civil Service Commission, as necessary, to assure that any unnecessary barriers to the employment opportunities for persons with disabilities are removed; (f) Advise the Board of Supervisors on any others appropriate programs and actions which would increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; (g) Evaluate services provided to persons with disabilities in the County and make recommendation to the Board of supervisors based on their conclusions; (h) Review requests by persons with disabilities or organizations for County assistance and advise the Board of Supervisors; (i) Investigate citizen complaints related to concerns of persons with disabilities and make appropriate recommendations for action to the Board of Supervisors; (j) Review Federal and State Legislation of interest to persons with disabilities and advise the Board of Supervisors of their recommendation; and (k) Exercise other responsibilities related to the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities in the County.

2. MEETING DATES, TIME, AND LOCATION:

The Commission meets the second Friday of each month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 P.M. at 1400 Emeline Street, Rm. 206. Mail address is 701 Ocean Street, Rm 30, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

3. COMMISSION STRUCTURE:

As of January 3 1, 1999, the Commission is made up of eight Commissioners. Chair for 1998 was Michael Bush and Vice Chair was John Daugherty. First District Commissioners - Robert McGaw and Robert Freiler; Second District Commissioners - John Daugherty and Michael Bush; Third District Commissioner Rebecca Northcutt; Fourth District Commissioner Angelee Dion and Peggy Hall; Fifth District Commissioner - Cynthia Adams.

There are two vacancies; one in the Fifth District, and one in the Third District.

4. COMMISSION STAFF:

The Commission has a staff person for twenty hours per week. The staff person for 1998 was Linda MacDougal up and until February 1998; Becky Irene Matthews was acting Coordinator for the Commission from March 1, 1998, for the rest of 1998.

5. ATTENDANCE ROSTER FOR 1998.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Michael Bush	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P
John Daugherty	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Robert Freiler	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cynthia Adams	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Angelee Dion	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Thomas Ferr				P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Robert McGaw	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Peter Axelson	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	R				
Rebecca Northcutt	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	E
Peggy Hall	P	P	P	P	P	'P	P	E	P	A	R	

P= present; E=excused; A=absent; R=resigned; /= not yet on Commission

6. ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1998:

In 1998 the Commission continued its goals of assisting all persons and organizations in Santa Cruz County in understanding disability issues by investigating complaints and/or by providing information and guidance whenever possible.

The COD continued to act as a referral and information resource for issues of concern to persons with disabilities in Santa Cruz County, and to provide information to private businesses and agencies as well as to governmental organizations regarding disability issues.

In 1998 the Commission investigated complaints arising from a variety of disability issues. The Commission spent several months working closely with Carl Rom of the County Planning Dept., to obtain improvements of the Cabrillo College bus stop on Soquel Drive which would eliminate the need for persons using wheelchairs to enter traffic to get to the bus stop.

The Commission investigated complaints concerning delivery of health care by SCCHO to persons with disabilities, and worked closely with county staff and SCCHO staff to affect changes benefiting all SCCHO members, and reported to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission has an excellent working relationship with the staff of SCCHO as a result of this process.

In April, the Commission completed its work with the Soquel Knolls Subdivision, and the subdivision removed the locked gate and the concrete barrier that was blocking access for persons with disabilities.

The Commission has been working with Cabrillo College to assist the college in improving accessibility on campus. This is an on going project that will continue throughout 1999.

Additionally, the Commission has worked and will continue to work with Cabrillo College and Metro Santa Cruz to improve the availability of the Cabrillo cart for persons with disabilities and to improve the community awareness of the availability of the cart to assist persons with disabilities to gain access to the campus.

Chair Michael Bush represented the Commission in meetings concerning IHHS for Santa Cruz County.

The Commission reviewed the Affirmative Action Annual Report and advised Ajita Patel of their concerns. The Commission approved the report, requesting additional efforts be made to create part time jobs for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

Chair Michael Bush represented the Commission at "Ability Awareness Day". Commissioners Freiler, Adams, Dion, McGaw and Coordinator Matthews attended Congressman Sam Fat-r's "Walk & Roll" at Elk Horn Slough.

Chair Bush and Commissioner Freiler represented the Commission and attended the open House of the Live Oak Pool.

7. INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED COD MEETINGS IN 1998.

Pat Cavataio, Santa Cruz Metro.Transit District
 Michelle Hinkle, Metro. Accessible Services Transit Forum
 Leslie Wright- MASTF
 Michael Molesky, County Organized Health Care Commission
 Kasandra Fox, MASTF
 Barbara Vautier, CCCIL
 Richard Gallo, CCCIL
 Matthew Boisseau
 Thomas Ferr, Potential Commissioner
 Ajita Patel, County Affirmative Action Officer, EEO.
 Carl Rom, County Public Works Dept.
 Dermis Papadopulo, MASTF
 Jody Harris, Human Resources Agency, County of Santa Cruz
 Jeff LaBlanc, interested citizen, Advisory Board to SCCHO.
 Jack Baker, Homeowner, Willowbrook area of Ben Lomond, CA.
 Jane Hyde, Homeowner, Willowbrook area of Ben Lomond, CA.
 Nancy Anderson, Homeowner, Willowbrook area of Ben Lomond, CA.
 Scott Bugenthal, Director of Liftline/ CTSA
 Deborah Lane, volunteer counselor HICAP.
 Richard Nanas, Willowbrook counselor
 Ann Butler, Owner Willowbrook facility in Ben Lomond
 Dr. Neal Adams, Medical Director, SC County Mental Health Dept.
 Jessie Schechter, SCC Mental Health Dept.
 Madlyn Norman-Terrance, CAO
 Mary Hockenberry, Facilities Supervisor, County Parks
 Carol Fox, nurse, interested citizen
 Julie Kirschbaum, Beneficial Designs
 Elizabeth Sparks, CCCIL
 Jessica Milliagan, CCCIL
 Bruce Gabriel, MASTF, MUG
 Les White, Gen. Manager Santa Cruz Metro
 Bryant Baehr, Manager of Operations Santa Cruz Metro
 Barbara Flynn, Senior Health Services Manager, SCCHO
 Angelique Milhouse, Provider Relations, SCCHO
 Stephen E. Sibley, American Chronic Pain Association
 Connie Harrigan, American Chronic Pain Association
 Nikki Oneto, Cabrillo College Disabled Student Services
 Frank Lynch, Cabrillo College Disabled Student Services
 Elizabeth Means, Health Care for All Californians

8. COMMISSION COMMITTEES:

1. Inter-jurisdictional ADA:
2. Accessible Housing:
3. Beach Parking:
4. COD On Line:
5. Parking Ordinances & Enforcement:
6. Accessible Places (restaurants):
7. Small Businesses:
8. Legislative :
9. Mobilizing Persons with Disabilities/Community Support:
10. Cabrillo College: ADA and Title 24 Accessibility

9. FUTURE GOALS 1999:

The Commission plans to work on the following issues in 1999.

To actively encourage employment of persons with disabilities in county agencies and in private businesses.

To encourage persons with disabilities to become aware of the opportunities that exist in our community and to encourage our community to benefit from the enormous potential that persons with disability have to offer the community.


To monitor legislation on the state and national areas that may impact on persons with disabilities and to encourage our county to support all relevant legislation in our reports to the Board of Supervisors.

To encourage all local governmental agencies to provide ADA and Title 24 access and protections in all their programs and facilities.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Commission will work with staff of the County and all the cities in the county to promote access for persons with disabilities to all facilities and all programs.

Respectfully submitted,


 Becky Irene Matthews
 Acting Coordinator