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From: Raynor, Olivia U. <ORaynor@mednet.ucla.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Carruthers, Aaron@DSS; April Lopez
Cc: Maitino, Robin@SCDD
Subject: ADA 25th Anniversary

Dear April and Aaron,

In reviewing the agenda for Tuesday I see that you will be discussing the 25th Anniversary of the ADA. As I will not be present at that time, I wanted to share some happy news for you to share with the Council. As you will see from the enclosed information, I have the distinct honor of being invited by President Obama to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the ADA at the White House. It is with great pleasure that I will attend wearing all of my 'hats'...the Tarjan Center, UCLA, Board President of AUCD, CECY, the Council and other Federal DD Network Partners. While in Washington I will also attend other celebratory events and summits hosted by other key federal agencies. It should be quite the week.

UCLA takes great pride in its history in the disability movement with distinct leaders such as Dr. Douglas Martin (now deceased) who served two Chancellors (Young and Carnesale), as Special Assistant to the Chancellor on Disability. Today, UCLA implements both the letter and spirit of the ADA through our Office for Students with Disabilities (where we routinely provide academic adjustments, auxiliary aids and services, and program access), the UCLA Committee on Disability (<http://ucod.ucla.edu/>), the Disability and Computing Program, UCLA Extension's Pathway program for students with intellectual disabilities, and the Tarjan Center that advances employment, access to postsecondary education, careers in the arts for people with disabilities and newer treatments in cerebral palsy and autism. Academically, UCLA has a vibrant and growing undergraduate disability studies minor (<http://www.uei.ucla.edu/dsminor.htm>).

I just viewed a video of the signing ceremony of the ADA by President Bush in 1990 and Dr. Martin is prominently featured amongst a select group of national leaders of the disability rights movement who were in attendance (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFKicqgVME8&feature=youtu.be>). From a recent conversation I understand that Dr. Catherine Campisi, previous Director of DOR was also at the signing ceremony.

We should take pride in California and the many champions of disability policy that contributed to the development and implementation of the ADA, the most important civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination and guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities. While quite honestly it may have not achieved the level of integration or success in employment that we aspire for, some of the successes can be seen in our daily lives in the curb cuts, assistive devices, and technology readily available today.

Please feel free to share this email with Council members as you see appropriate.

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From: The White House Social Office RSVP

Date: Friday, July 10, 2015 at 7:49 AM

To: Olivia Raynor

Subject: Invitation to the ADA 25th Anniversary Reception at The White House - July 20, 2015

Dear Ms. Olivia Raynor and guest,



*The President
requests the pleasure of your company
at a reception on the occasion of the
25th Anniversary of the
Americans with Disabilities Act
to be held at
The White House
on Monday, July 20, 2015
at three-fifteen o'clock*

Southeast Gate

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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

ISSUE: Should the Council convene a panel of prior Council Chairs to address civil rights progress over the past 25 years and the Council's role in achieving that progress?

SUMMARY: From ADAanniversary.org: On July 26 and throughout the year, individuals and organizations will celebrate the progress made through implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS: From ADA.Gov: The Americans ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life -- to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to participate in State and local government programs and services. Modeled after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin – and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – the ADA is an "equal opportunity" law for people with disabilities.

DISCUSSION: The Council has played a pivotal role in advancing the goals of the ADA and the rights of people with I/DD. By inviting a panel of former Council chairs to speak about the history of our organization, and civil rights progress in California since the passage of the ADA, we can reclaim our heritage and sharpen the focus of our ongoing work.

RECOMMENDATION: Support.

PREPARED: Bob Giovati

