

IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 20, 2022

**ROOM 1050, CITY HALL - 12:30 PM
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEM COMMENT

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM(S)

(1) **19-1470**

Civil, Human Rights, and Equity Department report relative to the framework and action plan to establish the Office of Racial Equity.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Yes

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

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Telecommunication Relay Services

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Telecommunications Relay Service is a telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls. TRS is available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories for local and/or long distance calls. TRS providers - generally telephone companies - are compensated for the costs of providing TRS from either a state or a federal fund. There is no cost to the TRS user.

What forms of TRS are available? There are several forms of TRS, depending on the particular needs of the user and the equipment available: TRS includes: Text to Voice TTY-Based TRS; Speech-to-Speech Relay Service; Shared Non-English Language Relay Service; Captioned Telephone Relay Service; Internet Protocol Relay Service; and Video Relay Service. Please visit this site for detail descriptions, <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

Don't hang up! Some people hang up on TRS calls because they think the CA is a telemarketer. If you hear, "Hello. This is the relay service ... " when you pick up the phone, please don't hang up! You are about to talk, through a TRS provider, to a person who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability.

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