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## Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA is a civil rights law that protects people with different types of disabilities from discrimination in all aspects of social life. More specifically, Title II of the ADA requires that all programs offered through the state and local government such as the City and County of San Francisco must be accessible and usable to people with disabilities.

## Rights under the ADA

The ADA and City policy require that people with disabilities have equal access to all City services, activities, and benefits. People with disabilities must have an equal opportunity to participate in the programs and services offered through the City and County of San Francisco. If you believe your rights under the ADA are violated, contact the ADA Coordinator.

Ordinance 90-10 added Section 2A.22.3 to the Administrative Code, which adopted a Citywide Americans with Disabilities Act Reasonable Modification Policy that requires City departments to: (1) provide notice to the public of the right to request reasonable modification; (2) respond promptly to such requests; (3) provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services to people with disabilities to ensure effective communication; and (4) train staff to respond to requests from the public for reasonable modification, and that requires the Mayor's Office on Disability

to provide technical assistance to City departments responding to requests from the public for reasonable modifications.

The Board of Supervisors and Office of the Clerk of the Board support the Mayor's Office on Disability to help make San Francisco a city where all people enjoy equal rights, equal opportunity, and freedom from illegal discrimination under disability rights laws.

## Disability Access

- **Agendas and Minutes:** Board and Committee meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Board's website and adhere to web development guidelines based upon the Federal Access Board's Section 508 Guidelines.
- **Seating:** The Legislative Chamber (Room 250) and the Committee Room (Room 263) in City Hall are wheelchair accessible. Each room has 4 designated seating accessible wheelchair locations pursuant to ADA Accessibility Guidelines based on the capacity of seating in the rooms. (Capacity of 51 to 300 requires 4 wheelchair locations).
- **Captioning:** Meetings are real-time captioned and are cablecast open-captioned on SF Cable 26.

- **Assistive Listening Devices** are available upon request at the Office of the Clerk of the Board, Room 244.
- **Accommodations:** Sign language interpreters, readers, large print agendas, or other accommodations are available upon request by contacting the ADA Coordinator. Requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure availability and assistance.
- **Public Transit:** The nearest accessible BART station is Civic Center (Market/Grove/Hyde Streets). Accessible MUNI Metro lines are the F, J, K, L, M, N, and T (exit at Civic Center or Van Ness Stations). MUNI bus lines also serving the area are the 5, 6, 9, 19, 21, 47, 49, 71, and 71L. For more information about MUNI accessible services, call (415) 701-4485.
- **Parking:** There is accessible parking in the vicinity of City Hall at Civic Center Plaza and adjacent to Davies Hall and the War Memorial Complex. Accessible curbside parking is available on Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place and Grove Street.
- **Evacuation Assistance:** In the event there is a need to evacuate City Hall during a meeting of the Board or one of its Committees, the nearest evacuation assistance location is Men's Restroom 265. Note: During an evacuation, it is an evacuation assistance site for both men and

women. There is an emergency call box located on the wall inside the restroom. Press the button on the box. City Hall Security will respond verbally via the intercom system and dispatch emergency personnel to assist with exiting the building.

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**Further Assistance:** If further assistance is needed, contact the Mayor's Office on Disability:

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