

RESOLUTION NO. 17-92

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE,
CALIFORNIA, CREATING A SPECIAL NEEDS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, city councils in the state of California have the authority to create commissions and boards as part of the sub-government of the city, unless otherwise limited by state law. The City of Commerce ("the City") has created and maintains several commissions, including the Planning Commission, Public Safety & Community Services Commission, and Traffic Commission, among others; and

WHEREAS, among the City's residents and visitors are those with special needs, which includes physical and mental disabilities. The City seeks to help those persons lead a healthy and happy life; and

WHEREAS, persons with special needs have particular impediments that warrant consideration when developing policy, evaluating projects, and making other important determinations made by the City Council. The City seeks to develop a commission that can provide recommendations on matters impacting persons with special needs; and

WHEREAS, those persons who serve as members of the Commission shall have adequate qualifications to evaluate and address what measures are required to serve those with special needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby establishes a Special Needs Commission. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council regarding concerns and/or issues affecting people with special needs, including those with physical and mental disabilities. The Commission will act on its own initiative to make recommendations to the City Council on programs and services designed to help people with special needs lead a full and healthy life. The Commission will also facilitate coordination, cooperation, and communication between existing and proposed services for people with special needs.

Section 3. The Commission would consist of five voting members, all of whom shall be residents of the city of Commerce. Members of the Special Needs Commission must possess a degree in special education, have work experience in a relevant field, or have significant hands-on experience with aiding those with special needs. Community members will have the opportunity to apply to the City, and the Council will collectively assess and appoint the Commissioners.

Section 4. The term of each Commissioner shall be four (4) years. Nevertheless, the Commissioners will serve at the pleasure of the Council and appointments are subject to review by the Council. If a member of the Commission is absent from three meetings in one year without cause, the office of such member shall be deemed vacated and the term of such member ipso facto terminated. The vacated office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, as stated in Section 3.

Section 5. Each member shall be compensated at forty dollars (\$40) per meeting, which is equivalent to all members of all City commissions other than the Planning Commission. The payment rate is subject to change at Council discretion.

Section 6. The Commission must develop a yearly work plan. It must also adopt such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary to provide for, subject to the ultimate authority of the City Council:

- (a) The time and place of meetings;
- (b) The time and method of electing officers;
- (c) Such other matters relative to the organization of the Commission and methods of administration of its duties as it shall deem advisable.

Section 7. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution and thereupon and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of August 2017.

Oralia Rebollo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway, City Clerk