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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **RULES AND ELECTIONS** Committee

reports as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No
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RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to issuance of badges for the Disabled Access Appeals Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the report from the Department of Building and Safety's Disabled Access Appeals Commission relative to a request for issuances of badges for its commissioners, inasmuch as the policy for issuance of badges has been amended recently to issue badges for commissioners of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Department of Water and Power (DWP), Airport and Harbor Departments only. Therefore, no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Summary:

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2004, the Rules and Elections Committee discussed a report from the Department of Building and Safety, Disabled Access Appeals Commission, relative to a request for issuance of badges for its commissioners. City Council, in June 2004, amended the existing policy relative to issuance of badges to City Commissioners, to issue badges to the LAFD, LAPD, DWP, Airport and Harbor Department commissioners only. Therefore, the Motion can be Received and Filed. This matter is now being forwarded to Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
PADILLA YES
GREUEL YES
ZINE YES

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTE

Aug 4, 2004 10:31:45 AM, #2

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 14-35

Voting on Item(s): 14-23,25-28,30,32,34-35

Roll Call

CARDENAS	Absent
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Yes
HAHN	Absent
LABONGE	Yes
LUDLOW	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PARKS	Yes
PERRY	Absent
REYES	Yes
SMITH	Absent
VILLARAIGOSA	Yes
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes

Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0

RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION

Council File No. _____

Council Member(s) _____

Interested Department Bldg + Safety

Mayor (with/without file) _____

Chief Legislative Analyst _____

City Administrative Officer _____

Controller _____

City Clerk _____

City Clerk, Election Division _____

Treasurer _____

City Attorney (with / without file) _____

City Ethics Commission _____

Bldg + Safety - ~~811~~ Disabled
Access Appeals Commission

99-1807 (4) Disabled Access Appeals Commission report relative to issuance of uniform department badges for its commissioners.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No.

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99-1896 (5) Board of Public Works report relative to issuance of uniform department badge for an Emergency Operations Board Commissioner.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

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99-1008 (6) City Clerk report relative to the feasibility of Touch-Screen voting.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

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99-1603 (7) City Ethics Commission report relative to proposed Conflict of Interest Code for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Fiscal Impact Statement Submitted: No

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COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
UNDER COMMITTEE'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

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J. MICHAEL CAREY
City Clerk

When making inquiries
relative to this matter
refer to File No.

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99-1807

September 29, 1999

RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Rules, communication from the Disabled Access Appeals Commission relative to issuance of uniform department badges for its commissioners, was referred on September 29, 1999, to the RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

J. Michael Carey

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September 15, 1999

Honorable City Council
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c/o City Clerk's Office

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ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM DEPARTMENT BADGES

In response to a letter from J. Michael Cary, City Clerk, dated August 18, 1999, regarding the issuance of uniform department badges for elected City officials and members of City Boards and Commissions, I have prepared this letter on behalf of the Disabled Access Appeals Commission of the City of Los Angeles.

The Disabled Access Appeals Commission members were first appointed by the Mayor in 1987, in accordance with Section 19957.5 of the State of California Health and Safety Code. The primary purpose of the Commission is to hear appeals of actions taken by the Department of Building and Safety regarding enforcement of the State of California Disabled Access Regulations.

When an appeal is filed with the Commission, it is necessary for the Commissioners to visit the project site, as most of the appeals are for accessibility problems for building construction that is currently underway. Since most construction sites are secured for various reasons, our Commissioners must present proper identification to enter onto a site, and quite often, this is not readily accomplished with only a driver's license or business card.

RULES & ELECTIONS

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.

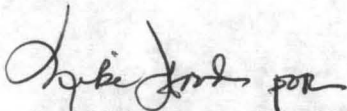


The inspectors from the Department of Building and Safety are issued badges and therefore find it much less difficult to access sites than by simply identifying themselves, as the Commissioners currently do. Badges for our Commissioners would facilitate easier access to the project sites for which appeals are filed, particularly for our Commissioner, Ted Kanner, who uses a wheelchair and for John Whitbread, who also uses a wheelchair and is currently being appointed to fill our fifth disabled Commissioner position. I am therefore requesting, on behalf of the Disabled Access Appeals Commission, the issuance of badges to our Commissioners.

The term of office for a Disabled Access Appeals Commissioner is five years. The Commission currently consists of the following members, with their original appointment dates and the expiration of their current terms of office:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
David S. Honda (President)	October 5, 1993	June 30, 2003
Rickey M. Gelb (Vice-President)	September 19, 1997	June 30, 2001
Ted Kanner (Commissioner)	October 26, 1994	June 30, 2000
Arpy Hatzikian (Commissioner)	January 27, 1998	June 30, 2004
John Whitbread	Pending	

If you have any questions regarding the Disabled Access Appeals Commission, please don't hesitate to contact either myself, at 818-908-1300 or Mike Wood, Chief of the Disabled Access Unit of the Department of Building and Safety, at 213-977-6276.



David S. Honda, President
Disabled Access Appeals Commission