



NEW WORLD

For Persons with disAbilities

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Californians for DisAbility Rights, Inc.

DCAD Edition

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Chandler

CDR's long history is impressive! As I was working on the IRS reauthorization and started researching all the California legislation that CAPH initiated and worked on, I found 68 bills that CDR sponsored and got passed in the first 10 years! These form the basis of our access codes. There is a list on page 3. I encourage you to go to leginfo.legislation.ca.gov to check out any bill listed in our current New Worlds or any correspondence through the CDR-MembersXchange@yahoo.com.

GOOD NEWS!! CDR's IRS Application for Reauthorization as a 501(c)4, non-profit, was submitted on May 18. This took two years to get done! CDR had to submit IRS 990 EZ income tax forms for the years 2010 to 2015, which a CPA friend did for free. We also had to submit a narrative about our activities during those years. Old State Council minutes and New World newsletters were used to write them, because they wanted to know Who, What, Where, Why, etc. of everything we did during those years! I also had to research the bills that were mentioned in all those documents to make sure they were correct. Because all the CDR records that could be found are at my home (6 file boxes), I was able to find things easily. I could also look up bills on line.

With the internet being the most common mode of communication these days, we are finding that people do not want to organize and participate like they used to, in local groups. We have been working on rewriting the bylaws for the corporation and hope you like the changes that the officers of the corporation will review and vote on soon. We have decided that the chapter mode is no longer viable. We are proposing that we have state wide elections for CDR Officers and/or Members At Large, so this means that any member who is interested in helping to run a statewide Disability Civil Rights policy organization could run for office.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Susan Chandler

These are short notes about the bills that CDR is supporting or watching. If you want to know more about the bills, go to leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.

CDR Supported Health care bills: SB 562 LARA --Single Payer lots of issues to resolve.

AB 1200 Cervantes--Aging & Disability Resource Connection Program. Will establish a program for Coordinated Care Initiative--provides LTSS programs & assists at local level.

SB 223 Atkins: Health Care Language Services Assistance in all languages but does not have ASL or ESL. Language for the Hearing Impaired and Deaf Community.

AB 254 Thurmond: Local Educational Agency Pilot for Overall Needs. Purpose to improve the overall **mental health outcomes** of students through a whole person care approach. (DRC bill)

SB 611 Hill: Parking Bill: DMV DP License & Placard reform. Need to work with author to amend.

AB 796 Kalra: Public social Services: SSI/SSP Reinstate the COLA beginning Jan 1, 2018. Maximum payment not to equal or exceed 96% of the 2017 federal poverty level. **SUPPORT**

1379 Thurmond: CASP certification of building officials; extend sunset date. Solution: increase funding to keep CASP going. In suspense file. **SUPPORT**

SB 192 Beall: Dept MH Services Act Reversion fund. NAMI CA MH Clients for bill.

WATCH & RESEARCH

AB 286 Gipson: Medi-Cal: Beneficiary maintenance needs: home upkeep allowances: transitional needs funds to establish a new home & stay out of institutions. **SUPPORT.**

HR 620 Federal: Notification bill. Marilyn Golden of DREDF will talk at DCAT on June 13 about this. This is a terrible law. Problem: 80-90% of

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CDR's Mission - To Improve the
Quality of Life for All Persons with
any DisAbility Through Education
and Training - By Working to
Remove Barriers Through Advocacy
and Change in Public Policy.

Originally organized in 1970 as
CAPH (the California Association of
the Physically Handicapped) --with
five members, CDR has grown to
become an effective and widely
respected cross-disAbility advocacy
force.

13TH ANNUAL DISABILITY CAPITOL ACTION DAY

Tuesday, June 13, 2017
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

at
Cesar Chavez Park
910 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Join hundreds of people with disabilities and allies from
across California who will march from Cesar Chavez
Plaza to the State Capitol to advocate for healthcare at the
13th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day (DCAD).

Californians are gathering in solidarity for the Disability
Community Resource Fair, March, and Educational Rally
at the Capitol. They will also educate policy makers on
programs and services that impact the daily lives of
people living with disabilities of all ages throughout the
state.

This day of action is one of the largest cross-
disability events in the nation.

Cost: FREE

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By Kathleen Barajas

CDR is preparing to do a membership drive in the coming weeks. With
the reorganization of CDR, now is the time to get aboard and make a
difference in the disability community. Even if you have not renewed your
membership in some years, a single payment will bring you up to date
again!

When you receive your membership reminder letter, you will find a
postcard enclosed. CDR wants you to tell us how you would like to be
involved in the organization, there are various offices and positions to take
on, legislative work to get involved with, and other numerous projects that
you might like to see CDR get involved in.

There will be two parts to the membership drive. The first batch of
letters will be sent to members who are not current on their membership
dues. The second batch will be sent to Lifetime members, to get the
postcard to them as well.

We ask that you return the self-addressed stamped envelope as soon
as possible, so that we can begin restructuring our organization and
developing new goals for the future.

CAPH (CDR) SPONSORED OR SUPPORTED LEGISLATION - 1971 TO 1981

YEAR/GOVERNOR	BILL/AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION (day/month signed)
1971 Reagan	AB 2238 Vicencia	Health & Safety code: Relating To Public But Private Accommodations Including, Theaters, Hotels, Restaurants, Amusement, Auditoriums, Motels, Stadiums, & Convention Centers. Sec 19955.5 added service stations, shopping centers and office buildings over 10,000 sq', unless no ramp or elevator is available to upper or below ground floors. (9/29)
1971 Reagan	SB 712 Rodda	Education code No qualified person can be denied a teaching credential, training, student teaching experience or position because he is physically handicapped, rather than totally or partially blind. (8/16)
1971 Reagan	AB 710 Deddah	Government code Requires equipment and structures for rapid transit of local public entities to be accessible to the handicapped. (8/2)
1972 Reagan	AB 1655	Health & Safety code Relating To Public Accommodations: CURBS AND SIDEWALKS. (9/17)
1973 Reagan	AB 11-26 Dunlap	Prohibits discrimination in employment due to disability.
1973 Reagan	AB 134	Increased welfare grants and attendant allowances.
1973 Reagan	SB 323 Zenovich	Requires all restrooms to be accessible.
1974 Reagan	AB 2396 Chappie	Put tougher building standards in the architectural barriers code.
1974 Reagan	AB 2471 Sieroty	Allowed the disabled to obtain injunctions against buildings constructed illegally.
1975 Reagan	AB 2033 Chappie	A specific mandate for the State Architect to adopt accessibility regulations.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 1035 Carpenter	Legislative intent that polling places be accessible; voting outside the polling place and use of absentee ballots.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 1292 Sieroty	Makes blue the color to identify parking spaces for HANDICAPPED; allows towing of cars without DP plates at owners expense.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 2033 Chappie	Required State Architect to adopt regulations for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped. Must use the latest edition of the UBC as a minimum in regulations, but may go beyond. Also required to consult with cities counties & DOR and HANDICAPPED organizations before adopting such regulations.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 2056 Vincenia	Would aid communities In providing public transportation that is accessible to the physically handicapped.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 3236 Wilson	Prohibits discrimination in housing for blind people who use guide dogs.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 368	Addressed employment discrimination issues. Adds discrimination based on physical handicap, medical condition, sex or age to California Fair Employment ACT.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 380 Kapiloff	Provided a onetime \$675M state income tax rebate to offset inflationary increases which have caused tax payers to move into higher tax brackets. Also included tax breaks for senior citizens; welfare renters and the disabled DP are eligible for the Senior Citizens Home owners and renters' Property tax relief program for \$7M savings.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 413	Prohibits admitted insurers from refusing to accept applications from or to refuse to insure an individual simply Because of a physical handicap. Cannot arbitrarily charge a higher rate.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 4452 Sieroty	Gave DOR the authority to initiate litigation to guarantee accessibility.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB 745	Authorized county Clerks to undertake the necessary measures to locate accessible polling places and to include a statement of accessibility on voting notices.
1975 Jerry Brown	AB309 Gage	Guaranteed the continued funding of Social Service and Community Transportation programs, the types many members use because of the lack of accessible mass transit.
1975 Jerry Brown	ACR 26	This resolution declared that the Legislature reaffirmed and would continue its position of national leadership in protecting the rights of the physically handicapped. This made it a little more difficult for a legislator to say "no" when not absolutely necessary.
1975 Jerry Brown	SB 1483 Holden	Established an Advisory Committee on services for those who are genetically handicapped.
1975 Jerry Brown	SB 2033 Garcia	Authorized DMV to conduct a study of the driving records of HANDICAPPED individuals to aid in eliminating discrimination in getting auto insurance.
1975 Jerry Brown	SB 48 Perris	Authorized Dept of Housing & Dept of Community Development to get federal subsidies for people who require supportive living. (most of the money was taken out by Brown)
1976 Reagan	AB 4140 Ingalls	Unlawful for non-handicapped individual to park in spaces reserved for the handicapped.
1976 Reagan	AB 4452 Sieroty	Gives DOR authority to initiate litigation to guarantee accessibility.
1976 Reagan	AB3236 Wilson	Prohibits discrimination in housing for blind people who use guide dogs.
1976 Reagan	SB 1483 Holden	Establishes an Advisory Committee on services for people who are genetically handicapped.
1976 Reagan	SB 1585 Smith	Allows individuals with lung disease to be eligible for special plates & placards.
1976 Reagan	SB 2033 Garcia	Authorizes DMV to conduct a study of the driving records of handicapped people (to destroy negative myths about handicapped drivers to eliminate discrimination in getting insurance).
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 1284 Egeland	State Employment Discrimination

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1977 Jerry Brown	AB 779 Chappie	Amends Business Professions code to include prohibiting discrimination against physically handicapped
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 822 Mori	Excludes from market value of determination (license fees) the cost of modifications required a disability
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 922 Vicencia	SSI Work Disincentives: allows certain SSI recipients who become employed to continue receiving in-home services and health care services
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 942 Mangers	Advisory Health Council requires one of error's appointees to be handicapped
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 969 Torres	Authorized Independent Living Centers--Employees can enroll in PERS
1977 Jerry Brown	SB 588 Wilson	Exempts Sales tax on medical equipment
1977 Jerry Brown	SB 977 Sieroty	Tax Deduction for modifications to home or business matches fed up to \$25,000 ends Dec 31, 1979; Non 1977 12/1979 extended to Jan 1985
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 402	California Transportation Commission replaces State Transportation board, CA highway Commission, the Toll Bridge Authority and the State Aeronautics Board; 9 members one spot for a handicapped person, the Gov will appoint
1977 Jerry Brown	AB 922 Top priority	Eliminates disincentives to employment of disabled people in CA provides that a severely disabled person may work and still retain eligibility for Medi-Cal and Homemaker chore benefits.
1978 Jerry Brown	AB 1752 Rosenthal	Medical experimentation
1978 Jerry Brown	AB 2890 Vicenza	Amends AB 922 to allow who do not need full 20 hours/week to go to work and keep their IHSS and medical benefits
1978 Jerry Brown	AB 3028 Agnos	In-Home Supportive Services
1978 Jerry Brown	AB 380 Kapiloff	Income Tax Relief
1978 Jerry Brown	SB 1901 Sieroty	Parks, Playground Equipment for Physically Handicapped
1978 Brown	AB 2615 Tucker	Lifetime rates for the disabled
1978 Brown	AB 2760 Waters	Marriage Disincentive
1978 Brown	AB 2890 Vicenzi	SSI Disincentives
1978 Brown	AB 3038 Agnos	In-Home Supportive Services (has provisions we asked for in ACR 118)
1978 Brown	AB 3802 Kapiloff Support	Income tax relief program.
1978 Brown	AB1752 Rosenthal	Medical Experimentation
1978 Brown	SB 1901 Sieroty	Parks, Playground Equipment for Physically Handicapped
1978 Brown	SB 1990 Petris	Supportive Services
1978, 10/28	Concurrent Res. #140	Filed w/SOS Distribute copies to General Services, CAPH, all Counties Board of Supervisors
1979 Jerry Brown	AB 2238 Vicencia	Medical Eligibility determination
1979 Jerry Brown	AB 977 Sieroty	Removal of architectural barriers new law allows tax payers to deduct up to \$25,00 on state income tax returns toward the cost of repairing or remodeling hoes buildings or vehicles which facilitate their use by physically handicapped individuals for businesses and homes must be taken in the year they were done
1979 Jerry Brown	SB 1511 Marks	Building Standards Board
1979 Jerry Brown	SB 823 Greene	Provides telephonic communications equipment for 200,000 deaf people in CA PUC will rent equipment to people
1980 Jerry Brown	AB 2249 Tanner	Architects License Board requires new & renewing architects to demonstrate understanding of and proficiency in exterior and interior barrier free design and 5% of exam will be questions regarding barrier free design.
1980 Jerry Brown	AB 2402 Elder	Health & Disability Insurance prohibits higher rates to handicapped people than others
1980 Jerry Brown	AB 413 Gage	Prohibits Insurance Companies from denying or canceling insurance policies solely on the basis of physical disability. NW p 10, April 1980
1980 Jerry Brown	AB 754 Wray	Low interest Van & Lift Loan helps parents of handicapped children who don't get any other help
1980, 9/29 Brown	AB 2890	Amends AB 922 deletes requirement of 20 IHSS hours to work and qualify for health care & IHSS.
1981 Jerry Brown	AB 633 Lockyer	Medicare? Allocation of funding from Block grants from DC
1981 Jerry Brown	SB 215 Foran	Fund community transit services for elderly & Disabled
1981 Jerry Brown	SB 962 Speraw	Gives judges greater discretion in fining people who violate the rights of the disabled fine no longer limited to \$1000
1981 Jerry Brown	SB Ayala	Fund community transit services for elderly & Disabled

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The main function of CDR will remain to be watch dogs with the Governor and the California legislature, keeping a very careful eye on any and all bills that have to do with disability. Another important function will be to watch the Office of the State Architect (OSA) and Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) to read proposed changes and make sure they are not trying to pass bad codes or regulations.

We have good people who keep us posted, but we need people who will respond and take action to follow through on what is needed to be done. This includes getting to know your California State Legislators, the consultants at their home and Sacramento offices, rallying the troops and possibly making trips to Sacramento to testify before committees and attending the annual Disability Capitol Action Day in the Spring. You would also need to help get others to write letters to their legislators asking for action. In addition, you should be proactive in your community, monitoring access issues, and asking the local disability community to take action on these and other access issues.

If you want to run for office, which means a firm commitment to CDR, we will welcome your interest.

Randy Hicks, Ruthee Goldkorn and myself are working with CFILC on the Disability Capitol Action Day to be held on June 13. Kathleen, Randy and Linda Hinchey will be staffing the booth we are sharing with ACSED (Assoc. of Ca State Employees w/Disabilities) and Speech to Speech. It starts at 10 am at Cesar Chavez Park at 901 J Street, about three blocks from the Capitol. There will be a march to the Capitol at noon. They ask that you register at disabilitycapitolactionday.org to plan for lunches. When you get to the Capitol, you will join others to go visit legislators to talk about legislation that will affect people with disabilities.

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lawsuits filed by 2-3 law firms and 14 people! Intention of the bill is to make it too hard to sue! It won't harm people who only sue once in a while. In CA you may not see any difference. **OPPOSE & write letter.**

Be Independent Even With A Speech Disability!

Use the free Speech-to-Speech (STS) Relay Service available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. There is no charge to use Speech-to-Speech, however, regular phone charges do apply, such as long distance.

HOW TO USE STS:

Call 711. Ask for Speech-To-Speech.

You will be connected to a communications assistant (CA) who has specialized listening-skills training to work with communication devices (AAC) and people who have problems talking clearly or loudly.

The trained communication assistant (CA) ensures that your listener pays attention. The CA repeats your exact words or the output of your AAC device.

All conversations are confidential. There is no censorship. You can use the service as often as you wish, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Conversations have no time limit.

DON'T BE SHY — GIVE IT TRY! STS WAS CREATED FOR YOU.



Bob Segalman, Founder STS

**MORE INFO ABOUT STS:
www.speechtospeech.org**

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Return Service Requested

CDR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		
FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
STREET ADDRESS, APT. #		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE (Home/Fax)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (print carefully)	DATE
MEMBERSHIP FEES: <input type="checkbox"/> Regular - \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Low Income - \$10.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 people) - \$40.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime - \$200.00		AMOUNT ENCLOSED
<input type="checkbox"/> Please put me on the CDR Members Exchange via Yahoo Groups (must supply e-mail address)		
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