

# State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office

## Community Outreach & Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

**Wednesday, September 30, 2026**

**Networking 5:15-5:30 PM Meeting 5:30-8:00 PM**

**This is a hybrid meeting: In-Person with Zoom /  
Teleconference options.**

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Hosted by Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland City Hall, 3rd floor Council Chamber, Oakland, CA 94612 (Entrance on 14th Street)

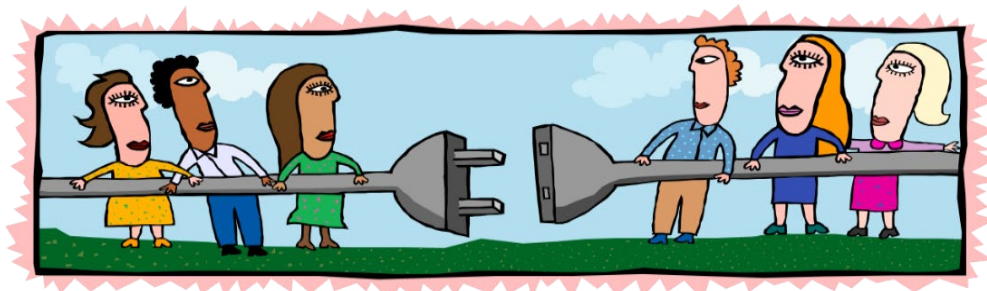
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**Collaboration is key! *All are welcome*.** Featured: Intergenerational Trauma in Autistic Families workgroup update; RAC member & Councilmember updates; community partner updates, and more.

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## **Alcance Comunitario Y Reunión del Comité Asesor Regional**

**Miércoles, 30 de septiembre de 2026**

**Oportunidad de red 5:15-5:30 PM Reunión 5:30-8:00 PM**

**Esta es una reunión híbrida: Presencial con opciones de  
Zoom/Teleconferencia.**

### **Únase en persona:**

Organizado por el Ayuntamiento de Oakland, 1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza,  
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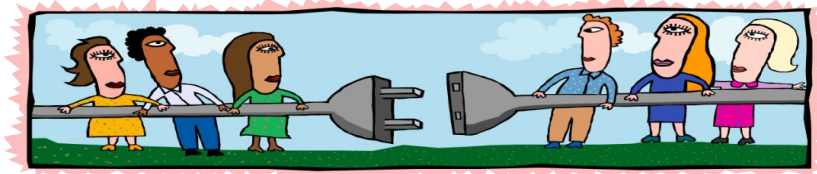
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**La colaboración es clave! *Todos son bienvenidos.*** Destacado:  
Actualización del grupo de trabajo sobre el trauma intergeneracional en las familias autistas; actualizaciones de los miembros del RAC y del concilio; actualizaciones de los socios comunitarios, y más.

Esta reunión tendrá subtítulos en vivo e interpretación en español.

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## **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)**

### **BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

#### **NOTICE & AGENDA\***

**Date**

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

**Time**

Networking 5:15pm – 5:30p, Meeting 5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Locations**

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### **5:30p Call to Order**

**Introductions / Welcomes**

**Establishment of Quorum**

**Witkin**



### **5:40p Approval of the June 2026 Meeting Minutes**

**Witkin**



### **5:45p Public Comment**

An invitation to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on and/or present information to the Committee on **any matter that is not on the agenda**. Each public member has up to 3 minutes to speak. Written requests will be considered first. The Committee will provide a public comment period not to exceed 5 minutes total for all public comments prior to action on any agenda item. Legislative office elected officials, or staff may also introduce themselves or provide comment.



### **5:55p Member Reports**

**SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)**

**& SCDD Councilmembers**

**Witkin**

Hear updates from RAC members and Councilmembers on their regional and statewide advocacy work, trends / needs in their county, and priorities.



### **6:15p Community Reports**

**Witkin**

- People First Report
- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports
- Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN)
- National Council on Disability (NCD)



### **7:00p BREAK (10 mins)**



### **7:10p Legislative Office Comments**

**Witkin**

An invitation for legislative offices in attendance to provide brief statements, comments on emerging issues, or updates impacting their constituents from disability communities.



### **7:20p Update on the Intergenerational Trauma in Autistic Families Workgroup**

**Gonzalez**

Hear a brief update on the developments with this workgroup.  
Learn how you can help with outreach.



### **7:30p Update on the Transportation Workgroup**

**Shooshtari**

Hear a brief update on the developments with this workgroup.  
Learn how you can help with outreach.



**7:50p Other Announcements  
& Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

**Witkin**

An opportunity for members of the community to bring up ideas, needs, issues, and concerns.



**8:00p Meeting Adjourned**

**Witkin**

**\*All times indicated, and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. Any agenda items have the potential to be brought for a vote.**



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)  
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting  
June 24, 2026, Minutes DRAFT (This is an initial draft and is summarized in many places)**

**This meeting was hybrid--held in person, and through Zoom (video call or call-in)**

**Location:** San Francisco City Hall, Room 305, 1 Carlton B Goodlett Place, San Francisco.

**Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84435763914?pwd=DwFJtC04X2b5uX5PdmEqCqkJmB02RP.1>

**Meeting ID:** 810 2120 4840 **Passcode:** 766095

**Committee Members attending in-person:** Sana Shooshtari, Emily Witkin.

**Committee Members attending on Zoom:** Terri Carol, Eyan Gilder, Florence Wong.

**Committee Members absent:** Evan Milburn, Kevin Mintz, Kerry Rich.

**Council Members attending in-person:** Bob Twomey

**SCDD Staff:** Valerie Buell, Greg Gonzalez, Gabriela Solval.

**Accessibility Assistance:** Captioner Carilyn, Captioner Savannah.

**Legislative office representation in-person:** Nicholas Lochrie from Representative Kevin Mullin's office.

**Legislative office representation on Zoom:** Nicole Cuellar-Nelson from Senator Christopher Cabaldon's office, Rickiea Lacy from Assemblymember Mia Bonta's office, Leslie Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's office.

**Community Partners attending on Zoom:** Sara Desumala, Vi Ibarra.

**Guests attending on Zoom:** Jim Engval, Brynn Boyle.

**5:29p** Emily Witkin called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell took roll call of RAC members and confirmed there is a quorum.

**5:33p** Approval of meeting minutes for February 2026 and April 2026 minutes:

Moved: Sana Shooshtari      Seconded: Florence Wong

Roll Call Vote For February 2026:

- All Ayes

Roll Call Vote for April 2026:

- Abstain: Terri Carol, Eyan Gilder
- Aye: Sana Shooshtari, Emily Witkin, Florence Wong

**Public Comments:** Emily Witkin asked for public comments.

- Nicholas Lochrie from Representative Kevin Mullin's office highlighted Medicaid's critical role in funding Regional Center services in California. He raised concerns over recent Medicaid cuts, including a \$900 billion reduction over ten years, which may affect coverage for 62,000 seniors and disabled individuals. Lochrie praised legislative efforts to counter these cuts and emphasized the necessity of government support for vulnerable populations. Representative Mullin plans to advocate for these issues in Washington.
- Nicole Cuellar-Nelson from Senator Christopher Cabaldon's office reported two key updates on the state budget and legislative process. The Senate has submitted a budget to the governor, which allocates \$700 million for affordable housing, supports in-home services, and provides \$100 million for the Cal food program. Additionally, active legislation includes Senate Bill 1054, which streamlines work reporting for CalFresh recipients, and Senate Bill 1114, which improves data privacy protections. Senate Bill 417, focused on addressing housing affordability, is pending the governor's signature.
- Rickiea Lacy from Assemblymember Mia Bonta's office shared Assemblymember Bonta, chair of the Healthcare committee, introduced bill AB298 to eliminate copays, deductibles, and out-of-pocket costs for in-network healthcare services for children and youth under 21, ensuring cost does not hinder access to necessary healthcare. Additionally, a children's caucus was launched this year, focusing on healthcare access, behavioral health, early childhood development, education, and family support.
- Leslie Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's office continues to support the developmental disability community though he is generally not on any of the committees that would introduce bills related to this community.
- Brynn Boyle shared the difficulties she has been having communicating with her regional center on behalf of her son. He has been a client for 25 years.

**Member Reports:** RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities.

One or two highlights include:

- **Terri Carol:**

- Big Wave in Half Moon Bay will finally be opening their doors and have people move in this July. Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> will be the open house. The ribbon cutting will be at 1:00p.

- **Eyan Gilder:**

- In Alameda county, local legislative representatives have strongly supported issues affecting people with disabilities. I have collaborated with the ARC of San Francisco and my local community college to raise awareness about ADA compliance and accessibility barriers. This effort resulted in actions like installing a ramp at an AC Transit location. I will begin the fall semester at Cal State East Bay, and plan to engage in improving campus accessibility, working with the Disability Support Services office and highlight how budget cuts are making it harder for individuals with disabilities to find and keep jobs.

- **Sana Shoostari:**

- Since the last RAC meeting, I attended the Annual Joint Awards Celebration Developmental Disabilities Councils, recognizing individuals with disabilities and supportive community partners.
- There are barriers in our healthcare system, especially a lack of providers for chronic pain management. This can force individuals to choose between immediate pain relief and future healthcare access.
- The San Francisco Adaptive Sports Fair will be on June 27th from 11 am to 2 pm at the Glen Park Recreation Center. This is a FREE event for cycling, wheelchair basketball, pickleball, and more.

- **Emily Witkin:**

- Emily Witkin discussed issues related to conflicting medications and the lack of information from doctors that affects decision-making. When prescribed medication, patients might unknowingly hinder future treatment options because doctors don't always inform them of potential impacts.
- Emily also attended an accessibility event that lacked consideration for individuals with disabilities. Tables were positioned too close together for wheelchair access, and the event was held outdoors in hot weather, creating discomfort for those taking certain medications. Additionally, multiple sources of noise made it hard to focus, particularly causing sensory overload for autistic individuals.

- **Florence Wong:**

- On May 30, La Tusa and Golden Gate Regional Center held the Rights Choices and Connections conference at the Pomeroy Center, led by individuals with disabilities. The conference focused on their experiences and provided tips on success in areas like housing, school, and relationships.
- On June 16, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors declared July 2026 as Disability Pride Month and planned a flag-raising ceremony at the annual Inclusion Festival on July 16. This event will feature music, family activities, and food trucks at the remodeled County Center.
- On June 13, the Commission on Disabilities had a successful engagement at the San Mateo Pride event, highlighting potential intersections between disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

- **Bob Twomey:**

- Yesterday, the legislative and public policy committee met from 10:30 to 1:30. Chris Oroyo, the Deputy Director of policy and public affairs, briefed on the legislative and budget matters. The state council's sponsored legislation includes AB2360 and SB1052, with additional bills under consideration in civil rights, education, and health. Key deadlines were highlighted: July 2 for policy committees, August 31 for bill passage, and September 30 for the governor's action. Concerns were raised about wheelchair access in San Francisco's Great Highway situation, which may be put back on the ballot.

## **Community Reports:**

### **Bay Area People First Report (BAPF) Highlights:**

- Valerie Buell read the report submitted by Patrick McKay:
  - The BAPF had their meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> on Zoom. The members brainstormed presentation ideas for the remaining 2026 meetings. The next meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30p to 5:45p on Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to join. Contact the Bay Area office with any questions.

### **Regional Center Reports Highlights:**

- No reports

### **Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:**

- Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Councils.

- The Joint County DD Council Awards event alternates between Alameda County and Contra Costa County. This year it was hosted in Contra Costa County.
- The DD Council Board Meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of the month, but we will be on break for the summer and resume in September.

### **Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN):**

- Sara Desumala read the report:
  - The June SSAN meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be in September, and the public are encouraged to attend to learn about leadership and advocacy. Reach out to the Bay Area office with any questions.
- **National Council on Disabilities (NCD):**
  - The next NCD meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a to 11:00a on Zoom. More information will be available soon.

### **6:37p Break – Resumed at 6:47**

### **Legislative Office Comments:**

- Representative Lateefah Simon expresses regret for missing an event aimed at supporting Californians with developmental disabilities, citing the challenges posed by the president's cuts to support for this community. She emphasizes the importance of activism and centers her work around the needs of the disability community. Since joining Congress, she has championed four bills to enhance opportunities and resources for disabled individuals and is committed to exploring new support avenues.

### **Services On Demand Discussion:**

- Sana Shooshtari presented the concerns that led to this topic being on the agenda.
  - Not all transportation needs can be planned in advance, but transportation providers like Paratransit need the transportation to be scheduled in advance and do not provide on demand transportation.
  - Individuals who do not require transportation accommodations are able to get on demand transportation with services like Uber and Lyft.
  - If, for example, someone has a same day appointment, they cannot schedule transportation for that day.

- Calling for an ambulance is not always the solution, especially if it is non-emergency, and they often cannot bring the wheelchair or mobility device in the ambulance.
- Requesting a workgroup be formed to determine areas in which same-day access is not granted to those who need it and are not able to use Uber and Lyft.
- Emily Witkin shared agreement and personal examples.
- Florence Wong shared San Mateo County has implemented a new “No Wheelchair Left Behind” policy to ensure that patients who use specialized or motorized wheelchairs are not separated from their equipment during emergency medical transport. Florence will look for more information about it and send it to Greg Gonzalez.
- Eyan Gilder shared some personal experiences with Paratransit, especially with drivers leaving without the person, picking up the wrong person, or just no-show, and it can take over an hour to get another driver.
- Motion: The RAC should make a transportation work group within the Regional Advisory Committee  
Moved: Sana Shooshtari   Seconded: Emily Witkin  
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

### **Future Agenda Items and Other Announcements:**

- Greg Gonzalez shared the RAC will take a break in July and August and resume meetings in September. The new RAC schedule is in the meeting packet.

**7:30p** Meeting Adjourned.



**The State Council on Developmental Disabilities' (SCDD) Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is taking *applications for membership!***

RACs represent the communities they represent, including geographically and ethnically. The Bay Area RAC is especially interested in meeting: **Applicants from Marin County**, identifying as a male or nonbinary; and /or identifying as a self-advocate; and/or identifying as Latino/a or Hispanic, Black, or African American.

**Thank you for your continued efforts in being a voice for the community!**

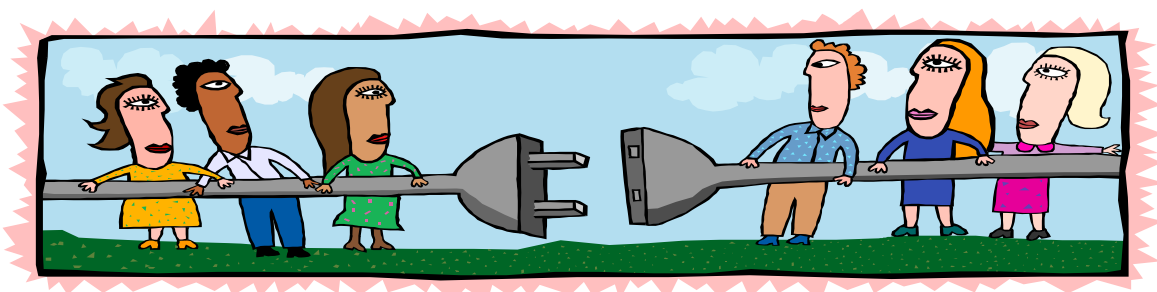
Appointed RAC members:

- Advise SCDD and its Regional Office on local issues in Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties.
- Identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities.
- Provide public information programs /events for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase awareness of areas identified in the SCDD state plan; and more!

To apply online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepqt80u578ELHgcPJNzsjO71PPvxZ1txZn77P5Cm6iVbvBzg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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## **2026-2027 Schedule of State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings (Hybrid meetings)**

**Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings.**

**Networking from 5:15 PM to 5:30 PM, RAC Meeting from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.**

**All meetings will be hybrid; In-person and on Zoom.**

**September 30, 2026:** In-person location in Alameda County

**December 02, 2026:** In-person location in Contra Costa County

**February 24, 2027:** In-person location in San Mateo County

**April 28, 2027:** In-person location in Marin County

**June 30, 2027:** In-person location in San Francisco County

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## **Calendario 2026-2027 del Concilio Estatal Reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Área de la Bahía (reuniones híbridas)**

**Se da la bienvenida y se alienta a los miembros del público a participar en estas reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Área de la Bahía.**

**Oportunidad de red 5:15 PM a 5:30 PM, Reunión de 5:30 PM a 8:00 PM.**

**Todas las reuniones serán híbridas; en persona y en Zoom.**

**9/30/2026:** Ubicación presencial en el condado de Alameda

**12/2/2026:** Ubicación presencial en el condado de Contra Costa

**2/24/2027:** Ubicación presencial en el condado de San Mateo

**4/28/2027:** Ubicación presencial en el condado de Marin

**6/30/2027:** Ubicación presencial en el condado de San Francisco

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