



# Mayor's Disability Council

SAN FRANCISCO  
MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL (MDC)

## NOTICE OF MEETING AND CALENDAR

Friday, January 16, 2026  
1 P.M. – 4 P.M.  
Room 400, City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

**This meeting is hybrid (in-person and virtual)**

## MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Patricia Arack, Co-Chair  
Dr. J. Azulay, Co-Chair  
Orkid Sassouni  
Denise Senhaux  
Cindy Fassler  
Jan Bonville  
Paul Bendix  
Keontae Clark  
Caitlin O'Malior

Staff to the Council:  
San Francisco Office on Disability and Accessibility (ODA)  
Eli Gelardin, Director

# Meeting Participation Instructions

*Note that additional accessibility information for this meeting can be found following the Order of Business*

## How to Watch and Participate in an MDC Meeting

Accessibility of meetings is very important to us. There are multiple ways to watch and participate in an MDC Meeting.

### Join us In Person

You are welcome to come to the meeting in person at City Hall, Room 400. The space is wheelchair accessible, and Sign Language Interpretation will be provided.

### Cable TV

You can watch the cable cast of the meeting on your television by going to public access Channel 78 (Comcast), Channel 28 (Astound) or Channel 99 (AT&T).

### Live Stream on SFGov.TV

You can watch a live stream on your computer or other device:

- Go to [SFGov.TV](https://sfgov.tv)
- Then click on “Watch” near the top of the page.
- Then click on “Watch SFGovTV”. You will find a dark square area with an arrow in the middle. Click on the arrow to watch the meeting live.

### WebEx Webinar

Hybrid MDC meetings are held using Webex Webinar. As an alternative to watching on cable TV or SFGov.TV,

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members of the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment with a computer, tablet or smartphone by following this WebEx link:

<https://sfpublic.webex.com/sfpublic/j.php?MTID=md99dfd4800e6b1e0656ee03a9c5666cd>

**Webinar number: 2661 493 9319**

**Webinar Password: join**

You can also join the webinar by phone:

**Dial in: 415-655-0001**

**Access Code: 2661 493 9319**

### **Making Public Comments at an MDC Meeting**

We welcome the public's participation during public comment periods. There will be two opportunities for General Public Comment during the meeting, and time for item-specific public comment after DISCUSSION items. Each comment is limited to 3 minutes, unless the Co-Chair determines that, in the interest of time, comments will be limited to a shorter time when there is a large number of public comments.

For each public comment period, people with disabilities who wish to make public comments and who are comfortable identifying themselves as a person with a disability are invited to comment first. After these comments conclude, others will be invited to comment.

If you would like the Council to respond to your comments following the meeting, please provide your contact

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information by email message to [MDC@sfgov.org](mailto:MDC@sfgov.org) with the subject “MDC comment reply request,” or call 415-554-0670.

## **Join the Webex Webinar**

By joining the MDC meeting as a webinar participant, members of the public will be able to make public comment directly during the public comment periods.

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To join the webinar using a telephone:

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Access Code: 2661 493 9319

## **Making a public comment on Webex**

If you join the webinar using your tablet or smartphone Webex app, click on the three horizontal dots icon and then click on “Raise Hand.” The clerk will recognize you when it is your turn. You may also use the Q&A feature in WebEx webinar to make a comment. It is located on the top part of the video after touching the screen.

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If you are using a desktop or laptop computer, “Raise Hand” and Q&A icons are located at the bottom of the video screen.

If you join by phone, dial \*3 to indicate you would like to make a comment. The clerk will prompt you when it’s your turn.

We welcome suggestions about how to make the MDC meetings more accessible. Please send an email to [MDC@sfgov.org](mailto:MDC@sfgov.org), or call 415-554-0670.

If you need assistance accessing the meeting, please call 415-554-0670 or send an email to [MDC@sfgov.org](mailto:MDC@sfgov.org).



## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. WELCOME and ROLL CALL.

### 2. ACTION ITEM: Reading and Approval of the Agenda.

### 3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, members of the public may address the Council on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council which are not on today’s meeting agenda. Each member of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes,

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unless the Co-Chair determines that, in the interest of time, comments may be limited to a shorter time when there are a large number of public comments.

With respect to today's item-specific DISCUSSION items, your opportunity to address the Council will be afforded at the conclusion of each DISCUSSION ITEM, before Council discussion begins.

If you would like a response from the Council, please provide your contact information by email message to [MDC@sfgov.org](mailto:MDC@sfgov.org) with the subject "MDC comment reply request," or call 415-554-0670.

#### **4.INFORMATION ITEM: Co-Chair Report**

#### **5.INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Office on Disability and Accessibility**

Please note that the Director's Reports to the MDC can be found in the resources section of ODA's website at the [Public Reports by the Mayor's Office on Disability](#).

#### **6.INFORMATION ITEM: SFMTA - Embarcadero Connectivity Plan**

Description: Presentation from the SFMTA on a long-range plan to improve transportation along the Embarcadero and keep people moving throughout the Port of San Francisco's future waterfront resilience work. The team is in the early stages of a two-year planning

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process and is seeking input on transportation priorities and concerns along and near the Embarcadero. More information about the project can be found on our [project website](#).

Presented by Casey Leedom, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

### **[Public Comment Is Welcome]**

[Council Member questions, followed by questions from the Office on Disability and Accessibility, to commence after public comment.]

**[BREAK: The Council will take a 15-minute break]**

### **7. INFORMATION ITEM: Hallidie Plaza Accessibility Improvements**

Description: The Hallidie Plaza Accessibility Improvement Project, located at the north corner of Market Street and Cyril Magnin Street, aims to improve access to the plaza from street level and the Powell BART/Muni station, one of the primary gateways into San Francisco. By constructing a new main ramp to the plaza level, adding a secondary ramp to the station entry level, and removing the decommissioned elevator, the project would address existing ADA barriers and these improvements would create a safer, more welcoming, and inclusive public space, while strengthening

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connections between transit, the plaza, and the surrounding neighborhood, benefiting residents, commuters, and visitors alike.

Presented by Christine Hunt, Assistant Project Manager, Curb Ramp Program.

### **[Public Comment Is Welcome]**

[Council Member questions, followed by questions from the Office on Disability and Accessibility, to commence after public comment.]

## **8.INFORMATION ITEM: Correspondence.**

## **9.GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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## **10.INFORMATION ITEM: Council Member comments and announcements.**

## **11.ACTION ITEM: ADJOURNMENT**

### **Accessible Meeting Information**

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If requesting remote Sign Language Interpretation, please submit an accommodation request a minimum of 4 business hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Allowing a minimum of 48 business hours for all other accommodation requests (for example, in-person Sign Language interpretation, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative formats) helps ensure availability.

To request accommodation, please contact John Koste at [John.Koste@sfgov.org](mailto:John.Koste@sfgov.org) or by calling 415-554-0670.

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Per the Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 of the San Francisco Administrative Code), Chinese, Spanish and or Filipino (Tagalog) interpreters will be available upon request. Assistance in additional languages may be honored whenever possible. To request assistance with these services please contact the Council Clerk at (415) 554-0670 or [MDC@sfgov.org](mailto:MDC@sfgov.org) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Late requests will be fulfilled if possible.

## **Chinese 語言服務**

根據語言服務條例（三藩市行政法典第91章），中文、西班牙語和/或菲律賓語（泰加洛語）傳譯人員在收到要求後將會提供傳譯服務。其他語言協助在可能的情況下也將可提供。上述的要求，請於會議前最少48小時致電 (415) 554-0670或電郵至 [mod@sfgov.org](mailto:mod@sfgov.org)向會議秘書 Lihmeei Leu 提出。逾期提出的請求，若可能的話，亦會被考慮接納。

## **Spanish ACCESO A IDIOMAS**

De acuerdo con la Ordenanza de Acceso a Idiomas (Capítulo 91 del Código Administrativo de San Francisco), habrá intérpretes de Chino, Español y/o Filipino (Tagalo) disponibles de ser requeridos. La asistencia en otros idiomas será tomada en consideración siempre y cuando sea posible. Para solicitar asistencia con estos servicios por favor comuníquese con el Secretario del Concilio Lihmeei Leu al (415) 554-0670, o [mod@sfgov.org](mailto:mod@sfgov.org) por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión. Las solicitudes tardías serán tomadas en consideración de ser posible.

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Ayon sa Language Access Ordinance (Chapter 91 ng San Francisco Administrative Code), maaaring mag-request ng mga tagapagsalin sa wikang Tsino, Espanyol, at/o Filipino (Tagalog). Maaaring humingi ng tulong sa ibang wika. Sa mga ganitong uri na kahilingan, mangyaring tumawag sa Council Clerk Lihmeei Leu sa (415) 554-0670, o [MDC@sfgov.org](mailto:MDC@sfgov.org) sa hindi bababa sa 48 oras bago ng pagpupulong. Kung maaari, ang mga late na hiling ay pagbibigyan.

## **Office on Disability and Accessibility - Accessible Documents Policy**

Please note that no materials may be distributed for consideration or review by Council Members at a meeting, unless these materials have been provided to ODA Staff in electronic format at least two days (and preferably four days) prior to the meeting. For further information, please call or contact the Office on Disability and Accessibility at (415) 554-0670, Voice or email [ODA@sfgov.org](mailto:ODA@sfgov.org).

For any individuals who are unable to use the telephone for making public comment, please fill out an [online form](#) with your comment. It will be read aloud during the public comment segment of the Council meeting.