## NV Commission for Person who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Legislative Positions

The Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired will advocate for and support the following positions to ensure that all Nevada citizens have equal and full access to resources, services and opportunities in all aspects of community life.

The red highlights represent someone is working on these proposals:

- Position on Voting Accessibility for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DD Council and Deaf Commission ED)
  - a. All voting and Voting polls should be accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- 2. Position on Deaf Schools for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Deaf Commission ED and Commission Reps for Grant Funding)
- 3. Position on Captioning for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Las Vegas Deaf Seniors)
  - a. Media Captioning
- 4. Position on ASL Interpreters in Schools for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Interpreter Subcommittee)
  - a. Educational Interpreters
- 5. Position on ASL Interpreters for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
  - a. Medical Interpreters (Deaf Commission ED)
- 6. Position on Services Provided to People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Independent Groups "Deaf Community Networking Group" & Deaf Commission ED)
  - a. Deaf and HH must have qualified individual with life experiences as a Deaf or HH individual and have the expertise to provide such services
  - b. Enhance communication accessibility and services
  - c. Fair distribution of resources
- 7. Position on Policymaking for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Legislative Subcommittee "Deaf Day at the Legislature" Outreach)
- 8. Position on Government and State Agencies who Provide Services to People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
  - a. T-coils and/or Bluetooth systems (HLAASNC Lance Ledet, President)
  - b. Government Building and Public spaces (Deaf Commission ED & DD Council)

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- Position on Education for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Education Subcommittee & Interpreter Subcommittee alongside Deaf Commission ED and Commission Reps for Grant funding)
  - a. Educational Interpreters
- 10. Position on Public Accommodations for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Las Vegas Deaf Seniors & Accessibility Subcommittee)
  - a. Captioning in public spaces
  - b. VRI to Hospital (Deaf Commission ED)
- 11. Position on Accessibility for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Accessibility Subcommittee)
- 12. Position on Equality for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DD Council, Commission ED, Steven Cohen, & Dina Titus Rep Mitchell Moonier)
  - a. Change the NRS for people with disabilities to be paid the same as anyone without disabilities.
- 13. Position on Deaf Centers for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Independent Group)
- 14. Position on ADA and IDEA Policies for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Eli Schwartz Letter of Inquiry to NV Equal Right Commission/Felipe Ortiz)
  - a. Strengthen Nevada's enforcement of the ADA and IDEA provision
  - b. Hire compliance officer to pursue justices and state oversight
- 15. Position on Identifying Challenges and Solutions Related to Deaf Services in Nevada (seeking ADSD Collaborative efforts)
  - a. One-time appropriation for interim study to identify challenges and solutions related to deaf services and how Nevada can do better with recommendation to Commission and to the State.
  - b. Outside consultant to provide a road map to improve access

## For Considerations

- 1. Change the NRS for people with disabilities to be paid the same as anyone without disabilities. (Recommendation for Further Engagement)
- 2. Add ASL for second language for curriculum credit (Susan Beckett Recommendation)