

**Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)  
Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024

**TIME:** 10-11:30am

**PLACE:** 1650 Mission St. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Golden Gate Room

*To protect the health of the Advisory Council members, DAS staff, and members of the public during the COVID-19 health emergency, the DAS Advisory Council will continue to hold meetings remotely. Members of the public are encouraged to also participate in the meetings remotely.*

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**Members Present:** Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon, Ivy Chang, Beverly Karnatz, Diane Lawrence, Darlene Ramlose, Marcy Adelman, Morningstar Vancil.

**Members Absent Excused:** Juliet Rothman, Renee Richards, Tia Small, and Lisa Cook.

**WELCOME: Call to order 10:02am and welcome** Council Members and guests

**Roll Call/Secretary**

**Motion to approve the October 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes:** approved.

**Public Comment: No public comments**

**Director's Report, presented by Deputy Director Kelly Dearman:**

The city and DAS are currently in a holding pattern with the election of the new mayor. Proposition D did not pass so there will not be a cut of commissions and councils. A task force was passed to inspect how all commissions and councils work to decide with 24 months if any of commissions or councils will be recommended for removal.

Most of DAS will be moving across the street to 2 Gough.

Allen asked about Proposition 36 and how this will affect people and Director Dearman responded that she is unsure as the money nor resources are available to currently house people.

Members spoke on the new Mayor's transition team and their goals.

Members spoke on the Dignity Fund and other funding that might be cut from the DAS budget.

## **President's Report by President Lawrence:**

There was a TACC meeting last week and spoke on many issues. Spoke on California Commission on Disability Access where services are offered to the older and disabled communities in San Francisco with funding throughout the state. Will send a link to the council of their services and site.

There is a challenge now of distributing tablets for seniors as there is not enough funding to provide training and bandwidth for these.

## **New Business:**

### **A. Nominating Committee Report to the Council:**

- i) The Committee nominates the slate of officers:
  - a. Allen Cooper for President
  - b. For 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Chris Dillon
  - c. For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Juliet Rothman
  - d. For Secretary Tia Small

Election will be held—12/18/2024

### **6) Reports from the Field**

- We are looking for new members from both the commission appointees and supervisor district appointees. Members spoke on ways that they can spread the word of these vacancies

## **Member Updates:**

- Morningstar talked about the new murals on Native Americans that will be unveiled around San Francisco and other services for Natives.
  - Marcy announced the statewide LGBTQ survey will be released by next week.
  - Chris Dillon said there is a new supervisor in her district, and she will look to shore up support for seniors and district members with disabilities.
  - Marcy spoke on how to approach the upcoming year and how to drum up support for senior's issues such as housing.
  - Many members spoke on housing issues and other issues facing upcoming elders.
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- **Announcements/Reminders**

Next meeting we will be Wed Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and will have the vote for new positions.

- **Adjournment: 11:073am**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday December 18, 2024**