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Dear Council Clerk,

Attached is written testimony for tomorrow's morning City Council session (11/18): [915](#) Adopt Citywide Disability Equity Goals to guide City policies, plans, and procedures.

Sincerely,

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**November 17, 2020**

Portland City Council:

I am writing in support of the resolution on Citywide Disability Equity Goals. As the Age-Friendly City program manager in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, it is important to advance disability equity if we are to make Portland more age friendly. By furthering disability equity, we can create a more just and equitable city for those of all ages, abilities, and for those from specific racial backgrounds.

Non-White Portlanders aged 16-64 experience a higher proportion of disabilities when compared with their White non-Hispanic peers (9.8% to 9.2%) and the discrepancy grows when considering the population aged 65 and older (36.2% to 29.3%; see Figure 1).

Since joining the City in December 2019, it has become clear that disability equity is integral to creating an age- and ability-friendly

Portland. Collaborative efforts to advance quality of life and well-being, as well as delivering essentials information and services for people of all abilities, are being carried out across City bureaus. By focusing on policy to further disability equity we have an opportunity to address an important equity issue while also addressing the intersections between race, disability, and age.

Sincerely,



Alan DeLaTorre

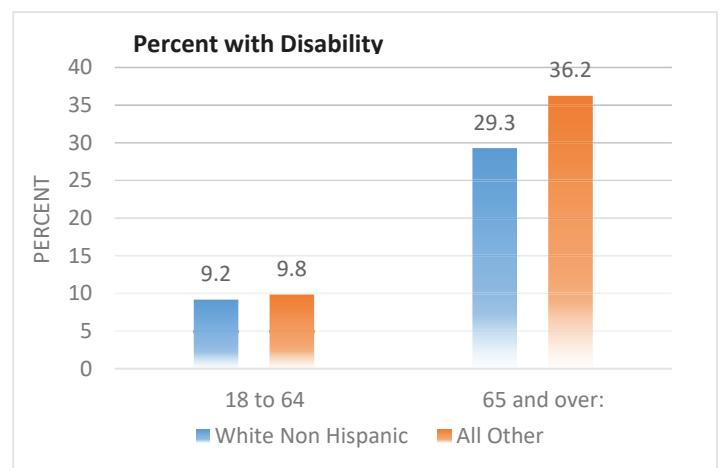


Figure 1: ACS 2018 (5-Year data, disability by race: B18101)

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Dear Council Clerk,

Attached is written testimony for today's Council session agenda item 915, a Resolution to Adopt Citywide Disability Equity Goals.

Thank you.

**Lisa B. Strader** | ADA Coordinator

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18 November 2020

Dear Portland City Councilors,

In July 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. As we celebrate the ADA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it seems especially appropriate for the City of Portland to adopt citywide disability equity goals.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) Strategic Plan recognizes the importance of our work "...ensuring that when we invest in transportation infrastructure, we do so in a way that supports more and better access for communities of color, low-income communities, and people with disabilities." As PBOT's ADA Coordinator, I am currently managing the public comment period for our Draft ADA Title II Public Right of Way Transition Plan. In online public meetings for this effort, I am regularly reminded by transportation system users with disabilities that the Bureau, and City, have a responsibility to ensure that they have full program access, that is access to, as the draft resolution states, "All activities, programs, facilities, and services offered by the City of Portland..."

On behalf of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, I offer PBOT's support for this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership.

**Lisa B. Strader** | ADA Coordinator

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