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Proclaiming September 9-13, 2024, as Disability Voting Rights Week in Los Angeles County

There are over 60 million people of all ages with disabilities in the United States. Individuals with disabilities account for almost a quarter of the country’s population. Of these individuals, over 38 million are eligible to vote. The disability community has a critical interest in policies and decisions made and enacted at local, state, and national levels. Ensuring that people living with disabilities have secure and reliable access to and from polling centers and accessibility at the ballot box is essential to meet the real needs of people with disabilities in our communities. Voting is one way for the disability community to have a voice in the people and policies that impact our communities.

As Los Angeles County prepares to host the 2028 Paralympics and Olympics, we must remind ourselves of the intersection of transit and disability to create equitable access to civic participation and engagement. People with disabilities are more likely to use public transportation, paratransit or rideshare than people without a disability. It is imperative that the Paralympics/Olympics advances a public transit system that is reliable, affordable, and fully accessible to people with disabilities.

[REV UP](#)¹, which stands for “Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!” is a national nonpartisan effort to build civic engagement in the disability community and

¹ <https://www.aapd.com/about-rev-up/>

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improve election accessibility. The REV UP movement was built by grassroots activists who are disabled and disability rights advocacy organizations, and is rooted in the power of local leaders and the belief that change happens at the state and local level. Special Needs Network (SNN), a nonprofit grassroots organization responding to the crisis of autism and other developmental disabilities in underserved communities, has partnered with REV UP and members of the national cross-disability community to organize the 7th Annual Disability Voting Rights Week from September 9 to 13, 2024, with events around the country designed to register new disabled voters, increase election accessibility, fight voter suppression, and build civic engagement.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Proclaim the week of September 9-13, 2024, as Disability Voting Rights Week in Los Angeles County.
- 2) Direct the Director of the Department of Aging and Disabilities to partner with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on outreach efforts to bring awareness to voting accessibility, including but not limited to, Text Typer TDD Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Audio Sample Ballot CD's, and New Accessible Voting Experience Vote Centers, The Voting Solutions for All People model, and Voter Accessibility Resources.

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