



MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
CITY OF CHICAGO

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Carrie M. Austin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Karen Tamley
Commissioner
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

CC: Deanne Millison
Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

Date: November 1, 2017

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-01

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 30, 2017 to discuss the proposed 2018 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked for the number of Accessible vehicles for ride share agencies and taxis, as well as the wait times for accessible rides.

Currently, there are 308 wheelchair accessible taxis and 86 accessible Uber vehicles. There are approximately 20 taxi drivers on the Lyft platform.

Given that the TNP plans are just being implemented this month, which includes their monthly reporting, there is not yet any consistent "wait time" data. However, the preliminary data (provided by BACP) indicates that wait time for accessible TNP vehicles is approximately 15 minutes. MOPD will be able to provide more comprehensive and consistent TNP wait time data in a couple months. For accessible taxis, the monthly average is between 15 and 17 minutes.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 30, 2017 to discuss the proposed 2018 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked for information on the HomeMod program, how many were requested this year, how many are currently on the waitlist, and how much MOPD would need in additional funding to keep pace with demand.

Year to date, the HomeMod program has received 105 individual requests for accessible modifications. Currently, there are 31 new applicants that MOPD cannot serve this year and those applicants have been added to the 2018 waiting list. Based upon historical data, MOPD would need an additional \$300,000 to serve HomeMod clientele in a given year to not have a waiting list the following year.

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Alderman Sposato asked, "Who are some of the leaders in terms of providing job opportunities for disabled individuals?"

The following businesses are disability-friendly when it comes to hiring people with disabilities: Target*, Soho Hotel, Chicken Wings & Rings, TJ Maxx*, Marshalls, Lane Bryant Clothing, Jewel Food*, Mariano's*, Starbucks, Pet Smart, Burlington Coat factory, Home Depot*, Walmart*, Cermak Foods, and Dunkin Donuts. Others include: University of Illinois Hospital, Help at Home*, the Chicago Symphony, Chicago Stage Hand and Youth Guidance.

(*indicates multiple locations)

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 30, 2017 to discuss the proposed 2018 budget.

Alderman Arena asked MOPD to provide a ward by ward breakdown of affordable units for disabled individuals, also provide a map of all locations.

Currently, there are no compiled stats for accessible housing in Chicago. The data that MOPD has is only for new construction and these properties have not been inspected to ensure that they were built to be accessible after the permits were approved. However, MOPD will work with the Department of Planning and Development to identify the most accurate way by which accessible housing units can be tracked. Once we have completed that work, MOPD will create a city-wide database of accessible housing per ward.

Nevertheless, the demand is high. In 2016, MOPD received 460 calls seeking accessible housing. In 2017, YTD, MOPD has received 669 calls.

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