

#### **14.4. [POLICY][INOUE] Position Statement Regarding Stakeholders at High Risk for COVID-19 Participation in the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project's In-Person Review Findings and Implementation Workshop on November 22, 2020**

**Whereas**, the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project has scheduled Review Findings and Implementation Workshop scheduled for November 22, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:00 PM, in-person at the Mar Vista Farmers Market. (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12643021116>)

**Whereas**, it is a well-known fact that people with a variety of pre-existing illnesses and conditions, as well as those aged 50 and older, are at higher risk for severe complications and death from COVID-19 infection.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>)

**Whereas**, holding an in-person event at a time when COVID-19 infections and hospitalization are slowly increasing and are still too high for Los Angeles to move to Tier Two of reopening (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>) creates a barrier to participation for those of us who are taking the guidance from the CDC and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health seriously and are minimizing our risk by limiting contact with others.

**Whereas**, the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability website (<https://disability.lacity.org/>) states:

*As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.*

**Whereas**, this project's proposed accommodation (which has yet to be publicly announced) - an online poster session and a survey - is not an equal and equitable accommodation per the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- If they are having a poster session and an opportunity for those who view it to speak with staff from LANI, Studio One Eleven, LADOT, and Councilmember Bonin's office at the Mar Vista Farmers Market, then an equivalent opportunity would be to view the posters online or receive them by email and have an opportunity to speak with staff online or by telephone.

**Therefore**, the Mar Vista Community Council resolves to send a letter to LANI, Studio One Eleven, LADOT and CD 11 advocating on behalf of our stakeholders at high risk for COVID-19 for an equal and equitable accommodation as outlined above in regards to the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project's Review Findings and Implementation Workshop scheduled for November 22, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:00 PM, in-person at the Mar Vista Farmers Market.