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Dear Friends:

The City of Los Angeles Department on Disability (DOD) has a broad mandate to serve people with disabilities and those living with HIV throughout LA by ensuring the accessibility of City government. We seek to exceed this target by:

1. Proposing, developing, and implementing policies, programs, services, and activities that will improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities;
2. Linking individuals, families, and community-based organizations to a wide range of public and private resources and services;
3. Providing ADA compliance training for City Departments and private entities; and
4. Leading the development and implementation of the City's federally mandated ADA Transition Plan, which is designed to guide the City into full ADA compliance.

More broadly, DOD works hard to help Angelenos with disabilities in all their goals – through a wide range of services and resources.

Meaningful employment is an increasingly important need for many Angelenos with disabilities. Our partnership with RespectAbility to produce this toolkit will become a cornerstone of regional efforts to help people with disabilities to gain, retain, and advance their employment opportunities.

Whether you are a disabled person, family member, City employee, or anyone else seeking information on supporting and advocating for people with disabilities, please never hesitate to reach out to us.

It is a privilege to be able to serve in this role, and to ensure that your needs are met to the best of our capacity. We hope that this toolkit is just one more step in that direction

Be well,

Stephen David Simon  
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