

**MOTION**

As part of its mission, the Department on Disability (DOD) is responsible for proposing, developing, and implementing policies, programs, and services that will improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. The County of Los Angeles is home to more than a million individuals with disabilities, with approximately 26 percent living in poverty and more than 40 percent living in households that are food insecure.

The Mayor's Safer at Home order led to the creation of DOD's Angelenos with Disabilities Meal Program, which was created as a temporary lunch delivery service to bridge the hunger gap that exists for people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Los Angeles. The program provided home-delivered healthy meals to persons with disabilities by partnering with the FOX Corporation, which provided approximately 2,000 meals per day. Additionally, DOD partnered with the Khalsa Care Foundation, on behalf of the Sikh Community, to provide and deliver an additional 1,000 meals per day through Access Paratransit. Following the conclusion of the City's partnership with the FOX Corporation on June 12, the Khalsa Care Foundation prepared an additional 2,000 meals per day, providing a total of 3,000 meals per day.

Through these partnerships, the Angelenos with Disabilities Meal Program provided approximately 3,000 meals per day or 15,000 meals per week. The program was supported primarily through generous donations and volunteer time. However, due to limited funds, the program terminated and provided its last meal delivery on July 17, 2020, leaving thousands of Angelenos food insecure. To continue this program, the City should expand upon this commitment by providing additional funding to DOD for its efforts in providing meals to persons with disabilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council allocate \$1,000,000 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding to the Department on Disability to continue the Angelenos with Disabilities Meal Program; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department on Disability, in cooperation with the City Administrative Officer, to report on the feasibility of expanding upon the City's existing partnership with the Khalsa Care Foundation to continue to provide meals for the program.

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