

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: **Reviewing County Government Facilities for Increased Accessibility for People with Disabilities**

ELECTION DISTRICTS: Broad Run and Leesburg

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: At the Pleasure of the Board

STAFF CONTACTS: Matt Rogers, Chief of Staff to Chair Randall
Michelle McIntyre, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Glass
Kent Erwin, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Sylvia Glass
Christian Yohannes, Intern to Chair Randall

RECOMMENDATION: Chair Randall and Supervisor Glass recommend that the Board of Supervisors (Board) request the Disability Services Board (DSB) to complete a thorough review and make recommendations for increased accessibility for people with disabilities visiting Loudoun County's three main government buildings: Government Center, Ridgetop Building, and Shenandoah Building.

BACKGROUND: Although the County's three main government buildings are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and currently meet minimum ADA standards, there may be opportunities for the County to create increased access for those people with disabilities. After using, and hearing from others who have used, crutches or walkers around the Government Center, Chair Randall and Supervisor Glass came to understand there are areas of difficulty in navigating around the Government Center grounds and building. Specifically, the double door access to the building restrooms can be a challenge to open for someone using a mobility aide, and ramp access to the parking garage elevator can be cumbersome.

As an advisory body to the Board, the DSB serves as a resource for identifying and advising on issues of importance to those with disabilities to make Loudoun more accessible and inclusive. The DSB is positioned as the best group to review the County's three main facilities to determine if there are alterations that can be made to increase access within these main County buildings.

ISSUES: Areas such as building restrooms and parking garages/lots have aspects that are ADA compliant but not necessarily easy for those with differing mobility needs.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact is unknown at this time. Recommended improvements with a cost estimate will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

DRAFT MOTIONS:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Disability Services Board to review and recommend improvements for increased accessibility for people with disabilities visiting Loudoun County's three main government buildings: Government Center, Ridgetop Building, and Shenandoah Building.

OR

2. I move an alternate motion.